



Catholic Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Kieran

Moe – Newborough

5th February 2023

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A, Weekday cycle 1



O God, the Creator and Giver of all good things, bless our Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St Kieran. Strengthen our faith, grant us a spirit of mission so that, through our service of neighbor, we will praise and glorify you.
Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Pray for us.* St Kieran: *Pray for us.*

Mission Statement

Inspired by the Gospel as members of this Oblate missionary community, we celebrate and live out our Catholic faith.

Under the pastoral care of the

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We are a Child Safe Parish

Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe.

If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Safeguarding Officer.

Contact via the
Parish Office.

From the desk (and the heart) of Fr Daniel omi

L. J. C. et M. I.

Dear Parishioners

The Sunday of the Word of God which we observe this weekend indicates uniqueness of our country. The rest of the world has it in on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time but because in our case it is always during the summer holidays the Holy See has given us permission to move it to the first Sunday of February. The move is also an indication of the importance of this Sunday. The Bible says that the faith comes from listening to God's word. Therefore Our Lord Jesus Christ put it in this way: **'Consider carefully how you listen.'** A few days ago I was doing some research to prepare myself for the day of St John Bosco, January 31. What I discovered was that as a young boy John was particularly fond of circuses. However he didn't go there for entertainment. He went there to learn some tricks which he could utilise in his interactions with other children. Little John would first amuse children with his tricks and next he would tell them what he heard in the sermon at church. He was creative in finding ways to deliver God's message to his friends. As an Oblate I treasure this special Sunday dedicated to God's word. The Sunday comes between the anniversary of our Oblate Foundation: January 25 and the anniversary of the Approval of the Oblate Congregation by Pope Leo XII on February 17. Our Founder, St Eugene, explained to his companions that the aim of this new establishment was to preach the word of God to the poor. St Eugene believed wholeheartedly that the only way to bring a revival to the Church was by receiving and giving the richness of God's word. **'Consider carefully how you listen.'** I entrust these words to you. There is some technicality how we listen at church (a good sound system is important as well as a good hearing aid) and then it is how open we are to hear what God wants to tell us; not what we want to hear from God.

We welcome back Fr Vin McGillicuddy returning from his holiday extravaganza in NSW. It's good to have you back home Fr Vin. At the same time we say Bon Voyage to Fr Vincent Obialor who is heading off for a couple of months to the City of churches to assist in our Oblate Parish of St David's in SA. We wish Fr Vincent a happy time in Adelaide and ask him to pass our best wishes to Fr Josh Nash with whom he will minister there. I keep you in my prayers

Yours in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate

Fr Daniel omi

Sunday Masses

St Kieran's: 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday of the month - 5pm
St Mary's: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month - 5pm
St Mary's: Sunday - 9:30am
St Kieran's: Sunday - 11am
St Kieran's: Sunday - 5pm
Weekday Masses. This week Mass at St Mary's on Monday
St Kieran's: Monday, Thursday, Friday – 9am
St Kieran's: Wednesday (5pm - Holy Hour: evening prayer, silent adoration, devotion to Mary Immaculate. Mass at 6pm).
St Mary's: Tuesday 9am
St Kieran's: 1st Saturday of the month – 9am.

Reconciliation: 9.30am Saturday, St Kieran's.

Calvary Narracan Gardens: 10.30am, 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month.
Latrobe Valley Village: 10am, Thursdays.
Royal Freemasons: 10.30am, 4th Monday each month.
Masses not open to other parishioners. (Covid restrictions).

Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday evening 5pm)

February 11, St Mary's, Newborough
 February 18, St Kieran's, Moe
 February 25, St Mary's, Newborough
 March 4th, St Kieran's, Moe

Replacement of the sanctuary floor at St Kieran's. Due to the work all weekday and Sunday Masses will be at St Mary's, at the usual times. Masses at St Kieran's will resume on 8th February.

Prayer Requests: Bill Stephens, Anita Herley, Claire Oram, Louise, Cristina Disisto, Teresa Mullins, Joe & Lucy Krawec, Mary R., and Shirley.

Recently deceased. Maurice Riley. The Requiem Mass for Maurice will be at St Mary's, Newborough on Monday, 6th February. at 11.00am. (It will also be live-streamed). May he find eternal joy and rest with God.

Parish Liturgies and Intentions for the coming week

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 4 & 5	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Communion
1. Saturday 4th 5pm (St Mary's) <i>60th Wedding Anniv. Geoff & Dani Hall</i>	Margaret C.	Carol W.	Anna F.	Volunteer
Sun.5. 9.30am (St Mary's) <i>Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart</i>	Janet M.	Cathy D.	Katy Z.	Maurice C.
11am (St Mary's) <i>Parishioners</i>	Volunteer	Gerardine S.	Amparo M.	Cy De D.
5pm (St Mary's)	Volunteer	Lorraine D.	Em M.	Volunteer

Monday 6th: 9am Mass at St Mary's. Memorial: St Paul Miki & companions, martyrs. *Pauline Marino RIP*

Tuesday 7th: 9am Mass at St Mary's. *Josephine Vella RIP*

Wednesday 8th: St Kieran's 5pm. Adoration & devotions. **6pm Mass.**

Thursday 9th: 9am. Mass St Kieran's. *Fred, Mark & Scott Frendo RIP*

Friday 10th: 11am. Healing Mass at St Kieran's. (No 9am Mass) *Followed by light lunch.*

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 11 & 12	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Communion
2. Saturday 11th 5pm St Mary's	Volunteer	Sharron W.	Claire E.	Volunteer
2. Sunday 12th 9.30am St Mary's	Joe V.	? Leonard F.	? Peter B.	Janet M.
11am St Kieran's	Volunteer	Teresa D.	Jane D.	Lina de V.
5pm St Kieran's	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

St Kieran's cleaning & flowers, February.

