



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**Towards the first Assembly
2nd – 10th October 2021**

From today's Gospel:
"Come away to some lonely place all
by yourselves and rest for a while."

"Our Aboriginal culture has taught us
to be still and to wait... We wait for
the rain to fill our rivers and water
the thirsty earth... We wait on God,
too. We don't worry. We know that in
time and in the spirit of dadirri (that
deep listening and quiet stillness) his
way will be clear."

Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, *Dadirri: Inner Deep
Listening & Quiet Still Awareness*, 23 April 2021

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THE PLenary COUNCIL AND YOU

The Ballarat diocesan members of the
Plenary Council, Marie Shaddock, Felicity
Knobel, Bishop Paul Bird and Fr Kevin
Maloney, will soon be visiting parishes
to talk about the Plenary Council and
the Assemblies to be held in October
this year and July next year. Further in-
formation to follow.

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Note from the Bishop

For the five days of the lockdown, all
places of worship in Victoria are closed
for private worship or religious
ceremonies.

A place of worship may host a funeral,
but attendance will be limited to 10
people plus staff.

Weddings are not permitted indoors or
outdoors unless one or both people
getting married are at the end of life or
would otherwise be deported. In these
exceptional cases, only five people can
attend the wedding – the couple being
married, two witnesses and the
celebrant.

During these days of lockdown, we will
not be able to gather for worship as
we usually do. However, we can still
pray in our homes. I encourage you in
your personal prayer and your prayer
as a family.

Watch Sunday Mass online

Celebrated at St Pius X; accessed from
10am at www.moyneatholic.org.au

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, 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
www.moyneatholic.org.au



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th July, 2021

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

*I will gather together the remnant of my
flock and raise up shepherds for them*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the
flock of my pasture to be destroyed and
scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This,
therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Is-
rael, says about the shepherds in charge of
my people: You have let my flock be scat-
tered and go wandering and have not
taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your mis-
deeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the
remnant of my flock I myself will gather
from all the countries where I have dis-
persed them, and will bring them back to
their pastures: they shall be fruitful and
increase in numbers. I will raise up shep-
herds to look after them and pasture them;
no fear, no terror for them any more; not
one shall be lost – it is the Lord who
speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord
who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous
Branch for David, who will reign as true
king and be wise, practising honesty and
integrity in the land. In his days Judah will
be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.
And this is the name he will be called: The-
Lord-our-integrity.'

RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 22(23)

*R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

*R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your
staff;

with these you give me comfort.

*R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

*R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me / all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

*R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ Jesus is the peace between us

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far
apart from us have been brought very
close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the
peace between us, and has made the two

into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

RECENT DEATHS: Anita Dureau, Leon Garner.

ANNIVERSARIES: Josie Balkin, Pat Crowe, Jim Dwyer, Betty Smith, Brooke Spetch.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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.

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Mon 12th	Fr John Corrigan is available at Lake Pertobe Kiosk, 5pm to 6pm
Tue 13th	
Wed 14th	No confessions
Thu 15th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Fri 16th	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Sat 17th	10am to 11am, St Pius X

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL.

The annual winter appeal for the Koroit and Port Fairy conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society will now be taken up **next weekend**. Your generous response is warmly invited.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION

Subject to government restrictions

Mon 19th	No Mass
Tue 20th	No Mass
Wed 21st	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, Infant Jesus
Thu 22nd <i>* Residents only</i>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:30am Mass, Mercy Place 1:00pm Mass, Belfast House
Fri 23rd	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's
Sat 24th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's



GOD WANTS US TO REST

Fr Francis Fernandez

Today's Gospel shows us Jesus' solicitude for his disciples, tired out as they are after an apostolic mission to the neighbouring towns and villages. *Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest awhile*, He says to them. And the Evangelist explains that there were so many people coming and going at that time *that they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. What marvellous things Jesus must have asked them and told them!*

Our life, like theirs, is one of service to Christ, to our family and to society; it is a life of work and of dedication to souls. And so we shouldn't be surprised if we sometimes feel tired and need a rest. In our free time we need to recuperate our energies if we are to serve better and also avoid injuring our health. If this latter were to happen it would, among other considerations, have repercussions on the people around us, on the quality of what we offer to God and on our apostolic task; it would affect the proper attention to children, to husband or wife, to our brothers or sisters, to our friends; our apostolate, and the attention and formation of the people whom Our Lord has placed under our care, would all suffer as a result.

On occasion we may be seriously obliged to take a rest. St Gregory Nazianzen com-

ments that a cord cannot endure constant tension, and an archer needs to loosen the ends of a bow if he wants to be able to draw it again later on. (Nazianzen, *Prayer 26*)

God wills that as far as we ourselves are concerned we should take care to be in good physical condition, because He expects a lot of us. *See how much God loves us, my brethren*, says St Augustine, *because when we rest, it is really He who rests!* (Augustine, *Commentary on the Psalms*, 131, 12) But we have to rest like good Christians, in the first place by sanctifying our loss of energy and loving God in our tiredness when circumstances force us to work without a break for a long period. In situations of this sort we can draw special comfort from having recourse to Jesus Our Lord, who himself so often ended his day exhausted. He understands us well.

Come away ... and rest awhile, says the Master. Far from being an excuse to get wrapped up in ourselves, relaxation is an occasion to seek Christ, for there are no holidays in Love. St Augustine tells us that *whichever way man's soul turns, if it be not towards thee it encounters pain* – at the very least, the pain of having pushed God aside.

Our Lord's example teaches us here that the needs of others come before our own. On many occasions we too have to forgo our rest, postponing it till later because of people who are expecting care and attention from us. Let us do it as readily as Our Lord looked after that multitude who needed him, putting to one side the plans He had made. It is a good example of detachment for us to apply to our own situation.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th July 2021. (*Fourth Sunday of the month.*)

16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	6:30pm Mass, Koroit	9:00am Mass, Port Fairy
Welcome & Intercessions	Helen Carey	David Ryan
First & Second Readings	Gerard Auld	Angela Hutchison
Procession of Gifts	<i>(As long as masks are mandated indoors, there is no procession.)</i>	
Holy Communion	Jenny Auld	Tony Hutchison