

## SAINT JOSEPH: "TENDER AND LOVING"

**Pope Francis:** In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God. ... In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love who is good to all, whose *'compassion is over all that he has made.'* (Ps 145:9)

**St Mary of the Cross:** "Let us ask Joseph to obtain for us a generous devoted love for Jesus, a love that will make us like himself. A love that will make us delight in serving him in His poor, and His neglected little ones. And this love of Christ cannot exist in our hearts without enabling us to live in perfect charity."

**How do I show love for God's creation and for God's 'neglected little ones'?**

**When have I experienced or provided tender loving?**

**In what ways does St Joseph inspire me to love and tenderness?**

**Let us pray:**

May the tender love with which Joseph embraced Jesus and Mary become a reality in our lives.

May it renew and support us in raising our consciousness of love through our respect for all creation and our loving concern for every person. Amen.

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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 (*not Easter Sunday*)

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool



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# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

## FIRST GOSPEL

John 12:12-16

*Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's name*  
The crowds who had come up for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took branches of palm and went out to meet him, shouting, *'Hosanna! Blessings on the King of Israel, who comes in the name of the Lord.'* Jesus found a young donkey and mounted it – as scripture says: *'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, mounted on the colt of a donkey.'* At the time his disciples did not understand this, but later, after Jesus had been glorified, they remembered that this had been written about him and that this was in fact how they had received him.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## RESPONSORIAL

Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

*R/. My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?*

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.'

*R/. My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?*

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet  
I can count every one of my bones.

*R/. My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?*

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!

*R/. My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?*

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.

*R/. My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?*

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

*Christ humbled himself to become like us*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 12:26

above all other names.

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

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

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

*V/. Christ became obedient for us even to  
death, dying on the cross. Therefore God  
raised him on high and gave him a name*

**SECOND GOSPEL**

Mark 14:1-15:47

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark*

**CORRESPONDENCE TO GRACE**

Fr Francis Fernandez

The triumphant procession of Jesus makes its way from the top of the Mount of Olives and proceeds down the western slope towards the Temple looming ahead of them. Jesus can now see the whole city stretched out before him. "As he drew near and came in sight of the city he shed tears over it." (Lk 19:41) This weeping, amidst so many shouts of joy and such a solemn entry, must have been totally unexpected. We can imagine how the disciples were completely at a loss. In a single moment all their joy was abruptly shattered.

Jesus sees how Jerusalem is sunk in sin, ignorance and blindness. In the midst of his tears, Jesus laments, "If you in your turn had only understood on this day the message of peace! But, alas, it is hidden from your eyes!" (Lk 19:42) Our Lord sees how other days will fall upon it which will no longer be like this present day of joy and salvation, but rather of misfortune and destruction. A few years later the city will be razed to the ground. Jesus weeps over the impenitence of Jerusalem. How eloquent these tears of Christ! They are full of mercy, sorrowing over the city which has rejected him.

Every means had been tried, including miracles, actions and words, sometimes in a tone of severity, at other times with leniency, ... Jesus had tried everything with everyone, in town and in the countryside, with simple people and with the learned doctors of the Law, in Galilee and in Judaea. Today, as well, and in every age, Jesus offers the riches of his grace to every person, because his will is always to save.

In our lives also, every means has been tried and every remedy has been made available. On so many occasions Jesus has sought those little encounters with us! How very many ordinary and extraordinary graces have been showered upon us in our lives!

*For, by his incarnation, he, the son of God, has in a certain way united himself with each man. He worked with human hands, he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, he has truly been made one of us, like to us in all things except sin. As an innocent lamb he merited life for us by his blood which he freely shed. In him God reconciled us to himself and to one another, freeing us from the bondage of the devil and of sin, so that each one of us could say with the Apostle: the Son of God 'loved me and gave himself for me' (Gal 2:20).*

Vatican II, *Gaudium et spes*, 22.

