



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy
Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 28th December and Sunday 29th December 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.***

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

***Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.***

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

***Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.***

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

***Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

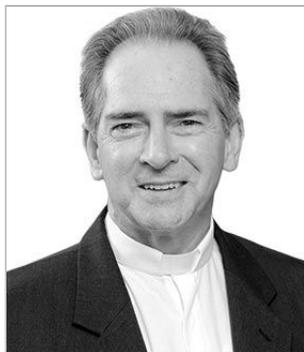
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The twelve days of
Christmas span 25th December to
6th January, and the Season of
Christmas formally concludes
with the Baptism of the Lord
on Sunday 12th January.



THANK YOU to the many
parishioners who assisted so
generously during the Seasons
of Advent and Christmas. Thank
you, too, for your friendship and
support during 2019 and your
good wishes for 2020.

May God bless you
all in the New Year and
beyond. Fr John.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese responds to many communities, near and far, who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have a personal link to the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

I commend the Christmas Appeal to you. I am aware that there are many times throughout the year when you are invited to respond to appeals for very worthy causes, but I hope you can continue to support this particular appeal.

I thank you for your support for last year's appeal. The money was distributed as follows:

Townsville flood appeal	\$5,000
Catholic Mission	\$5,000
Caritas Australia	\$5,000
Sunraysia drought relief.	\$5,000
OnePlate food program	\$5,000
3BA Christmas appeal	\$4,000
Nazareth House, Ballarat	\$4,000
Soup bus (OnTrak Foundation)	\$2,000
Uniting Care meal program	\$2,000
Exodus Community, Wendouree . . .	\$2,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Human Trafficking (ACRATH)	\$2,000
Opening the Doors Education Foundation	\$2,000
Edmund Rice Education	\$2,000

Total donations made in 2019: \$45,000

With every good wish I am
Yours sincerely in Christ

+ Paul Bird CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat



NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

10pm New Year's Eve
Late Night Mass, Port Fairy
10am New Year's Day
Morning Mass, Koroit



SUMMER SCHOOL IN BACCHUS MARSH, 12th-19th JANUARY

For ages 16-35. A powerful week of encountering God: great speakers, uplifting worship, beautiful liturgies, and vibrant community. Get your 2020 off to the best start! *The Diocese is offering financial assistance. Fr John has details.* Visit www.facebook.com/ssemelbourne/ or www.summerschool.org.au or contact 0467 092 091; melbourne.sse@gmail.com

A Warrnambool participant writes:

"This week changed my whole life last year so I am trying my hardest to encourage any young people to come along. Even if not overly strong in their faith, the school is so much fun and a great way to make new friends!"



CPE provides accredited training and experience in the practice of pastoral care. A new CPE program begins locally in February 2020. For more information and application contact Bernadette Wurlod: 0455 033 321.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

The Messiah wanted to start his redemptive task in the heart of a simple, ordinary family. The first thing that Jesus sanctified with his presence was a home. Nothing extraordinary happened during those years in Nazareth where Jesus spent the greater part of his life.

Joseph was the head of the family. He was a father according to the law and it was he who supported Jesus and Mary with his work. It is he who received the message as to what name he must give the Child: *And you shall call his name Jesus*, and heard the words of those who wanted to protect the Child: *“Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.”* And later: *“Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel. Do not go to Bethlehem, but to Nazareth.”* It was from Joseph that Jesus

learned his trade, which was to be his means of earning a living. Jesus must often have shown his admiration and affection for him.

From Mary, Jesus learned certain turns of phrase, popular expressions full of wisdom which he was later to use in his preaching. He saw how she kept back a little dough from one day to the next, so that it could act as leaven; she added water and mixed it with the new dough, leaving it to rise, well covered with a clean cloth. When his mother mended their clothes, the Child used to watch her. If a garment was torn she would look for a piece of cloth to match. Jesus, with a child's curiosity, would ask her why she did not use a new piece of cloth. Our Lady explained to him that when new patches are washed they pull on the old cloth and tear it; that was why she had to make a patch out of used cloth ... The best clothes, the ones they wore on feast days, were kept in a chest. Mary also took great care to place certain aromatic plants between them so as to prevent moths from damaging them. Years later these occurrences will appear in Jesus' preaching.

Mary spent nearly every day of her life like millions

of other women who look after their families, bring up their children and take care of the house. Mary sanctifies the ordinary everyday things – what some people wrongly regard as unimportant and insignificant: everyday work, looking after those closest to you, visits to friends and relatives. What a blessed ordinariness, that can be so full of love of God!

Between Joseph and Mary there existed a holy affection, a spirit of service, and a mutual desire for each other's happiness. This is Jesus' family: sacred, holy, exemplary, a model of human virtues, ready to carry out God's will exactly. A Christian home must be an imitation of the house of Nazareth: a place where there is plenty of room for God so that He can be right at the centre of the love that members of the family have for one another.

Is our home like this? Do we dedicate to it the time and attention that it deserves? Is Jesus its centre? Do we live only for the others? These are some questions which we could ask in our prayer today, whilst we contemplate Jesus, Mary and Joseph on the feast that the Church dedicates to them.

KOROIT: 4th January, 6:30pm

Leader: Margaret Cashill.

Readers: Doreen Bowran and Kate Dobson.

Communion: Christine Russell, Clare Gleeson, Margaret Moloney.

Gifts: Leisa McCosh and family.

Counters for December: Leo Freeman, Brendan Holscher, Des Walsh, Robbie Mugavin.

Cleaning and Flowers for December: Clare Gleeson and Trish Shanahan.

PORT FAIRY: 5th January, 10:30am

Welcome and Intercessions: Rosie Palmer.

Lector: Jean Fitzgibbon.

Communion: Sr Maureen, Marj Murrphy, Henk Winnen.

Gifts: H. and B. Moloney.

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 SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading. *Isaiah 60:1-6.*

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Second Reading. *Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6.*

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Gospel. *Matthew 2:1-12.*

The visit of the Magi.

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

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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