

SAINT JOSEPH: "DEEPLY LOVED"

Today let us pray for all those parents and guardians who, with selfless love, commit their lives to protect, nurture and educate their families.

Pope Francis: "Joseph employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman gift of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home."

Joseph's is a unique gift. Given the family structure of his day, only he could correspond with the invitation of God to "legitimise" the birth of Jesus and to provide the context in which the Word could be enfleshed. (Sr Mary Cresp RSJ, *In the Spirit of Joseph*, p. 10.)

How does the spirit of Joseph encourage and support you in your living today?

St Mary of the Cross: "Apply to St Joseph with confidence in every difficulty and you will not be disappointed."

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN OUR REGION

Saturday Vigil Masses

6:00pm Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
6:30pm Infant Jesus, Koroit

Sunday Morning Masses

8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
9:00am St Patrick's, Port Fairy
9:00am Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
10:00am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
10:30am St Pius X, West Warrnambool

Sunday Evening Mass

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool



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

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st March, 2021

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my Law in their hearts

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 50(51):3-4,12-15

R/. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

R/. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

R/. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

R/. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 12:26

V/. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

R/. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

V/. If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

R/. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to

them:

Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glo-

rify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM	
Holy Thursday 1 st April	6:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Koroit
Good Friday 2 nd April	10am Stations, Koroit 11am Stations, Port Fairy 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Koroit
Holy Saturday 3 rd April	6:30pm, Easter Vigil, Koroit
Easter Sunday 4 th April	10:30am, Easter Mass, Port Fairy

Ministry District

A meeting was recently held with representatives from each Parish and Mark Bromley (Diocesan Finance and Administration Officer) to discuss the future of the Ministry District. A new Ministry District Committee has been formed. A document will be available next weekend for parishioners' perusal. Each parish will schedule a gathering to consider the proposal of merging Pastoral and Administration responsibilities.



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Recent Deaths: Jim Claridge, Ray Dowd, Joan McCarthy.

Anniversaries: Rudolph Bakker, Jack Collins, Kevin Collins, Mavis & Tom Finnigan, Patricia McCluskey.

WEEKDAY MASSES IN OUR REGION	
Monday 22nd	10:00am, St Pius X
Tuesday 23rd	9:30am, Our Lady's
Wednesday 24th	9:30am, Our Lady's
Thursday 25th (Annunciation) * Residents only	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Patrick's 10:30am, Mercy Place*
Friday 26th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Joseph's 2:00pm, Infant Jesus
Saturday 27th	9:30am, Our Lady's

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION	
Mon 22nd	After 10am Mass, St Pius X 5pm-6pm, St Pius X
Tue 23rd	5pm-6pm, St Pius X
Thu 25th	5pm-6pm, St Pius X
Fri 26th	After 9:30 Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm-6pm, St Pius X
Sat 27th	10am-11am, St Pius X

Marriage Encounter Weekend
An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Attend in the comfort of your own home or experience a residential weekend. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.



On-line weekend: 30th April to 2nd May
Residential weekend: 21st to 23rd May
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REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:
A CRY FOR JUSTICE
Fr Francis Fernandez

"Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless ... for you, O God, are my strength," we pray in the Entry Antiphon of today's Mass.

A loud clamour for justice can be heard throughout a large section of humanity, for a better-assured peace within an atmosphere of mutual respect between men, and between the peoples of the world. (Paul VI, Apostolic Letter, *Octogesima adveniens*, 14 May 1971.)

All of Jesus' preaching is a call to justice, in its fullness and without diminution, and to mercy. Our Lord himself condemns the Pharisees, who devour widows' houses and for a pretence make long prayers. And it is the Apostle St James who addresses this harsh reproach to those who grow rich through fraud and injustice: *Your riches have rotted ... Behold, the wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.* (James 13:31)

The Church, in faithfulness to the teaching of Holy Scripture, urges us to unite ourselves to this clamour of the world and to turn it into a prayer that reaches our Father God. At the same time she impels and exhorts us to live the demands that justice makes on our personal lives at a professional and social level, and to defend those who - because they are weaker - cannot avail themselves of their rights. The Christian is not expected to make sterile lamentations. Instead of complaining, Our Lord wants us to atone for the acts of injustice which are daily committed throughout the world: He wants us to try to remedy as many injustices as we can, starting with those that occur closest to us, in the sphere in which we move, precisely where we live: the mother in her home with all those around her; the businessman in his firm; the farmer in the market ...

Within our personal sphere of action we must ask ourselves the following questions: Do we do perfectly the work for which we are remunerated? Do we fully pay what we owe people for services rendered? Are we responsible in the way we exercise those rights and duties that can influence the activities of the institutions to which we belong? Do we make good use of our time at work? Do we defend other people's good name? Do we stand up for those who are weakest? Do we quash defamatory criticisms which may sometimes spring up in our midst? ... This is how we show our love for justice.