MASSES DURING THE WEEK:

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

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

<u>CONFESSIONS</u>: following the last Mass of the week in each of the Parishes or <u>by appointment</u>.

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 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple.

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

Salvation is not earned but a gift from God.

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

Jesus converses with Nicodemus.

Koroit Roster March 11

Leader: Carmel Noonan

Readers: Maryanne Evans: John Rea

Extraordinary Ministers: Barbara Mills: Bob Shanahan: Fiona

Moir

Gifts: Julian & Vicki McElgunn & family

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

Port Fairy: March 11 Folk Festival Mass 6.00pm

Leader: Reader:

Special Ministers:

Gifts:

Hospital : M Gibb

Church Cleaning/ Flower Roster for March: Jean Paton: Linda

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,

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



3rd Sunday in Lent

04.03.2018

Responsorial Psalm (R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,

it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

- 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (*R*.)
- 3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
 The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (*R*.)
- 4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (*R*.)



Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Recent Deaths: John Murrihy

Anniversaries: Kevin Mugavin

Project Compassion

Bayan is a young Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan



Koroit News:

Koroit: Planned Giving: \$361.00

Presbytery: \$422.60

Port Fairy News:

Planned Giving: \$297.00 Presbytery: \$392.25

Saturday March 10:

Folk Festival Mass Port Fairy 6.00pm

Remember these Dates: Thursday, 8 March Mass at Belfast House 10.30am

Friday March 9: Mass & Anointing St Pat's School Hall, Koroit 2.00pm

Saturday March 17 -St Patrick's Day

Tuesday March 20: 1st Reconciliation Port Fairy

Wednesday 21 March: 1st Rec-

onciliation Koroit.

Thursday March 22nd: Ecumenical Service Belfast House 11.00am

Sunday 25 March: Palm Sunday Monday, March 26, 2018 Mass of the Oils

International Women's Day – Thursday, March 8, 2018

The Catholic Church in Australia, like others individuals and organisations around the world, will celebrate International Women's Day on March 8. The focus for this year is celebrating rural women and how they can be supported to face their particular challenges.



Think for a moment of the last time you saw or heard a reference to God on a television program, in a song, or some other popular medium. Chances are, the reference was one of a judging, vengeful, punishing God. This sort of image plays particularly well with a modern audience. It's easier to dismiss God as irrelevant if we can paint God in that sort of image. TV sitcoms do it particularly well with thunderclaps, bolts of lightening and booming, disapproving voices from above. It's much harder to dismiss a God of love who will go to extremes to demonstrate that love.

Plenary Council 2020

Australia's Catholic bishops have announced that in the year 2020 there will be a -nary council of the entire Catholic Church in Australia. The last such council met in 1937, but unlike that one, which included only bishops, male theologians and superiors of men's religious orders, the 2020 event will include members of the laity, including a large representation of women. Critical issues affecting the Australian Church will be considered, including the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It s anticipated that the agenda will be drawn up in consultation with Australian communities before 2020.

Irish Heritage Exhibition – POSTPONED

PLEASE NOTE: This exhibition has been postponed

Sacred Heart College Ballarat 1962-1966 Reunion

There is to be a reunion of the classes commencing Year 8 in 1962 and concluding in 1966, the final year of students at SHC (before the grand opening of St Martins in the Pines), day pupils and borders inclusive, on April 14 at GC's (opposite St Patrick's Cathedral. RSVP asap (to secure a venue) to Barbara Ford (Meich), text /phone /message 0424503244

Youth and Young Adults Ministry Project Workers Appointed

Bishop Paul is pleased to announce the appointment of Noeline Hogan and Patrick Kennedy to the position of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Project Worker for the Diocese of Ballarat for a term of 12 months.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the *axis mundi*, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where threeway cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of

the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it? Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God. Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law. Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?

