



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.***

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

***Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.***

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

***Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.***

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

***Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom
of David our Father;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember **Bob Favelle, Allan Freeman, Brian Lane, and Kerry Thistlethwaite** (Nanango, Qld) who died recently, and **Fay McAlinden** whose anniversary occurs at this time.



FR JOHN'S WEEKDAY MASSES

1pm Tuesday

Requiem Mass for Brian Lane

St Patrick's Church, Port Fairy

10am Wednesday

Infant Jesus Church, Koroit

2pm Friday

Anointing Mass

St Patrick's School, Koroit

11am Saturday

St Patrick's Church, Port Fairy

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$281.10

Port Fairy: \$171.00

Monthly planned giving (Oct)

Koroit pledged: \$2,162.00

Koroit received: \$2,513.00

Port Fairy pledged: \$1,512.00

Port Fairy received: \$1,474.00



NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR THE END OF DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have asked us to pray throughout November for an end to the drought.

Eternal God,
In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our drought-stricken land,
on our starving animals,
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers and to all who are
affected by drought;
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned,
and through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
renew your faithful people;
renew the face of the earth.

Holy Mary, help of Christians, *pray for us.*

St Mary of the Cross, *pray for us.*



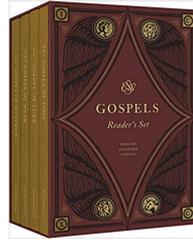
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Christmas Cards — \$3 per pack

Columban Calendars — \$8 each

These items are available to buy after every Sunday Mass until Christmas.

ESV GOSPELS, READER'S SET



Terrible for bible study, but perfect for spiritual reading and prayer! Makes a great gift. Boxed sets are now available to buy after Mass. The price is \$35. To order online, visit: www.acountrypriest.com/es

PLENARY COUNCIL MEETING

7:30pm, Tuesday 3rd December

Our next regional meeting focuses on the call to be a *Missionary and Evangelising Church*. St Joseph's Parish Hall. All welcome.

MASS, FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

11am – 12pm, every Saturday of Advent, at Port Fairy.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



6:30pm Christmas Eve

Koroit and Port Fairy

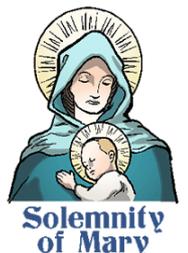
9am Christmas Day

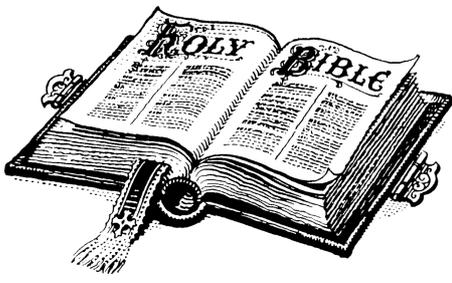
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NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

10pm New Year's Eve
Late Night Mass, Port Fairy

10am New Year's Day
Morning Mass, Koroit





SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

IN EXPECTATION OF OUR LORD

“Everybody knows, even those of us who have lived most un-adventurously,” says Ronald Knox in a sermon on Advent, *“what it is to plod on for miles, it seems, eagerly straining your eyes towards the lights that, somehow, mean home. How difficult it is, when you are doing that to judge distances! In pitch darkness, it might be a couple of miles to your destination, it might be a few hundred yards. So it was, I think, with the Hebrew prophets, as they looked forward to the redemption of their people. They could not have told you, within 100 years, within 500 years, when it was the deliverance would come. They only knew that, some time, the stock of David would burgeon anew; some time, a key would be found to fit the door of their prison house; some time, the light that only showed, now, like a will o’ the wisp*

on the horizon would broaden out, at last, into the perfect day.”

This attitude of expectation is one which the Church wants to encourage in us, her children, permanently. She sees it as an essential part of our “Christian drill” that we should still be looking forward; getting on for 2,000 years now, since the first Christmas Day came and went, and we must still be looking forward. So she encourages us, during Advent, to take the shepherd folk for our guides, and imagine ourselves travelling with them, at dead of night, straining our eyes towards that chink of light which streams out, we know, from the cave at Bethlehem.

When the Messiah came, few were really expecting him. *“He came unto his own and his own received him not.”* The people in our Lord’s time had been blind to what was most essential in their lives and in the life of the world. *“So stay awake,”* Our Lord tells us in today’s gospel. *“Wake up now,”* St Paul echoes. For you and I too can forget what is most fundamental in our existence, what our life here on earth is about. The

Church reminds us of this with a four week period of preparation, so that we can get ourselves ready to celebrate Christmas once more. And at the same time so that, with the first coming to the world of God made Man, we may heed those other ‘Advents’ of God – first when we die, and then again at the end of time. The holy season is a time of preparation and hope.

Come, O Lord, and do not delay. Let us make straight His path... The Lord is soon to arrive. If we are aware that our sight is clouded and that we don’t see clearly the radiance emanating from Bethlehem – from the infant Jesus – it is time to rid ourselves of whatever impairs our vision. Now is the time for an especially good examination of conscience and for a thorough interior purification which will benefit us to receive and to welcome that expected guest who is God. It is the moment to take note of the things that separate us from Him, to loosen their hold and cast them from us. Our examination, then, must penetrate to the very roots of our actions and scrutinize deep down in our hearts the motives which inspire our actions.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Our Child Safe Policies can be read at our church entrances and on our webpages. Our safe-guarding officer is Peter Sanderson.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading. *Isaiah 11:1-10.*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse.

Second Reading. *Romans 15:4-9.*

Christ is the savior of all men.

Gospel. *Matthew 3:1-12.*

The one who follows me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

KOROIT: 8th December, 10:30am

Leader: Fiona Moir.

Readers: Mark Moloney, Gerard Auld.

Communion: Jenny Auld, Maryanne Evans, John Rea.

Gifts: Mary Kelly.

Counters for December: A. & T. Brady.

Cleaning and Flowers for November: Lorraine Dunne and Margaret Moloney.

PORT FAIRY: 7th December, 6:30pm

Welcome and Intercessions: Eve Tamer.

Lector: David Ryan.

Communion: Teresa Wales, Sr Maureen, John Hoy.

Gifts: N. and D. Irving.

Cleaning and Flowers for December: Helen Moloney and Mary Gibb.

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Sunday of the month

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

2nd Sunday of the month

Port Fairy (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Koroit: 10.30am Sun

3rd Sunday of the month

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

4th Sunday of the month

Port Fairy (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Koroit: 10.30am Sun

5th Sunday of the month

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

RECONCILIATION

After 11am Saturday Mass

St Patrick's, Port Fairy

(during Advent)

5pm-6:15pm, Saturday

at the place of the Vigil Mass.

After 10am Wednesday Mass

Infant Jesus, Koroit

After 10am Thursday Mass

St Patrick's, Port Fairy

NEARBY PARISHES:

After 9:30am Friday Mass

Our Lady's, East Warrnambool

After 10am Friday Mass

St Joseph's, Warrnambool

After 10am Saturday Mass

St Pius X, West Warrnambool

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