



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Towards the first Assembly
2nd - 10th October 2021

From today's Gospel:
'His mercy reaches from age to age.'

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind.

(Humble, Healing and Merciful –
Discernment Paper p. 6)

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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 now be taken up **next week**. 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."

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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, West 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
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The Assumption of Bl Virgin Mary

Sunday 15th August, 2021

FIRST READING

Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10

A great sign appeared in heaven

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 762(63):2-8

R/. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your

loved ones. / On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: /

forget your own people and your father's house.

R/. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

So will the king desire your beauty:

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

they pass within the palace of the king.

R/. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:20-26

Christ will raise those who belong to him
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed

that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back.

MARY IS TAKEN BODY AND SOUL

Fr Francis Fernandez

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. [Gen 3:15] Thus appears the Virgin Mary associated with Christ the Redeemer in the fight against and triumph over Satan. This is the message of the first book of Sacred Scripture, the divine plan Providence prepared from all eternity to save us. In the last book we find the admirable scene: *A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.* [Rev 12:1] The Virgin Mary enters, body and soul, into heaven after finishing her life among us. The Mother of God arrives to be crowned Queen of the Universe. *So will the king desire your beauty, we proclaim in today's Responsorial Psalm.*



soul. [Pius XII, Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1 November 1950.]

There, her glorious Son Jesus awaits her, just as she contemplated him after the Resurrection. With divine power, God saw to the preservation of the integrity of Mary's body. He preserves her perfect unity and complete harmony, without permitting the least alteration. Our Lady wins *the supreme crown of her privileges, to be exempt from the corruption of the tomb. Overcoming death as her Son conquered it previously, she is raised body and soul to heavenly glory.* [Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*.] The integral harmony of the Marian privileges points to it.

We often contemplate the Assumption of Our Lady in the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary: *The mother of God has fallen asleep.. But Jesus wants to have his Mother,*

*body and soul, in heaven. And the heavenly court, arrayed in all its splendour, greets our Lady. You and I – children after all – take the train of Mary's magnificent blue cloak, and so we can watch the marvellous scene. The most blessed Trinity receives and showers honours on the Daughter, Mother and Spouse of God... And so great is the Lady's majesty that the Angels exclaim: Who is she? [J. Escrivá, *Holy Rosary*.] We too, full of admiration, rejoice with the angels, and we feel proud to be sons and daughters of so great a Lady.*

The Apostle John was surely a witness of Mary's passage to heaven, since the Lord had entrusted her to him, and he would not have been absent at that time. In his Gospel, however, he says nothing concerning Our Lady's last moments on earth. He who spoke of Jesus' death on Golgotha with so much clarity and force, is silent when it is a matter concerning the one he cared for as his own mother, the Mother of Jesus and of us. *At the end of her earthly life, she is taken up into heavenly glory, body and*

NEXT WEEK: Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd August 2021. (*Fourth Sunday of the month.*)

21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm Mass, Koroit	9:00am Mass, Port Fairy
Welcome & Intercessions	Jordan O'Keefe	Trish Blythe
First & Second Readings	Pat Shanahan	Sue Paulka
Procession of Gifts	<i>(As long as masks are mandated indoors, there is no procession.)</i>	
Holy Communion	Betty Bishop	<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 place it in the collection.

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.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION

Mon	9:30am, St Pius X
Tue	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Patrick's
Wed	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's 10:00am Mass, Infant Jesus
Thu	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 1:00pm, Belfast House
Fri	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's
Sat	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Mon	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Tue	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Wed	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Thu	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Fri	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Sat	10am to 11am, St Pius X