

WARRNAMBOOL MINISTRY DISTRICT MOVES TOWARDS BECOMING ONE PARISH

On Tuesday 22 June, Bishop Paul Bird CSsR tabled a proposal to the Council of Priests to incorporate the parishes of Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy, West Warrnambool and Warrnambool into one new parish. Positive discussion followed and the proposal will be acted on. Larger parishes continue to be established throughout the diocese. For example, on 1 July, the parishes of Hopetoun, Horsham, Nhill and Warracknabeal will merge into the new parish of St Paul VI, Wimmera-Mallee.

For ourselves, this news means:

- adopting the mindset that we are now one Parish: a community of communities;
- there will be one bulletin where now there are three;
- the Purnim community belongs to the new parish but will be served by Fr Lawrie;
- for administration purposes there will be one BAS statement;
- the parish office will be located at the St Joseph's Parish Centre;
- there will be one Finance Committee that will be responsible for all assets within the boundaries of the new parish. As Planned Giving has significantly decreased it is important that our present assets become income producing assets.

Thank you to all who presented names for our new parish. There were quite a number of suggestions associated with the ocean/sea, as all the boundaries of our present parishes border the Southern Ocean. When the bishop erects the new parish, he has indicated that it will be called "Star of the Sea."



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Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June, 2021

FIRST READING

Wis 1:13-15,2:23-2

God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

R/. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

R/. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

R/. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

R/. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15

The Lord Jesus became poor for your sake, to make you rich

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: *The man who gathered*

Towards the first Assembly 2nd – 10th October 2021

From today's Gospel:
"Do not be afraid; only have faith."

"While being conscious of the work to be done, we also have much to be

thankful for. There are many signs of hope in that members of the faithful persevere with the practice of the faith... and are living their commitment to love of neighbour in myriad ways."

(Instrumentum Laboris, §65)

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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

much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Tim 1:10
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 5:21-24,35-43

Little girl, I tell you to get up

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lake-side. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the syna-

gogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.



THE DEATH WE MUST AVOID AND FEAR

Fr Francis Fernandez

Today's Mass speaks to us about death and life. The First Reading teaches us that death had no place in the initial plan of the Creator: God did not make death, and he does not take delight in the death of the living. It is the result of sin. Jesus Christ accepted it as a necessity of nature, as an inevitable part of man's fate on earth. Jesus Christ accepted it ... in order to overcome sin. (St John Paul II, *Homily*, 28 February 1979.) The human heart recoils in anguish from death, but we are comforted by the knowledge that Jesus annihilated it. He has destroyed death. It is no longer the event that men and women must fear above all else. Rather it is, for the believer, the necessary step from this world to the Father.

Today's Gospel shows us Jesus arriving once more at Capharnaum, where a large crowd had gathered expectantly to meet him. Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue, was waiting. His need was great and so was his faith. His daughter was at the point of death. There was also a woman there who had spent every penny she had trying to find a cure for a long illness. Both these people felt an urgent need to meet Jesus. The healing of this woman, who had placed all her hope in him, takes place on the way to Jairus' house.

Jesus has stopped to console the woman. Meanwhile, they inform the ruler of the

synagogue: Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Master any further? But Jesus takes Peter, James and John to be witnesses of the miracle He is about to perform. They come to Jairus' house, and He sees the confusion and the people there weeping and wailing. When He enters, He says, *Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.* And they laugh at him ... They failed to understand that for God real death is sin, which kills the divine life of the soul. For the believer, bodily death is like a sleep from which we awake in God. That is how the first Christians looked at it.

When death comes we shall close our eyes on this life and awake in the real Life, a life that lasts for ever. *At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn,* we pray in today's Responsorial Psalm. Sin is the real death. It is the dreadful separation of man when he breaks away from God. Compared to this, the other separation, that of the body from the soul, is temporary and even trivial. *He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.*

Death, which was to be the last enemy is in fact our ally. It has become the last step after which we find ourselves in the definite embrace of Our heavenly Father. *When you think about death, do not be afraid, in spite of your sins. For He already knows that you love him and what stuff you are made of. If you seek him, He will welcome you as the father welcomed the prodigal son; but you have to seek him.* (St. Josemaría Escrivá, *Forum*, 880.) Lord, you know that I seek you day and night.

First Friday Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart. 6pm, St Pius X. An opportunity to *"Be still and know that I am God."*

Recent deaths: Sr Luke Kenna RSM.
Anniversaries: Terry Patterson, Dawn Woods.

KOROIT SANCTUARY LAMP. This week's candle is offered for a private intention.

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Mon 28th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Tue 29th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Wed 30th	None
Thu 1st	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Fri 2nd	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Sat 3rd	10am to 11am, St Pius X

WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION

Mon 28th	9:30am Mass, St Pius X
Tue 29th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Patrick's
Wed 30th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, Infant Jesus
Thu 1st <i>*TBC</i>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:30am Mass, Mercy Place* 3:30pm Mass, Moyneyana
Fri 2nd	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's 6:00pm Mass, St Pius X
Sat 3rd	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July 2021. (*First Sunday of the month.*)

Fourteenth Sunday, Ordinary Time	6:30pm Mass, Koroit	9:00am Mass, Port Fairy
Welcome & Intercessions	Margaret Cashill	Peter Sanderson
First & Second Readings	Doreen Bowran	Rosemary Palmer
Procession of Gifts	<i>(As long as masks are mandated indoors, there is no procession.)</i>	
Holy Communion	Christine Russell	Louise Tamer