



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy
Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 22nd August and Sunday 23rd August, 2020

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David on my servant's shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

R/. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you;
I will adore before your holy temple.

R/. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul.

R/. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

R/. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

*All that exists comes from him;
all is by him and from him.*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

V/. Alleluia!

R/. Alleluia!

V/. You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

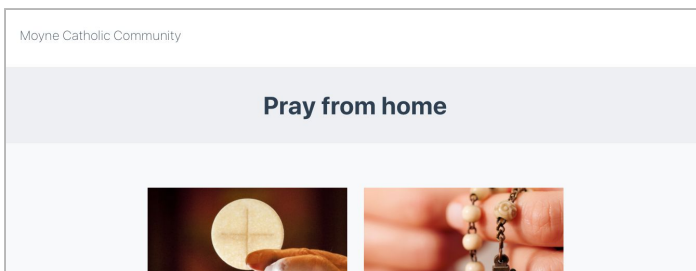
R/. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

*You are Peter and on this rock
I will build my Church.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



NEW WEBSITE

A very simple portal has been developed which allows easy access to:

- the Youtube Mass at St Joseph's;
- the Dial-in Rosary at St Patrick's;
- the parish newsletters in our region.

Visit: www.moyneatholic.org.au

If you login to the Dial-in Rosary online, your video feed is automatically disabled. However, you will be able to watch a livestream feed of the Blessed Sacrament at St Patrick's, Port Fairy, along with images of the Mysteries of the Rosary.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



We commend to the Lord's mercy **Gerald Jackson** who died recently. May he rest in God's peace.

YAMBUK AND ORFORD CHURCHES

The contracts for sale of both churches have been signed with settlement to take place at a later date: for Yambuk – mid-September; for Orford – late August. Yambuk sold for \$333,000 (incl GST) and Orford sold for \$165,000 (incl GST). It's been a positive result for all.

A commemorative plaque fixed to the Orford church has been removed by the parish, and will be reinstated at an appropriate place in due time.

CDF PAY FOR PARISHES

Our CDF (Catholic Development Fund – Ballarat) together with CDF Pay have developed an online thanksgiving portal known as *CDF Pay for Parishes*. This allows anyone, anywhere, any time, to make electronic payments to the parish or presbytery accounts, as a one off, or on a regular recurring schedule. Users receive an electronic receipt for any payments.

During this period where Masses are suspended, parishes need the financial support of parishioners more than ever. As the vast majority of our parishioners give physically to our parish in the first and second collections, we are encouraging all parishioners to use our new electronic parish thanksgiving program. For further information please contact the Parish Office and speak to Louise. Phone 5562 2231.

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August 17, 2020

Parish Appointments for 2021

Warrnambool, Warrnambool West, Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy

Dear Friends,

Some time ago, Fr Michael Linehan asked if he might retire from the position of Parish Priest at the end of 2020. In line with his request, Fr Linehan will conclude his role as Parish Priest of Warrnambool West and Dennington on December 31 this year. On behalf of our diocesan community, I thank Fr Linehan for his service in these parishes and for the many services he has rendered in our diocese over nearly 50 years.

From January 1, 2021, the Parishes of Warrnambool West and Dennington will be entrusted to the pastoral care of Fr John Fitzgerald and Fr John Corrigan. This will be in addition to their care of the Parishes of Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy. I am very grateful to Fr Fitzgerald and Fr Corrigan for the teamwork they are already showing in their ministry and for their generosity in accepting these further responsibilities.

To highlight the team approach, I have nominated Fr Fitzgerald and Fr Corrigan as Co-Pastors, with Fr Fitzgerald as the Moderator. This is in accord with the provisions of canon 517.1. "Where circumstances so require, the pastoral care of a parish, or of a number of parishes together, can be entrusted to several priests jointly, but with the stipulation that one of the priests is to be the moderator of the pastoral care to be exercised. This moderator is to direct the joint action and to be responsible for it to the Bishop."

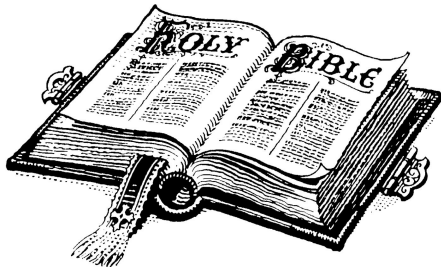
May Christ continue to guide Fr Linehan in his service to his parishioners in the months ahead and then be with him as he moves into retirement. May Christ also guide Fr Fitzgerald and Fr Corrigan in their current service and be with them in their expanded responsibilities in the new year.

God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat



Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE POPE: FOUNDATION OF UNITY

Today's Gospel shows us Jesus and his disciples in the neighbourhood of Caesarea Philippi. They had arrived there after leaving Bethsaida and taking the northern road along the edge of the lake. As they walk along, Jesus asks the Apostles, *Who do men say that the Son of man is?* Then, after they have relayed the various opinions people have, Jesus asks them directly, *But who do you say that I am?* "We all know this moment," says St John Paul II, "in which it is no longer sufficient to speak about Jesus by repeating what others have said. You must say what you think, and not quote an opinion. You must bear witness, feel committed by the witness you have borne and carry this commitment to its extreme consequences. The best friends, followers and apostles of Christ have always been those who heard within them one day the definitive, inescapable question, before which all others become secondary and derivative: *'For you, who am I?'*" [St John Paul II, *Homily at Belo Horizonte, 1 July 1980.*] A person's life, his whole future,

depends on the clear, sincere and unequivocal answer, without rhetoric or subterfuge, that he gives to this question.

This question that Jesus puts to all his followers finds a special resonance in the heart of Peter, who, moved by a special grace, replies: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* Jesus calls Peter blessed for this truth-filled reply in which he openly confesses the divinity of a man in whose company Peter has already spent some months. This is the moment chosen by Christ to tell Peter that upon him will fall the Primacy of the whole Church.

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it." He is the *rock*, the firm foundation upon which Christ builds his Church, in such a way that no power will be able to overthrow it. And Our Lord himself has wanted Peter to feel supported and protected each day by the veneration, the love and the prayer of all the faithful. How do *we* pray every day for the Pope and his intentions? He has an awesome responsibility and we cannot leave him on his own. If we want to be really united to Christ, we have to be united in the first place to the person who takes his place here on earth. *"May the daily consideration of the heavy burden that weighs upon the Pope and the bishops move you to venerate and love them with real affection, and to help them with your prayers."* [St Josemaría Escrivá, *The Forge, 136.*]

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Our Child Safe Policies can be read at our church entrances and on our websites. Our safe-guarding officer is Peter Sanderson.

NEXT SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2020: 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading. *Jeremiah 20:7-9.* The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

Second Reading. *Romans 12:1-2.* Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel. *Matthew 16:21-27.* "Get behind me, Satan!"

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