

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, IONA-MARYKNOLL  
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, KOO WEE RUP**

**2 August, 2020**

**CATHOLIC PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP**

Including the communities of St Joseph's, Iona; St James, Nar Nar Goon;  
Holy Family, Maryknoll;  
St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup; St Mary's, Lang Lang.

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**For access to parish services/pastoral care:**

Please ring Fr Peter on 0438 622 766 or 5997 1510



**KEY CONTACT DETAILS:**

In an emergency: Please ring Fr Peter Kooloos on 0438 622 766 or 5997 1510.

If I am not available, please ring one of the neighbouring priests.

**Iona-Maryknoll Parish Website:** [www.cdsale.org.au/ionamaryknoll](http://www.cdsale.org.au/ionamaryknoll)

**Koo Wee Rup Parish Website:** [www.cdsale.org.au/kooweerup](http://www.cdsale.org.au/kooweerup)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus](http://www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus) *for access to Mass live streams and prayer resources*

See [www.facebook.com.au/dioceseofsale](https://www.facebook.com.au/dioceseofsale) for daily updates about the Diocese

18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      2 August, 2020.

**A message from your Parish Priest**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Last Wednesday the priests of our diocese met with our Bishop-Elect, Mgr Greg Bennet, via Zoom. This was a great example of using modern technology for the work of the Church. We can be extremely grateful to God and those who invented it. It was great to meet with him and we discussed some of the major pastoral issues which face us at the present time because of the Covid-19 virus.

One issue which came up was the pastoral care of the sick and dying in our hospitals and aged care institutions. There have been a number of instances where the priest has been refused to visit the dying to give them the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. It would appear that the reason for this refusal is that in these instances the management of these places does not appreciate the importance of this sacrament to the dying Catholic person. This is an understandable position for someone without our faith and who is also extremely concerned with making sure that no one becomes infected with the Covid-19 virus. Catholic hospitals and aged care institutions have worked out a way that allows people to receive this very important sacrament and still protect people from the virus or to protect the priest and staff from the virus if the patient has the virus.

There are several ways of avoiding the possibility of a sick or dying person of being prevented from receiving the sacraments in this very critical part of their lives. One is for the next of kin to inform the hospital or aged care institution that a priest must always be called at this time. Another way is to call the priest to give these sacraments before the person is admitted into hospital.

Please know that I am still available for Reconciliation. However, because of the current socialising restrictions I cannot advertise specific times and places. If you wish to receive this wonderful sacrament then please contact me personally on 0438 622 766 or 5997 1510 so that a mutually agreeable time and place can be arranged.

In the meantime please continue to pray for the victims of Covid-19 virus, for those who are looking after these victims and for the scientists who are working very hard to find a cure for this virus.

May God bless you.

Fr Peter Kooloos.

**CatholicCare Appeal**

CatholicCare which supports vulnerable families and individuals are having their annual appeal now. You may access a very short video clip which explains further the great work they do in our diocese on this link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUtZbK-2SXg&>. You may hand in your donation to the parish office or give via the CatholicCare website, <https://www.ccam.org.au/> and go to the donate button. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes please put your name and address on the envelope which contains your donation.

**Episcopal Ordination:** Mgr Greg Bennet will be ordained Bishop of Sale on Tuesday 20 October in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, at 11.00 am. Further details will be provided later.

## Emmaus Spirituality Centre

### **FREE – Introduction to Spiritual Direction**

The Emmaus Team is offering a free 45-minute Zoom session to anyone who wishes to know more about Spiritual Direction and the Emmaus programs. This is an opportunity to meet with a team member and gain a greater understanding of what Spiritual Direction is about.

**Phone: 0477 474 848 to arrange a suitable time Or**

**Email: [salespirituality1@gmail.com](mailto:salespirituality1@gmail.com)**

### **Emmaus Walking Retreat**

**SUN 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH - SUN 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

Cost: \$1,500.00

Registration by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

10% Early Bird Discount by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Guided by: Emmaus Ministry Team, Maximum number 10 Walkers

Enquiries and Registration: **Email: [salespirituality1@gmail.com](mailto:salespirituality1@gmail.com)**

### **Emmaus Spiritual Direction via Zoom video conferencing**

**Phone: 0477 474 848 Or Email: [salespirituality1@gmail.com](mailto:salespirituality1@gmail.com)**

### **What is Spiritual Direction?**

In Spiritual Direction you reflect deeply on the daily experiences of your life. Gradually, as you reflect, you begin to recognize God's presence and grace. You come to realize how God's spirit is truly with you every day and everywhere, as close as you are to yourself. Spiritual Direction is not really about being 'directed'. Rather, it is very much about being 'invited' to draw closer to God. You are warmly invited into this relationship as God seeks you where you are.

### **Who Are Spiritual Directors?**

Spiritual Directors have completed extensive training and formation in the art of Spiritual Direction. Directors continue enhancing their knowledge and skills by engaging in ongoing education, supervision and also meeting regularly with their own Spiritual Director.

