



Heal Country

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July 2021
Celebrating the gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics



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Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. We pray together the Prayer of Aboriginal People. For the Pope's visit to Australia in 1986, Aboriginal people composed the following prayer for the ceremony in Alice Springs. This prayer now is prayed by many Catholic Aboriginal groups around the country:

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming. You have spoken to us through our beliefs. You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus. We thank you for your care. You own us. You are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change. We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture. Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people, so that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land. Amen.



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Towards the first Assembly 2nd - 10th October 2021

From today's Gospel:
"What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?"

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Congregation for Catholic Education,
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SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

6:30pm Infant Jesus, Koroit

SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool

9:00am St Patrick's, Port Fairy

10:00am St Joseph's, Warrnambool

10:30am St Pius X, West Warrnambool

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

Also Our Lady's: 6pm Saturday, 9am Sunday



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit
St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July, 2021

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

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Psalms 122(123)

R/. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

R/. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy.

R/. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt.

Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

R/. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

'A prophet is only despised in his own country'

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the

carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



GOD'S GRACE IS ALWAYS ENOUGH

Fr Francis Fernandez

In the Second Reading of today's Mass, St Paul lets us see the depths of his humility. After speaking to the Corinthians about his labours for Christ and the visions and revelations he had received from the Lord, he goes on to tell them of his weakness: *to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud!*

We do not know with any certainty what St Paul is referring to when he speaks of this *thorn in the flesh*. St Augustine thought it is a particularly painful physical affliction; St John Chrysostom suggests he is referring to the tribulations caused him by religious persecution; and St Gregory the Great was of the opinion that he is referring to temptations that he finds particularly difficult to resist. Whatever it is, it is something that humiliates the Apostle, and that in some way hinders his work as a bearer of the Gospel.

St Paul had asked God three times to remove this obstacle. He received this sublime reply: *'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.'* God's help is sufficient for him to overcome that difficulty; at the same time we are given to know about the divine power that enabled him to overcome it. He becomes stronger when he relies on God's help, and this causes him to exclaim: *I am quite content*

with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong. In our own weakness we too constantly experience the need to turn towards God and draw on the strength that comes from him. How often God has said to us deep in our hearts: *My grace is sufficient for you, you have my help to enable you to overcome all trials and difficulties.*

Perhaps we sometimes have a particularly vivid experience of loneliness, weakness or tribulation: *If so, seek the support of him who died and rose again. Find yourself a shelter in the wounds in his hands, in his feet, in his side. And your willingness to start again will revive, and you will take up your journey again with greater determination and effectiveness.* (St Josemaría Escrivá, *The Way of the Cross*, Twelfth Station.)

Even our frailty and our weaknesses can be turned to good account. In his commentary on this passage, St Thomas Aquinas explains that God can sometimes allow certain evils of a physical or moral order precisely so as to draw from them a greater, more necessary good. God will never abandon us in the midst of temptation. Our very weakness helps us to have greater trust, to seek refuge in God more urgently, to ask him for greater strength and to be more humble: 'Lord, put not your trust in me. But I, I put my trust in you. If we have faith in Our Lord, in spite of our failings – or, rather, *with* our failings – we shall be faithful to our Father, God; his divine power will shine forth in us, sustaining us in our weakness.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July 2021. (*Second Sunday of the month.*)

15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	6:30pm Mass, Koroit	9:00am Mass, Port Fairy
Welcome & Intercessions	Carmel Madden	Graeme Munro
First & Second Readings	Maryanne Evans	Trish Grady
Procession of Gifts	<i>(As long as masks are mandated indoors, there is no procession.)</i>	
Holy Communion	Barbara Mills	Olga Lyons



"... I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan, to torment me. Three times I...."

WELCOME TO WILLIAM LOWRY. Bill is a sixth year seminarian for the Ballarat diocese, due to be ordained a deacon later this year, and a priest in 2022.

KOROIT ANOINTING MASS. Next Friday 16th July at 2pm, at Infant Jesus.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL. A Special Collection will be held at Mass on 18th/19th July.

KOROIT SANCTUARY LAMP
This week's candle is offered for a private intention. To dedicate a candle, place \$10 in one of the envelopes at the church doors and put it in the collection.



RECENT DEATHS: Bernie Dowling, Isabel Lumsden. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Maureen Bushell, Dorrie Brown, Sylvia Esam, Edna Hall.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION	
Mon 5th	9:30am Mass, St Pius X
Tue 6th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Patrick's
Wed 7th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, Infant Jesus 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's
Thu 8th <i>* Residents only</i>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:30am Mass, Mercy Place*
Fri 9th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's
Sat 10th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION	
Mon 5th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Tue 6th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Wed 7th	None
Thu 8th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Fri 9th	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Sat 10th	10am to 11am, St Pius X