The story of each man and woman is the story of God's continual watchfulness over them. Each person is the object of the Lord's special love. Jesus was ready to do everything for Jerusalem, but the city was not willing to open up her gates to his mercy. This is the deep mystery of human freedom which always retains that sad possibility of rejecting the grace of God. "Free man, subject yourself to a voluntary servitude, so that Jesus won't have to say of you what He is said to have told Saint Teresa about others: 'Teresa, I was willing. But men were not.'" (St Josemaría, *The Way*, 761.)

How indeed are we responding to the countless promptings of the Holy Spirit, who seeks to make us holy in the midst of our ordinary duties and surroundings? Each day how often do we say 'yes' to God and 'no' to our selfishness, to our laziness and to everything that amounts to a lack of love.

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem asks for loyalty and perseverance from each one of us. It calls us to deepen our faithfulness, and for our resolutions to be more than just bright lights that sparkle for a moment and then fade away. There are some striking contrasts in the depths of our hearts, for we are capable of the very greatest things and also the very worst, and so if we wish to possess the divine life and triumph with Christ, we need to be constant and through penance eliminate within us anything that separates us from God and prevents us from following Our Lord unto the Cross.

| <b>HOLY WEEK IN THE WARRNAMBOOL REGION</b>          |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Monday</b><br><i>29<sup>th</sup> March</i>       | 10:00am, Mass of the day, St Pius X, West Warrnambool<br>6:30pm, Chrism Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>30<sup>th</sup> March</i>      | 9:30am, Mass of the day, Our Lady's, East Warrnambool<br>7:30pm, Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness, St Joseph's, Warrnambool   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>30<sup>th</sup> March</i>    | 9:30am, Mass of the day, Our Lady's, East Warrnambool<br>5:00pm-6:00pm, Confession available, St Pius X, West Warrnambool   |
| <b>Holy Thursday</b><br><i>1<sup>st</sup> April</i> | 5:00pm-6:00pm, Confession available, St Pius X, West Warrnambool<br><b>6:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Infant Jesus, Koroit</b><br>7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Joseph's, Warrnambool<br>7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Our Lady's, East Warrnambool<br>7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Pius X, West Warrnambool  |
| <b>Good Friday</b><br><i>2<sup>nd</sup> April</i>   | <b>10:00am, Outdoor Stations of the Cross, Infant Jesus, Koroit</b><br><b>11:00am, Stations of the Cross, St Patrick's, Port Fairy</b><br>12:00pm-1:00pm, Confession available, St Patrick's, Port Fairy<br><b>3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Infant Jesus Koroit</b><br>3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Pius X, West Warrnambool<br>4:00pm-6:00pm, Confession available, St Pius X, West Warrnambool<br>3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Joseph's, Warrnambool<br>3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Our Lady's, East Warrnambool |
| <b>Holy Saturday</b><br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> April</i> | 6:00pm, Great Vigil of Easter, St Joseph's, Warrnambool<br>6:00pm, Great Vigil of Easter, Our Lady's, East Warrnambool<br><b>6:30pm, Great Vigil of Easter, Infant Jesus, Koroit</b><br>7:30pm, Great Vigil of Easter, St Pius X, West Warrnambool  |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b><br><i>4<sup>th</sup> April</i> | 8:30am, Easter Mass, St Joseph's, Warrnambool<br>9:00am, Easter Mass, Our Lady's, East Warrnambool<br>10:00am, Easter Mass, St Joseph's, Warrnambool<br><b>10:30am, Easter Mass, St Patrick's, Port Fairy</b><br>10:30am, Easter Mass, St Pius X, West Warrnambool  |

**Anniversaries:** Rudolph Bakker, Matthew Cahir, Jack Collins, Kevin Collins, Mavis Finnigan, Tom Finnigan, John McCluskey, Patricia McCluskey, Nola Whitehead.

**Divine Mercy Sunday at St Pius X**

2:00pm Adoration (*Confession available*)  
3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
3:15pm Mass