



# MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



## *Second Sunday of Advent*

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.***

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.  
**R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **R.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of  
God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember ***Teresa  
Hurley*** and ***Kerry  
Thistlethwaite*** (Nanango,  
Qld) who died recently, and  
all those whose anniversaries  
occur at this time.



### FR JOHN'S WEEKDAY MASSES

***10am Wednesday***

Infant Jesus Church, Koroit

***10am Thursday***

**School Mass of Thanksgiving**

St Patrick's Church, Port Fairy

***2pm Friday***

**School Mass of Thanksgiving**

Infant Jesus Church, Koroit

***11am Saturday***

St Patrick's Church, Port Fairy

### THANK YOU FOR GIVING

#### Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$245.50

Port Fairy: \$354.35

#### Monthly planned giving (Nov)

Koroit pledged: \$3,227.00

Koroit received: \$2,352.00

Port Fairy pledged: \$2,572.00

Port Fairy received: \$1,506.50

# ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Giving Trees are standing at the rear of both our churches. This initiative of the Koroit and Port Fairy conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society affords us an opportunity to make Christmas special for those in material need. You simply take an envelope from the tree, enclose a donation of your choosing, and place it on the Sunday collection plate. Any size donation will be greatly appreciated.



**Christmas Cards — \$3 per pack**  
**Columban Calendars — \$8 each**

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

## 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**  
Port Fairy

## NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

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



## YAMBUK, HAWKESDALE & ORFORD CHURCHES

Representatives from Yambuk, Hawkesdale and Orford met with Fr John Fitzgerald this week to discuss the future of these recently closed churches. The buildings have started to fall into disrepair and will continue to do so while vacant. It is highly unlikely that the churches will ever be reopened and it was agreed that the properties should be sold. Permission will be sought from Bishop Paul Bird and it is expected that the sale of Orford and Yambuk will proceed early next year. Further discussions will be held with the Hawkesdale community to examine all options. More details will follow.

## PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PICNIC



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Fiddler's Green,\***  
**Bank & Sackville Streets.**

Free sausage sizzle, 6pm to 7pm.

School choir and local choirs,  
musicians, games. 6:30 to 8pm.

*\* If the weather is bad, we'll relocate  
to St Patrick's School Hall.*



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

### JOHN THE BAPTIST: AN ADVENT FIGURE

The Saviour is about to arrive and nobody notices a thing. The world goes on as usual, completely oblivious. Only Mary knows – and Joseph who has been told by the angel. The world is in darkness. Christ is still in Mary's womb. And there are God's Chosen People, still arguing about the Messiah, without any idea that he is so near. Only a few people are expecting the Consolation of Israel: Simeon, Anna ... We are in Advent, a time of waiting.

During this liturgical period the Church proposes for our meditation the figure of John the Baptist. For *"this was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."* (Mt 3:3)

The Messiah's coming was preceded by prophets who announced his arrival from afar, like heralds who announce the arrival of a great king. John appears as the dividing line between

the Old Testament and the New. Our Lord himself teaches something about John when He talks about *"the law and the prophets down to John the Baptist."* John is the personification of antiquity and the announcement of new times. Representing antiquity, he is born to elderly parents. As the harbinger of new times, he shows that he is a prophet from his mother's womb. He was not yet born when, on hearing Our Lady, he leaps for joy inside his mother's womb. John is called *prophet of the Most High*, because his mission is "to go before the Lord to prepare his ways, teaching the knowledge of salvation to his people."

The whole of John's life is determined by this mission, even from before his birth. This is his vocation. His whole purpose is to prepare, for Jesus, a people capable of receiving the Kingdom of God. At the same time he is to give public testimony of Him. John will not seek personal fulfilment through his work but has come to prepare a perfect people for the Lord. He will not do it because it appeals to him, but because it was for this very purpose he was conceived. This is what all apostolate is about: forgetting oneself and

fostering a true concern for others.

John was to carry out his task to the full, even to the extent of giving up his life in the fulfilment of his vocation. Many came to know Jesus through John the Baptist's apostolic work. It was through an express indication of his that the first disciples followed Jesus. And many others were inwardly prepared thanks to his preaching.

One's vocation embraces one's whole life, and our whole being works towards fulfilment of the divine mission. God makes the conversion of many children of Israel depend on John's future response.

In their place and circumstances, every person has a God given vocation. The divine will desires many other things that depend on the fulfilment of that vocation. *"Many great things depend – don't forget it – on whether you and I live our lives as God wants."* (St Josemaría Escrivá, *The Way*, no. 755.)

Do we bring the people around us closer to God? Do we give good example in the way we carry out our work, in our family, in our social relations? Do we speak about God to our peers?

## 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

### Third Sunday of Advent

**First Reading.** *Isaiah 35:1-6,10.*

God himself is coming to save you.

**Second Reading.** *James 5:7-10.*

Do not lose heart;  
the Lord's coming will be soon.

**Gospel.** *Matthew 11:2-11.*

A greater than John the Baptist  
Have never been seen.

## 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

## KOROIT: 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30pm

**Leader:** Helen Carey.

**Readers:** Fran Biber, Margaret Moloney.

**Communion:** Lorraine Dunne, Clare Gleeson, Kate Dobson.

**Gifts:** Maree and Patrick Lane and family.

**Counters for December:** A. & T. Brady.

**Cleaning and Flowers for December:** Lorraine Dunne and Margaret Moloney.

## PORT FAIRY: 15<sup>th</sup> December, 10:30am

**Welcome and Intercessions:** H. Robertson.

**Lector:** Trish Grady.

**Communion:** J. Moloney, Marj Murrhly, Louise Tamer.

**Gifts:** H. and B. Moloney.

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

## 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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