St Mary's 1st Sunday Cuppa

Cleaners: St K's closed for renovations. Reopens Wednesday 8th February. **Would Pat R., Jo W., Louis V. and Gerardine S.** ask Father if they need to clean after it reopens.

February 5th: Krys & Jackie
 March 5th: Nina & Janet.

Week of **February 13:** Belinda & Tom R. **Feb 20:** Vicky, Nieves, Betty.

Feb 27: Tony & Mary F. & Harry O'B.

Flowers: Anna F.

The Mass intention at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday 5th February is for the **Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart**, who are leaving our Diocese after years of faithful service.

Please join your fellow parishioners for morning tea after the Mass.

Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart Gratitude plaques will be unveiled after the 9.30am Mass at St Mary's this Sunday. The plaques were presented by the Josephite Sisters at a Mass in Warragal last Tuesday. At the Mass 120 years of ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph in the Diocese of Sale were celebrated. The plaques acknowledge the Sisters' gratitude for being given an opportunity to minister in various communities of our Diocese. Our parish has been given two plaques: for St Therese's, Yallourn where the Sisters ministered between 1930 – 1976, and for St Mary's, where the Sisters ministered between 1958 and 2002.

Parishioners are invited to volunteer for ministries in the parish.

Please indicate to which ministry the Lord Jesus is calling you: **Reader, Commentator, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Welcomer, Altar Server, Adult Altar Server, Church cleaning, Flower arrangement.**

Please write your name and contact details on the sheets provided in the foyer of the church and the parish will contact you to finalize your ministry. (Would current volunteers please re-volunteer if you wish to continue your service.)

More volunteers are also needed to **visit the aged at Calvary Narracan Gardens Oaks unit**. It only involves one to two hours twice a month. Training and support will be given. Contact the parish office on 5127 1057 or speak to Lorraine Dyt.

Thank you to those who have offered their services so far. We still need more help.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY. 5th February.



This week's readings are not printed out. If you have brought your Bible to Mass you can read:

Isaiah 58:7-10. *Your light will shine like the dawn.*

1 Cor 2:1-5 *I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

Mt 5:13-16 *You are the light of the world.*

First Reconciliation

Parent meeting:

5pm February 23, St Mary's

Commitment Sunday:

March 4 (5pm St Kieran's)

March 5 (9.30am, St Mary's)

March 5 (11am, St Kieran's)

Celebration of the Sacrament:

5pm March 30, St Mary's

31st World Day of the Sick: 11th February. This is an awareness day, or observance, in the Catholic Church intended for "prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ".

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita/World day of prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking: Pope Francis designated 8th February, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of Sudan, South Sudan, and trafficked people, as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection, and Action Against Human Trafficking.

PALMS volunteers wanted. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from various professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Scan the QR code for information. On our website, you can also see news, including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567. [Web: www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)



'Sodality praying for Priests.' Prayer that priests live good & holy lives as true servant shepherds, leaders of God's people. Please come and join us every second Friday after the 9am Mass, beginning around 9:30am and concluding around 10:30am. Booklets are provided for the Prayers. Next: February 17th.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. On this Sunday of the Word of God you are invited to do **Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)**, a prayerful way of reading the Bible.

Opening prayer: Lord Jesus, send Your Spirit to help us to read the Scriptures with the same mind that You read them to the disciples on the way to Emmaus. In the light of the Word, written in the Bible, you helped them to discover the presence of God in the disturbing events of Your sentence and death. Thus, the cross that seemed to be the end of all hope became for them the source of life and of resurrection. Create silence in us so that we may listen to Your voice in Creation and in the Scriptures, in events and in people, above all in the poor and suffering. May Your word guide us so that we too, like the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, may experience the force of Your resurrection and witness to others that You are alive in our midst as source of fraternity, justice and peace. We ask this of You, Jesus, son of Mary, who revealed the Father to us and sent us Your Spirit. Amen.

Reading: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [Mt 5:13-16](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.

Meditation: After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions: What word or words in this passage caught your attention? What in this passage comforted you? What in this passage challenged you? If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Using images of daily life, with simple and direct words, Jesus makes known what is the mission and the reason for being of the Community: to be salt! In that time, because of the great heat, people and animals needed to eat much salt. The salt was delivered in great blocks by the suppliers and these blocks were placed in the public square to be consumed by the people. The salt which remained fell on the ground, was no longer good for anything and it was stepped on by everyone. Jesus recalls this usage to clarify the mission which the disciples have to carry out. Without salt nobody could live, but what remained of the salt was good for nothing. The comparison is obvious. Nobody lights a candle to place it under a bushel. A city on a mountain top cannot remain hidden. The community must be light, has to illuminate. It must not be afraid to show the good that it does. It does not do it to make it seen, but what it does can and should be seen. Salt does not exist for itself. Light does not exist for itself. This is the way a community should be: it cannot close itself in self.

Prayer

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? When have I experienced a dryness in my faith life? How can I take time away to restore and renew my faith?

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. When have I tried to hide my beliefs to avoid criticism or mocking? How do I demonstrate my faith through my actions?

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. How do my actions point toward God instead of myself? How do I place my God-given gifts in service to my brothers and sisters?

Final Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank for the word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice what your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, Your mother, not only listen to but also practice the Word. You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.