



**MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy  
Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



# *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019*

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

***If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.***

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

***If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.***

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.

***If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands  
for ever;  
it is the word given to you,  
the Good News.

Alleluia!

## **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Please pray for  
**Patrick Burris**  
who died recently  
and **Robert  
Brown, Ron McCutcheon**  
and **Bill McCutcheon** whose  
anniversaries occur at the  
time.



## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

*No Mass Wed or Thu.*

Friday, at Port Fairy  
**2pm Requiem Mass**  
for Pat Burris.

(Rosary, 7:30pm Thursday)

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING

### Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$223.80

Port Fairy: \$337.55

### 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

## PLENARY COUNCIL

In the current stage of Listening and Discerning, a number of meetings will be held in local parishes to explore each of the six defined themes:

- On the calling to be a *humble, healing and merciful* Church: 7:30pm meeting at St Joseph's, on Tuesday 29th October.
- On the calling to be more *prayerful and eucharistic*: OLHC, November date and time TBA.
- *Missionary and evangelising*: St Joseph's, December date and time TBA.
- *A joyful, hope-filled and servant community*: St Pius X, March date and time TBA.

The parishes of Koroit and Port Fairy have been invited to host a Plenary Council meeting in February or April, around the themes of *Inclusive, participatory and synodal, or Open to conversion, renewal and reform*. The Parish Leadership Team will advise on details in the coming weeks.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH & HEALING

The Warrnambool Moving Forward group is organising an *Open Space Forum* focused on health and healing for Saturday 23rd November at the Emmanuel Centre. 10:30am to 2:30pm. All welcome.

## ST PATRICK'S SPRING FAIR

Sunday 13 October 2019

Attractions include:

- live music;
- an obstacle course;
- market stalls;
- sideshow alley;
- a public reading and book signing by children's author Matt Porter;
- Wicked Wildlife interactive show.

**10am to 2pm. FREE ENTRY!**



## TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

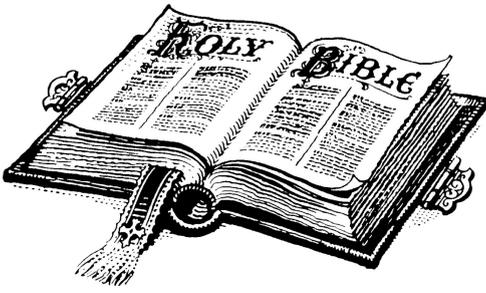
28th May to 10th June, 2020

Join Fr John Fitzgerald on a two week pilgrimage to Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and other holy places. It will transform your appreciation of the Gospels. Email:

[colleend@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:colleend@harvestjourneys.com)

## PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Thank you to those people who have already nominated names to join the new Pastoral Leadership Teams (one team for Koroit and another for Port Fairy). Nominations close this weekend, and then those who were nominated will be invited to consider accepting a place on the team.



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

### TO GROW IN FAITH

The liturgy this Sunday focuses on the virtue of faith. In the First Reading the Prophet Habakkuk complains to the Lord about the apparent triumph of evil over good. He laments the mistreatment of the chosen people by invaders who flaunt their scandalous behaviour. *How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.*

The Lord answers the Prophet with a call to patience and hope. The day will come when the evil ones will be punished: *See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.* Even when it seems that evil has triumphed, as if God did not exist, we need to remember that God and his followers will triumph in the end. Living by faith means realizing that God calls us to live as his children in every moment of the day. We must be patient and place our hope in him.

In the Second Reading, St Paul exhorts Timothy to remain firm in his vocation, to preach the truth without being inhibited by human respect: *I*

*am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control.* St Thomas Aquinas teaches that the grace of God is like a fire that loses its brilliance when the ashes are covered over. This is what happens when charity is almost smothered by lukewarmness or human respect. The fortitude needed to advance the Faith springs from the furnace of our interior life, which must never be allowed to go out. This is what we must ask from the Lord: *who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads. Give what prayer does not dare to ask.* (From today's Collect or Opening Prayer.) Give us a strong faith so that we may overcome our defects and give proper testimony to others.

In the words of St Josemaría: *There are men who have no faith, who are sad and hesitant because of the emptiness of their existence, and exposed like weathercocks to 'changeable' circumstances. How different that is from our trusting life as Christians, which is cheerful, firm and solid, because we know and are absolutely convinced of our supernatural destiny!* What inspiration we can derive from faith! With this source of energy we can overcome the obstacles of difficult circumstances or personal weaknesses.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *2 Kings 5:14-17.*

Naaman the leper returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.

Second Reading. *2 Timothy 2:8-13.*

If we hold firm then we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel. *Luke 17:11-19.*

Noone has come back to praise God, except for this foreigner.

## KOROIT: 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am

Leader: Fiona Moir.

Readers: Mark Moloney, Gerard Auld.

Communion: Jenny Auld, Maryanne Evans, John Rea.

Gifts: Mary Kelly.

Counters for October: Jim Madden, Maurice Mahony

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

## 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

## PORT FAIRY: 12<sup>th</sup> October, 6:30pm

Leader: Joan McLean.

Readers: Martina Murrehy.

Communion: Teresa Wales, John Hoy, K. Loudon.

Gifts: H. and B. Moloney.

Cleaning and Flowers for October: Martina Murrehy and Imelda Dowdle.

## 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.