



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ST JOSEPH

His sorrow when he heard Simeon's prophecy; his joy when he knew so many would be saved.

Collect: O most faithful Saint Joseph who shared the mysteries of our redemption: the prophecy of Simeon, concerning the sufferings of Jesus and Mary, caused you to shudder with mortal dread, but at the same time filled you with a blessed joy for the salvation and glorious resurrection that would be attained by countless souls. By this sorrow and this joy, pray that we may number among those who, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, are predestined to a glorious resurrection.

Litany of St Joseph: Lord, have mercy on us: *Christ have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us, Christ hear us: *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven: *Have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world: *Have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Spirit: *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God: *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary: *Pray for us.*

St Joseph: *Pray for us.* Illustrious son of the house of David: *Pray for us.* Splendour of patriarchs: *Pray for us.* Spouse of the Mother of God: *Pray for us.* Guardian of the Virgin: *Pray for us.* Foster father of the Son of God: *Pray for us.* Faithful guardian of Christ: *Pray for us.* Head of the holy family: *Pray for us.* Joseph most chaste: *Pray for us.* Joseph most just: *Pray for us.* Joseph most prudent: *Pray for us.* Joseph most courageous: *Pray for us.* Joseph most obedient: *Pray for us.* Joseph most faithful: *Pray for us.* Pattern of patience: *Pray for us.* Lover of poverty: *Pray for us.* Model of workers: *Pray for us.* Example to parents: *Pray for us.* Guardian of virgins: *Pray for us.* Mainstay of family life: *Pray for us.* Comfort of the afflicted: *Pray for us.* Hope of the sick: *Pray for us.* Patron of the dying: *Pray for us.* Terror of demons: *Pray for us.* Protector of the Church: *Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Lord.* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, O Lord.* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Have mercy on us.*

God made him master of his household: *And put him in charge of all that he owned.*

Let us pray: Almighty God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son. As we enjoy his protection on earth, may we have the help of his prayers in heaven. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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First Sunday in Lent

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st February, 2021

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

No flood shall destroy the earth again

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 31(32):1-2,5,11

R/. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour.

R/. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. / In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

R/. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

R/. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

The water on which the Ark floated is a type of the baptism which saves you now

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

V/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

V/. No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the

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mouth of God.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty

days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Congratulations to Louise Tamer

Each year the Ballarat Diocesan Finance Council awards a scholarship to support a student from each secondary college in the diocese moving into Year 11 or 12.

Successful recipients of the award demonstrate leadership potential and student advocacy; community involvement characterized by actions for justice; and consistent academic application reflective of a commitment to study.

A 2020 recipient was Louise Tamer from St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy. Louise is currently in Year 11 at Emmanuel College and is an all-round

high achieving student who consistently achieves academic excellence, participates in school sporting events, regularly helps at school and parish Masses, is a year level leader, and excels in public speaking. Public speaking achievements include winning the Rostrom Voice of Youth national final in 2019 and the Lions Club Youth Public Speaking competition in 2020. Louise has also been recognised in the Moyne Youth Achiever Awards. She is an active member of Young Vinnies, and last year during the COVID lockdown, wrote letters to residents of Lyndoch.

Congratulations to Louise as one of eleven worthy recipients of the 2020 Diocese of Ballarat Scholarship.

Recent Deaths: Jim McNamara.
Anniversaries: Kevin Carroll.

Fr John Corrigan is away this week
on retreat in Halls Gap until Friday.

LOCAL WEEKDAY MASSES	
Monday 22 nd	10:00am, St Pius X
Tuesday 23 rd	9:30am, Our Lady's
Wednesday 24 th	9:30am, Our Lady's
Thursday 25 th * Residents only	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:30am, Mercy Place*
Friday 26 th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Joseph's
Saturday 27 th	9:30am, Our Lady's

LOCAL CONFESSION TIMES	
Friday 26 th	10am, Our Lady's

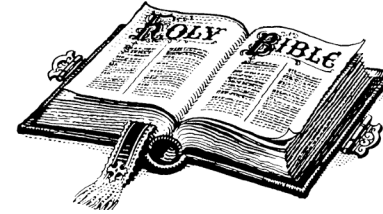


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THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL:
HOW TO CONQUER TEMPTATION

Fr Francis Fernandez

The devil tempts us precisely by taking advantage of the needs and weaknesses of human nature.

After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Our Lord must have been very weak. In today's Gospel he is in the wilderness; he feels vulnerable just like any of us would feel in such circumstances. This is the moment the tempter chooses to reveal himself. *"How generous Our Lord is in humbling himself and fully accepting his human condition! He does not use his divine power to escape from difficulties or avoid effort. Let us pray that he will teach us to be tough, to love work, to appreciate the human and divine nobility of savouring the consequences of self-giving."* (St Josemaría Escrivá, *Christ is passing by*, 61.)

This passage of the Gospel teaches us too to be particularly watchful over ourselves and over those whom we have a special obligation to help in their moments of weakness and tiredness: to be alert when we ourselves are going through a bad patch. It is at such moments that the devil chooses to tempt

Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's — 10am Monday

St Joseph's — 7:30pm Friday

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us more fiercely, so that our lives may turn away from God's will and follow a different path.

We are able to arm ourselves against temptation through constant self-denial in our work; in the way we live charity; in guarding our external and internal senses. As well as self-denial we need prayer. *Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation.* (Matt 26:41) We must also guard against it by fleeing from the occasions of sin — however marginal they may seem, for *Whoever loves danger will perish by it* (Sir 3:26) — and by having our time fully occupied, mainly in the fulfilment of our family, professional and social obligations.

If we are to overcome temptation we will have to repeat confidently over and over again the petition in the Lord's Prayer: *and lead us not into temptation; grant us the strength to remain strong when faced with temptation.* Since it is Our Lord himself who puts such a petition on our lips, it would be good for us to repeat it continually.

We can always count on God's grace to overcome any temptation whatsoever. But we do need weapons in this spiritual battle: continuous prayer; frequent communion; sacramental confession; a generous spirit of self-denial which will bring us to flee from the occasion of sin and to avoid idleness; humility of heart, and a tender and filial devotion to Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted and Refuge of Sinners.