



THE PARISH PUMP

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington & St Pius X, West Warrnambool

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SUNDAY 7th MARCH 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (B)

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Easter Triduum: Anyone willing to volunteer their services at this year's Easter Ceremonies is invited to record their name on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

Lenten Prayer Group: 1:30pm Tuesdays, St Pius X Church. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: 7:30pm Fridays, St Joseph's Church.

WEEKDAY MASSES IN OUR REGION

Monday 8 th	10:00am, St Pius X
Tuesday 9 th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Patrick's
Wednesday 10 th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, Infant Jesus
Thursday 11 th * Residents only	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:30am, Mercy Place*
Friday 12 th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Joseph's
Saturday 13 th	9:30am, Our Lady's

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Monday 8 th	5:00pm-6:00pm, St Pius X
Wednesday 10 th	5:00pm-6:00pm, St Pius X
Thursday 11 th	5:00pm-6:00pm, St Pius X
Friday 12 th	10:00am, St Joseph's 10:00am, Our Lady's 5:00pm-6:00pm, St Pius X

To put your money on the plate, please visit bit.ly/CDFpayWarrnamboolWest.



Recent Deaths: Joan Fluck, Kay McNeill.

Anniversaries: Herman Bakker, Jack Budd, Minnira Dodson, Kath & Reg Gall, Patricia Gleeson, Gloria McMahon, Kevin Mugavin, Bill Noyes, Elizabeth & John Winnen.

St Vincent de Paul Lenten Appeal: You are invited to donate the following:

- Today Tinned Fruit
- Next week Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- 21st March Tea & Coffee
- 28th March Tinned Soup



SIXTH SUNDAY OF ST JOSEPH

His sorrow when he was exiled from home; his joy when the angel tells him to repatriate.

Collect: O glorious St Joseph, you marveled to see the King of heaven obedient to your commands. Your consolation in bringing Jesus out of the land of Egypt was troubled by your fear of King Archelaus. Nevertheless, being assured by an angel, you lived in gladness at Nazareth with Jesus and Mary. By this sorrow and this joy, pray that our hearts may be delivered from harmful fears, so that we may rejoice in peace of conscience and may live with Jesus and Mary, and, like you, may die in their company.

Litany of St Joseph: Lord, have mercy: **Christ have mercy.** Lord, have mercy, 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.**

NEXT SUNDAY, 10:30am MASS

14th MARCH: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Lector: M. Woodward

Prayer of the Faithful: K. Prendergast

Holy Communion: Margaret McFarlane

Hospital: J. Nolan & J. Belfrage

Counters: C. & J. Nolan

Flowers Roster

Extra volunteers needed. Please call Louise at the parish office: 5562 2231.

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Or

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 18)

ANTIPHON: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

RESPONSE: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

LECTOR: The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

LECTOR: The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

LECTOR: The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

LECTOR: They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

TODAY'S READINGS Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

NEXT WEEK (4th Sunday of Lent, Year B) 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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Year of the Family

Pope Francis has declared a "year of the family" to celebrate the 'beauty and challenges' of family life. It will begin on March 19 on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph and run until June 26, 2022. The Majellan which has long been a proud supporter of the 'family' will feature stories and provide resources on our website to promote *Amoris laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Details at www.majellan.media

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Understanding the Jesus story



7 March 2021 3rd Sunday Lent Year B

If there is one incident in Jesus' life that leads us to question his judgment, the story of him taking a whip and angrily driving people out of the temple must rank as a strong contender. We have heard in recent weeks that Jesus can be forthright in challenging people – even calling pharisees 'hypocrites' to their faces! But our major image is of a patient and forgiving Jesus rather than someone striking out at people with a raging temper.

So, how are we to understand this story? A good place to start is another story of Jesus visiting the Jerusalem temple with his mother and father when he was a twelve-year old boy. On that occasion, Jesus becomes so caught up by the temple experience, he misses the caravan taking his family back to Nazareth. When his parents realise Jesus is missing, they hasten back to find him among the temple priests and elders, engaging with them about the meaning of the Scriptures.

Now, the temple for traditional Israelites was the holiest of all places on earth enabling people to experience the presence of the living God in their lives in an unsurpassed way. This must have been Jesus' boyhood experience evident in his response to his confused parents: "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:49).

So, when Jesus returns to the temple some twenty years later and finds it filled with hawkers, merchants and other traders, he is incensed that greed and money-

lust have turned his 'Father's house' into a marketplace. However, rather than directing his anger to the little people who are simply trying to make a living, surely Jesus should have confronted the temple priests who no doubt benefited financially from this defilement of God's house.

Jesus has this opportunity to respond to the chief priests when they challenge him for his table-turning, whip-lashing behaviour. In answer to their question: "On what authority do you do this?" Jesus' strange response confounds everyone: "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up again in three days."

Somehow, this is a moment of insight for Jesus. He begins to realise his mission of communicating God's love and forgiveness will result in the destruction of the other temple – his own body – on a cross. Yet, God's glory will always shine through beyond suffering, cruelty and death itself.

This is the paradox St Paul writes about in his letter to the Corinthians. He realises how preaching a crucified Christ is folly to Jews and Greeks alike. Yet Paul also knows we must acknowledge our own sinfulness and stupidity if we are to experience God's power and wisdom. Too often, we are like the temple traders busy with our own pursuits rather than seekers of the living God. Often, we ignore God's covenant because we are afraid to witness to a crucified-and-risen Christ who heals our weakness and failures with divine love and mercy.