

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

9 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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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

Koo Wee Rup Parish Website: www.cdsale.org.au/kooweerup

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

See www.facebook.com.au/dioceseofsale for daily updates about the Diocese

A message from your Parish Priest

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Last Monday we began what is probably the most severe lockdown in peace time in the history of our state. It is understandable to be feeling disappointed, let down or perhaps even angry about this situation. The gospel of this Sunday's Mass is very appropriate as we may even be feeling like Peter and crying out 'Lord, save me!'

However we can also turn this time of lockdown into a time of growth and opportunity. I have observed that the period of the current lockdown is about as long as Lent. As Lent is a time of prayer, penance and good works we can use this time of lockdown in a similar way. Many of us may have more time for prayer. The lockdown will definitely give us plenty of opportunity for penance. This can come by remaining positive and cheerful in spite of our feelings. Sometimes we can find the penances given to us at this time more trying and difficult than the ones we devise for ourselves during Lent. Our good works can come in the form of being on the lookout for those people who may be overwhelmed by this lockdown and being ready to help and support them in practical ways.

Our Parish Pastoral Council will be having an online meeting on Tuesday to see how we, as a parish, can respond to the needs of our parish during this very challenging time. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will lead them to fruitful action for our parish.

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.

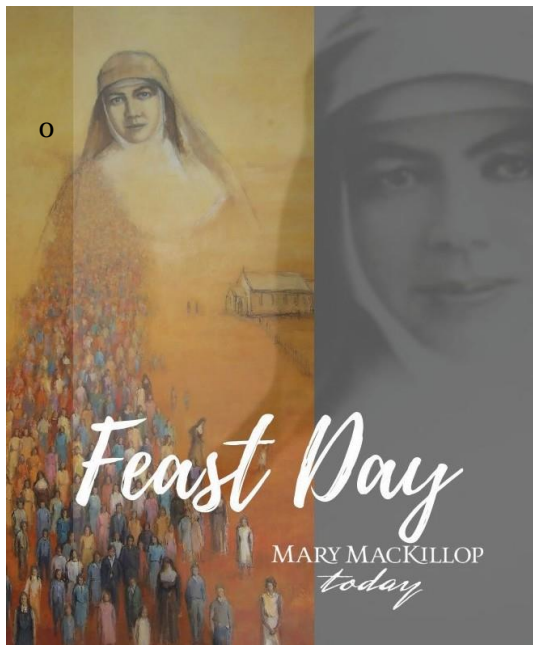
May God bless you.

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.



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to

“Take fresh courage.”

For the ten year anniversary of Mary’s canonisation, please give generously this Feast Day to continue her legacy.

TO DONATE

Call 02 8912 2777 or visit

marymackilloptoday.org.au/donate **Feast Day - 8 August 2020**

MARY MACKILLOP
today

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Those who are unable to make sacramental Communion with Christ by participating in the Eucharist, can express the desire to receive him in their spirit with these words that help to make spiritual communion with him:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things and desire
to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

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-fMRNQrniOY_VRgOOu0DQ

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 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/>

WE PRAY FOR AND REMEMBER:

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Bishop Patrick Lyons

The Sick: Danielle, Jincy Anto (sister of Deacon Jithin Anto).

FEAST DAYS:

Monday: St Lawrence, deacon

Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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) or Koo Wee Rup (5997 1510 or email, 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) or Koo Wee Rup (5997 1510 or email, 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: An online meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7.00 pm.

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

Today's Gospel and Reflection

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

WALKING ON THE SEA WITH JESUS

Jesus sends his disciples off to cross the lake by boat, while he disperses the crowd. When eventually he rejoins the disciples, now battling with a headwind and heavy seas, he does so by walking on the sea.

In biblical imagery to tread down raging water is something only God can do (Psalm 77:19; Job 9:8; Isaiah 43: 16). Jesus' reassurance to the terrified disciples, 'It is I; fear not', echoes the revelation of God to Moses at the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:14).

What prompts Peter's desire to come to Jesus across the sea? Love or bravado? Perhaps a mixture of both - but also, surely, faith. Faith enables him to trample for a time the forces of destruction. But when he looks away from his Lord, to focus instead upon the wind and sea, doubt creeps in, and with doubt the gravest danger.

Peter 'models' the mixture of faith and doubt to which all believers are prone. Jesus' gentle rebuke, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?', applies to us all. Sometimes the Lord calls us to leave the security of the boat and come to him across the waves. We begin to falter when we take our eyes off Jesus and focus only on the difficulties that come our way.

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