### **MASSES DURING THE WEEK:**

Koroit: Tuesday; Wednesday; Friday 10.00am Port Fairy: Tuesday; Thursday 10.00am

FUNERAL MASSES WILL ALWAYS TAKE THE PLACE OF **ROSTERED WEEKDAY MASSES.** 

CONFESSIONS: following the last Mass of the week in each of the Parishes or by appointment.

#### FATIMA STATUE (Port Fairy) Devotions will

be in the Church on Tuesday and Thursday (when there is morning Mass) with Rosary from 9.30 am.

THE ROSARY is recited in The Church of The Infant Jesus, Koroit, before each weekday Mass

#### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

First Reading 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Samuel anoints David king.

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14 Live in the light.

**Gospel** Jn 9:1-41

Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth on the sabbath.

Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

### **Koroit Roster**

Leader: Leonie Sinnott

Readers: Fiona Moir; Gerard Auld

Extraordinary Ministers: Christine Russell; Jenny Auld; Betty

Gifts: Wendy & Michael Lane & family

Counters for March: Kevin Lane; Peter Lynch; Brian Russell. Church Cleaning Flower Roster for March: Helen Carey; Joan

McMahon

#### Port Fairv:

Leader: Mary Bishop Reader: David Ryan

Special Ministers: Teresa Wales; Martina Murrihy; John Hoy

Gifts: M & E Bishop

Hospital:

Church Cleaning/ Flower Roster for March: Jean Paton; Lynda

Hughes.

### 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,

#### Parish Priest: Fr. William van de Camp

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# Moyne Regional Catholic Community The Parishes of St Patrick's, Port Fairy Infant Jesus, Koroit



3rd Sunday in Lent

19.03.2017

## **Responsorial Psalm** (R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord: hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
- 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pas- Glory to you, Word of God, Lord ture. the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)



3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test:

when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world:

give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Jesus Christ!

**Recent Deaths:** David Fravne Patrick Wraight (Essendon) **Anniversaries:** 



### **Koroit News:**

Koroit: Planned Giving:

\$350.00

Presbytery: \$301.20

## **Port Fairy News:**

Planned Giving: \$425.80 Presbytery: \$1538.50

## **Project Compassion**

Many First Australians, were torn from their family and culture as a child. Forced to grow up in the State-run Kinchela Boys Home (KBH), they suffered violence and pain that haunted their adult years. Now, through Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, a Caritas Australia partner, they are reconnecting with former KBH boys in a program that restores their wellbeing and helps their families.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each

other on the journey to wellbeing.

"Commitment to truth opens the way to lasting reconciliation"
Pope Benedict

### **March Dates:**

Tuesday 21st: First reconcilia-

tion Port Fairy 7.00pm

Wednesday 22nd: Port Fairy Finance Committee meeting 5.00pm

Wednesday 22nd: First Reconciliation Koroit 7.00pm

Thursday 23rd: Mass at Bel-

fast House 10.30am

Thursday March 30: mass at Movnevana House.

Monday, April 10 Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 10, 2017. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church

# The Rise of Irish Australia -TV documentary

Available on SBS On Demand - SBS is screening this at 5.30pm on Saturday, March 18 but after that you can see it online at <a href="www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/programs">www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/programs</a>. The documentary tells the story of the impact of Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising here in Australia, featuring Archbishop Mannix and many others.

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'? The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well.

This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

