

#### MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



# Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 12th October and Sunday 13th October 2019

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

# The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

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The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

# The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he

expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

# THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for

Des McNamara
(Grassmere) and

John Darcy who
died recently and Jack

Lynch whose anniversary
occurs at this time.

# **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, 10am Koroit.
(Note change of day.)
Thursday, 10am, Port Fairy.

#### THANK YOU FOR GIVING

### Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$224.10 Port Fairy: \$244.30

# Monthly planned giving (Sept.)

Koroit pledged: \$4,682.50 Koroit received: \$2,741.50 Port Fairy pledged: \$3,950.00 Port Fairy received: \$2,085.00

#### ST PATRICK'S SPRING FAIR

# **Sunday 13 October**

Attractions include:

- live music;
- an obstacle course;
- market stalls;
- sideshow alley;
- lots of food, including gluten free and vegetarian options;
- a public reading and book signing by children's author Matt Porter;
- Wicked Wildlife interactive shows.

## 10am to 2pm. FREE ENTRY!



# **GLOBAL ROSARY**

Sunday 13 October marks the 102nd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. A global rosary has been organised to

commemorate that event, praying for world peace and reparation for sins, as well as each country's specific intentions. Australians are asked to offer the rosary for protection of our country and its people, for priests and religious, and for the sanctity of life and marriage.

# **SOME DEFINITE SERVICE**

by St John Henry Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission — I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am necessary for His purposes; I have a part in this great work. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us.

God does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me — still He knows what He is about.

## **PLENARY COUNCIL**

You are invited to a meeting at St Joseph's Parish, at **7:30pm Tuesday 29th October**, on the calling to be a humble, healing and merciful Church.



# SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

**BEING GRATEFUL** 

On his final journey to Jerusalem Jesus was passing between Samaria and Galilee. Entering a village there He was met by ten lepers. They stood at a distance because the Law forbade lepers from coming into close contact with other people. Among this group of lepers there was a Samaritan, although Jews and Samaritans normally avoided one another. Segregation and disgrace had brought traditional enemies together. They lifted up their voices in a petition that moved the Heart of Jesus: Master! Take pity on us. They threw themselves at God's mercy. He told them to go and show themselves to the local priests. The Law laid down that such cures had to be verified in this way. The lepers obeyed the Lord and went on their way, as if they had already been healed. Because of their faith and docility, they were freed from their infirmity.

The lepers are teachers of prayer. They had recourse to divine mercy, which is the source of all graces. They demonstrate the road to healing, a road which is open to all of us, no matter what kind of leprosy we may carry in our souls. The lesson is to have faith and to be docile to those who speak in the name of the Lord. We will

hear Our Lord's voice especially through the means of spiritual direction.

And as they went they were cleansed. We can easily imagine their amazement and joy. In the midst of all this excitement, they forgot all about Jesus. Only one of the group, the Samaritan, turned back to where the Lord was with his disciples. He probably went back running. The Evangelist has him praising God at the top of his voice. He fell at the feet of the Master to give thanks for the cure. What a beautiful and profoundly human reaction! What better words may we carry in our heart, pronounce with our mouth, write with a pen, than the words, 'Thanks be to God'? There is no phrase that may be said so readily, that can be heard with greater joy, felt with more emotion or produced with greater effect. Gratitude is a wonderful virtue.

Surely the Lord was delighted by the gratitude of this Samaritan. At the same time, he was disappointed at the absence of the other nine. "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they?" Jesus shows us his surprise at the turn of events: "It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner." Today in our prayer let us try to make up for all the times we ourselves have been remiss and ungrateful. Certainly our lives have been full of divine cures, invitations and encounters. St John Chrysostom wrote that the gifts we receive from God greatly exceed the grains of sand on the seashore.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

First Reading. Exodus 17:8-13.
As long as Moses kept his arm raised, Israel held the advantage.

Second Reading. 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2.

The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Gospel. Luke 18:1-8.

The parable of the unjust judge.

# KOROIT: 19th October, 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 October: Jim Madden, Maurice

Mahony

Cleaning and Flowers for October: Marie Wakefield, Mary Moloney.

# PT FAIRY: 20th October, 10:30am

**Leader:** Graeme Munro. **Readers:** Trish Blythe.

Communion: J. Moloney, Sr Maureen, T.

Hutchinson.

Gifts: M. McAlinden and F. Lynch.

Cleaning and Flowers for October: Martina

Murrihy and Imelda Dowdle.

#### **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

EASY TO REMEMBER:

Port Fairy, Sunday morning: 1st, 3rd and 5th Koroit, Sunday morning: 2nd and 4th

### **RECONCILIATION**

5pm-6pm, Wednesdays

Infant Jesus, Koroit

5pm-6pm, Thursdays

St Patrick's, Port Fairy

5pm-6pm, Saturdays

At the place of the Vigil Mass

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# WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.

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