MOYNE REGIONAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Mass Times 2017

1st Sunday of the month
Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm
Yambuk 9.00 am
Port Fairy 10.30 am

2nd Sunday of the Month
Port Fairy (Sat) 6.30 pm
Hawkesdale 9.00am
Koroit 10.30 am

3rd Sunday of the Month
Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm
Orford 9.00 am
Port Fairy 10.30 am

4th Sunday of the Month
Port Fairy (Sat) 6.30 pm
Koroit 10.30 am

5th Sunday of the Month
Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm
Port Fairy 10.30 am

Easy to remember:
First, third and fifth Sundays, Mass Sunday Morning at Port Fairy,

Responsorial Psalm (R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.
1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’ (R.)

2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:
David Lenehan; Peg Kennedy;
Patricia McGurk; Maria Meagher

NO MASS in Port Fairy on Tuesday April 3rd

NO Mass in Koroit on Wednesday April 4th.

To all parishioners and visitors
Best wishes for a very holy, happy and safe Easter
Koroit News:
Koroit: Planned Giving: $519.50
Presbytery: $416.40

Port Fairy News:
Planned Giving: $440.00
Presbytery: $313.00

Remember these Dates:
Thursday May 10: Mass at Belfast House 10.30am
Sunday May 13: Mothers’ Day
Sunday May 20: Confirmation at Port Fairy
Sunday May 27: Confirmation at Koroit
Thursday May 31: Ecumenical Service at Belfast House 11.00am

Easter
Three days of close companionship with Jesus have led us into the fathomless mystery of divine love. From start to finish we have gloried “in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and resurrection; through him we are saved and made free” (Gal 6:14). Via a wealth of symbol and rite – towel and basin, table of word, table of Eucharist, tree of life, paschal candle, waters of rebirth, oil of holiness – our eyes have been opened to see the new creation. God has said “Yes” to us in Christ; in Christ we say “Amen” to God (2 Cor 1:19-20) and today add “Alleluia!”

The Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and the Ballarat Diocesan Historical Commission
Presents an Irish Heritage Exhibition
9.30am – 4.30pm, Saturday April 14th & Sunday April 15th
The collections of the Diocese and Historical Commission preserve the stories of many ethnic communities and their contribution our region and to Australia. On this occasion we present the Irish Heritage collection and invite you to visit. Admission – Adults gold coin donation. Front entrance (beside the cathedral bell tower) St Patrick’s Hall Dawson St South. (Up the stairs).

REFLECTION
by Dianne Bergant CSS
Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery.

The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians. The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

Blessing of the Home
(Please take home some Easter Water and bless your family and home with it.)

In the name of the Father ...

Let us Pray:
Lord God, bless our family and home. May our home be a place of peace, love and faith. Watch over us and protect us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading:
A reading from the book of Revelations:
“Look, I’m standing at your door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share in your meal, side by side with you.”
(The family blesses themselves with the Easter Water as a reminder of their Baptism. The house is then blessed by sprinkling some of the Easter Water throughout it.)