Emmaus activities are for all, as well as providing some financial assistance for those who may not be able to fully afford costs associated with Spiritual Direction.

**No one is excluded – one pays what one can afford**

## **PRAYER FOR 2020 WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

Pope Francis has stated that human trafficking is "without any doubt, a crime against humanity". "Trafficking seriously damages humanity as a whole, tearing apart the human family and the Body of Christ."

(St Peter's Square,  
Rome, April 10, 2019).

Let us pray for all who have been robbed of their God-given dignity:

Loving God, may our prayers and actions cast light on this crime and help bring it to an end. May those who suffer know the blessings of true justice and peace. Amen

**CWL members** are requested to make a Novena to St John Vianney, patron saint of priests, from 27<sup>th</sup> July to August 4<sup>th</sup>, for the welfare of Priests worldwide in these difficult times.

## **MASS ONLINE FROM OUR PARISH**

Our Sunday Mass from our parish will be available on demand from 9.30am on Sundays until the following Saturday at this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL-fMRNQrnI0Y\\_VRg00u0DQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL-fMRNQrnI0Y_VRg00u0DQ)

### **Mass on TV**

Mass for You at home on free- to- air television, 6am Sunday morning on WINTV Gippsland, Channel 10 and 10HD or on demand <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home/about>

Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral: Sunday at 11.00 am on Channel 44

### **Online Masses in our Diocese**

[www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus](http://www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus) provides a list of the live streams across the Diocese.

### **Weekday Mass**

Daily Mass on Demand <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

### **Weekly readings**

Weekly reading can be found at:

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readingsread-at-home/>

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### **WE PRAY FOR AND REMEMBER:**

**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

**The Sick:** Gavan Jeffrey, Marlene Cafarella, Danielle, Jincy Anto (sister of Deacon Jithin Anto).

### **FEAST DAYS:**

Tuesday: St John Vianney

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS (STEWARDSHIP and PRESBYTERY COLLECTION):** Please contact the Parish Office at either Nar Nar Goon (0456 000 9900 or email, [ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au](mailto:ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au)) or Koo Wee Rup (5997 1510 or email, [kooweerup@cdsale.org.au](mailto:kooweerup@cdsale.org.au)) Parish Contributions (Stewardship and Presbytery Collections) Please contact the Parish Office at either Nar Nar Goon (0456 000 9900 or email, [ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au](mailto:ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au)) or Koo Wee Rup (5997 1510 or email, [kooweerup@cdsale.org.au](mailto:kooweerup@cdsale.org.au)) if you would like to make new arrangements for your Stewardship contributions or contributions for the support of the priest.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Iona-Maryknoll representatives – Sam Franzi, Miriam Pace-Bonello, Therese Ventura & Kate Paynter.

Koo Wee Rup representatives – Harold Keily, Peter Gallagher, Peter Damon & Bernie Hance.

Ex officio members – Andrew Greco, Andy McDermott, Chris Dortmans.

Minute Secretary – Sharon Sparks.

**WEDDINGS:** 6 months' notice – contact either the Parish Priest or the Parish office for more information.

**RECONCILIATION:** by appointment. Please ring 0438 622 766.

**BAPTISMS:** Contact the Parish Office at Nar Nar Goon 0456 000 990 or Koo Wee Rup 5997 1510

**Plenary Council Website:** [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Today's Gospel and Reflection

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **'YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT'**

The disciples function rather like a modern celebrity's 'minders'. When Jesus has finished healing the sick, they urge him to send the crowd away to buy food for themselves before nightfall.

Jesus reacts to the word 'buy'. He will not send people away to buy anything - nor should the disciples. When they point out with astonishment that they barely have enough for themselves (five loaves and two fish), Jesus, acting the part of divine Wisdom who speaks in the First Reading (Isa 55:1-3), *freely* provides more than enough food for the whole multitude.

His gestures in doing so - taking the loaves, blessing, breaking and giving them - clearly foreshadows the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper (Matt 26:26). To participate in the Eucharist is to experience the same divine hospitality so lavishly provided by Jesus.

The miraculous feeding and the Eucharist which it foreshadows bring out that the essence of what God wants to do for us is simply be a most generous Host at the banquet of eternal life. At the same time, since it depicts people being fed with real food, it bears directly, in a sacramental sense, upon the problem of world hunger. The Lord who took pity on the large crowd: looks with similar eyes upon our world and instructs us, as he instructed his disciples, 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. In the words of the Venerable Pedro Arrupe (former Jesuit General): 'The Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in our world'.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

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# Lord .....



May your love and light shine in and through me today  
In a way that no mask can hide.  
May my eyes dance with the laughter and joy  
Replacing my hidden smile.  
May my actions of care and concern  
Speak louder than my muffled voice ever could.  
And may the generosity of my heart  
Radiate out through who I am  
And how I respond to the world around me  
So that others may not see my mask  
But your image shining out  
Moving in and through me today.  
Amen.

Br Michael Herry fms