

**SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER:
PROVIDING FOR HIS FAMILY**

Pope Francis: "In this year of Saint Joseph we are reminded that 'Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation,...to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society...'"

Through Joseph, Jesus learnt the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to earn an honest living and to provide for his family. Joseph instilled strength which gave order, peace and courage

that helped others complete their work.

- ▶ **How do I show fortitude in my life and work?**
- ▶ **How does my faith in God assist me in my daily life?**
- ▶ **Where can my work assist others?**

Let us pray: *Joseph guide us in our work. Encourage our efforts to create a just, kind and inclusive society. May we be open and respond freely and joyously to the urgings of your Spirit in our everyday lives. Amen.*



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

www.moyneatholic.org.au



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 24th and Sunday 2th April, 2021

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL Ps 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

R/. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

R/. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

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Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.
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SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-12

We shall be like God; we shall see him

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:14

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he

WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION

Mon 26th	10am Mass, St Pius X
Tue 27th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10am Mass, St Joseph's (Barry Ryan's Funeral)
Wed 28th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10am Lay-led, St Joseph's
Thu 29th <i>* Residents only</i>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Patrick's 10:30am Mass, Mercy Place*
Fri 30th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10am Mass, St Joseph's 10am Mass, Infant Jesus
Sat 1st May	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Mon 26th	After 10am Mass, St Pius X 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Thu 29th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Fri 30th	After 9:30 Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Sat 1st May	10am to 11am, St Pius X

CBC Past Students

Reunite at a casual catch-up 5:30-7pm, Monday 3rd May at the Emmanuel Centre. For further details, call 5560 0888.

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St Patrick's, Port Fairy and Infant Jesus, Koroit are child-safe parishes.

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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 (Irish Festival)**

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 Infant Jesus, Koroit (Irish Festival)
10:30am St Pius X, West Warrnambool

Sunday Evening Mass

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that

are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Koroit: Next Sunday's 10:30 Irish Festival Mass replaces the Saturday Vigil.

'Looking Forward' Pastoral Planning

Over the past couple of weeks we have all had the opportunity to gather, dialogue and to seek greater clarity in relation to the potential merger of the above parishes. Thank you to all who took time to gather for the consultation process. You are now invited to suggest names for the new parish. Please forward suggestions to the parish office (5562 2231) or to one of the priests.

COVID-19 Contact Tracing

The State Government recommends people check in using QR codes connected to its database. These are provided at church entrances. An alternative check-in method is also available.

ANZAC Day. Let us pray:

Almighty, everlasting God, who sent your Son to die that we might live, grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country. Amen.

Life in the Spirit Seminar @ St Pius X
Tuesday 1pm-2:30pm, or 7pm-8:30pm.

Recent deaths: Barry Ryan, Robert Williams. **Anniversaries:** John Brown, Noela Chadwick, Adele Griffin, Albert Stainsby, Roma Vaughan.



Planned Giving in March (Parish Accs)

Pt Fairy - Actual: \$2,515. Pledged: \$2,700.
Koroit - Actual: \$2,536. Pledged: \$3,092.



Ballarat seminarians

On Good Shepherd Sunday the Church prays especially for priestly vocations, and for seminarians. Our diocese presently has three young men preparing for priesthood: Cay Trinh, Bill Lowry, and Matthew Restall. You can pledge to pray for them, and for all young people in Australia, at a dedicated website:

www.pledgetoprayer.com.au



THE GOOD SHEPHERD COMMISSIONS PETER, WHOM WE MUST LOVE

Fr Francis Fernandez

This Sunday's liturgy centres upon the image of the Good Shepherd. The Shepherd's sacrifice gave life to his sheep and brought them back to the fold. Years later St Peter confirmed Christians in their faith by reminding them in the midst of persecution what Christ had done and suffered for them: *By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.* (1 Pet 2:25) And so the whole Church prays that *the renewal constantly at work with us may be the cause of our unending joy*, (today's Prayer over the Offerings) and asks God the Father to *lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before* (today's Collect).

The early Christians had a special affection for the image of the Good Shepherd, and have left us countless testimonies of it in the catacombs and on many well-known ancient buildings through murals, etchings, mosaics and sculptures. Good Shepherd Sunday invites us to meditate on our Saviour's merciful tenderness, so that we recognize the rights he acquired over each one of us by his death. It is also a good opportunity to consider in our prayer our love for the good shepherds whom he has left to guide us and keep us in his name.

The Old Testament frequently refers to the Messiah as a good Shepherd who must feed, rule and govern God's people, often abandoned and scattered. The

prophecies of the awaited shepherd are fulfilled in Jesus. He is the Good Shepherd who gives his life for his sheep and provides other shepherds to continue his mission. As opposed to thieves who seek their own interests and destroy the flock, Jesus is the door of salvation; he who enters will find abundant pasture. There is a tender relationship between Jesus the Good Shepherd and his sheep; he calls each by name; he leads them; the sheep follow because they know his voice; he is the one and only shepherd who has only one flock, protected by the Father's love.

In his last appearance before the Ascension, the risen Christ made Peter the shepherd of his flock. In this way the prophecy made to Peter before the Passion was fulfilled: *but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren.* (Luke 22:32) Then he prophesied that as a good shepherd he would die for his flock.

Christ commissions Peter despite the denials of Holy Thursday. Jesus simply asks for Peter's love the same number of times that He had been denied. Our Lord doesn't mind entrusting his Church to a weak man who repents and loves with deeds.

Jesus' words to Peter - *feed my lambs, feed my sheep* - explain Peter's mission as one of safeguarding our Lord's whole flock. Feed is equivalent to 'direct and govern'. Peter is made the shepherd and guide for the whole Church. As the Second Vatican Council points out, *Jesus Christ put Peter at the head of the other Apostles, and in him he set up a lasting and visible source and foundation of the unity of both faith and communion.* (Vatican II, *Lumen gentium*, 18.)

Ubi Petrus ibi Ecclesia - where Peter is, there is Christ's Church. In union with the pope we know with certainty the way that leads to salvation.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 2nd MAY 2021. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

KOROIT: *Leader:* Margaret Cashill. *Lector:* Doreen Bowron *Communion:* Christine Russell.
PORT FAIRY: *Leader:* Peter Sanderson. *Lector:* Rosemary Palmer. *Communion:* Louise Tamer.