



Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Towards the first Assembly  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

From today's Gospel:  
'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well.'

The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God's kingdom. This calls all members of the Church to continual conversion from self-serving egoism to self-giving love and a willingness to "bear each other's burdens" (Gal 6:2).

(Instrumentum Laboris #83)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)  
*fantheflame/*

#### THE PLENARY COUNCIL AND YOU

The Ballarat diocesan members of the Plenary Council, Marie Shaddock, Felicity Knobel, Bishop Paul Bird and Fr Kevin Maloney, will soon be visiting parishes to talk about the Plenary Council and the Assemblies to be held in October this year and July next year. More information to come.



#### ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The annual winter appeal of the Koroit and Port Fairy conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be taken up **eventually**. All in God's time!

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** 1pm-2pm Friday, St Pius X Church. Subject to lockdown restrictions. All welcome.



#### GOD'S ARTIST AT WORK

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

#### WARRNAMBOOL MINISTRY DISTRICT

PO Box 104, WARRNAMBOOL VIC 3280

#### PARISH PRIESTS

Fr John Corrigan - 5562 5033

[john.corrigan@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:john.corrigan@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Fr John Fitzgerald - 5562 2231

[john.fitzgerald@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:john.fitzgerald@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF - 5562 2231

Louise Dryburgh - [ldryburgh@sjpw.org.au](mailto:ldryburgh@sjpw.org.au)

Leanne McElgunn - [leanne@sjpw.org.au](mailto:leanne@sjpw.org.au)

#### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

6:30pm Infant Jesus, Koroit

#### SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool

9:00am St Patrick's, Port Fairy

10:00am St Joseph's, Warrnambool

10:30am St Pius X, Warrnambool

#### SUNDAY EVENING MASS

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

Also Our Lady's: 6pm Saturday, 9am Sunday



#### MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit  
St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy  
[www.moyneatholic.org.au](http://www.moyneatholic.org.au)



## St Mary of the Cross

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

#### FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

*The widow gives food to Elijah, and is fed*  
And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

#### RESPONSORIAL

Psalm 762(63):2-8

*R/. My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

*R/. My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.*

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

*R/. My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.*

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

*R/. My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.*

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

*R/. My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.*

#### SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

*Be clothed in love*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all

these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Matthew 27:55  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance; the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 6:25-34

*Do not worry about tomorrow: your holy Father knows your needs*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or

gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'



**THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S WILL**

From a letter of Mary MacKillop to Monsignor Kirby

Oh, Father, I cannot tell you what a beautiful thing the will of God seems to me. For some years past, my Communion, my prayers, my intentions have all been for God's will to be done. I can never pray for a particular intention, a particular person, or anything particular about our own Insti-

tute, but in God's loved will, that is - whilst I desire with all my heart to pray for these, I cannot help at the same time desiring that He only use my prayers for the intention that His own will most desires at this time. Thus I feel a joy when things go well, for I see His will in this, and an equal joy when they seem to go wrong or against our natural desire, for there again I see His will, and am satisfied that He has accepted my prayers and those of many more for some other object at the time nearer to His adorable will.

To me, the will of God is a dear book which I am never tired of reading, which has always some new charm for me. Nothing is too little to be noticed there, but yet my littleness and nothingness has often dared to oppose it, and I am painfully conscious that in many ways I still in my tepidity offend against it without perceiving what I am doing. But such dear lessons as you gave me the other evening then come to my aid and encourage me, for the love of my sweet Jesus is too strong, too beautiful, and His merits too great, for me not to cling to Him

**LOCKDOWN 6.0**

We are sadly obliged to again forgo public worship. The Koroit and Port Fairy churches will be closed at least until Wednesday 11 August 2021.

**A liturgy from St Pius X Church will be broadcast online at 10:30 Sunday morning.** You can join this online prayer at [www.moynecatholic.org.au](http://www.moynecatholic.org.au) or on Facebook.

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION**

<b>Mon-Tue-Wed</b> No Mass	
<b>Thu</b>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Patrick's
<b>Fri</b>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's 10:00am Mass, Infant Jesus
<b>Sat</b>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

**CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION**

<b>Mon</b>	Fr John is available from 5pm to 6pm, walking around Lake Pertobe.
<b>Tue</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	
<b>Thu</b>	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
<b>Fri</b>	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
<b>Sat</b>	10am to 11am, St Pius X

**ST MARY VISITS WARRNAMBOOL**

Mary MacKillop's journal entry, 6 June 1899:  
Train to Warrnambool with Sr Gertrude to see the O'Briens. Breakfast at Geelong station. Cups of coffee at Colac for sixpence. Met at Warrnambool Station by Mrs O'Brien, Irene and Mona — great joy over our coming.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Joan Haberfield, Maxwell Hollard, Margaret Mugavin.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian and Marcie Barmby, Jade Burns, John Clifford, Mary Forrest, Michael Healy, Maree Hutt, Frank Sinatore, Alice Vaughan.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; let perpetual light shine upon them.*

NEXT WEEK: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (Third Sunday of the month.)

<b>Assumption of B.V.M.</b>	<b>6:30pm Mass, Koroit</b>	<b>9:00am Mass, Port Fairy</b>
Welcome & Intercessions	Maree Lane	Gen Verdonck
First & Second Readings	Nick Murrell	Graeme Munro
Procession of Gifts	<i>(As long as masks are mandated indoors, there is no procession.)</i>	
Holy Communion	Pat Lane	<i>(Not applicable)</i>



**KOROIT SANCTUARY LAMP**

**This week's candle is offered for Our Lady's intentions.** To dedicate a candle to an intention of your choosing, place \$10 in one of the envelopes at the church doors and put it in the collection.