



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 28th September and Sunday 29th September 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are
oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and
orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but
he became poor,
to make you rich out of his
poverty.

Alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for
Joy Frayne who
died recently and
**Christopher
Lenenhan and Mary
Dunne** whose anniversary
occur at the time.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday, 10am Koroit.

Thursday, 10am, Port Fairy.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$254.30

Port Fairy: \$226.60

Monthly planned giving (August)

Koroit pledged: \$2,177.00

Koroit received: \$2,850.00

Port Fairy pledged: \$1,772.00

Port Fairy received: \$1,753.50

WELCOME TO FR BILL

Fr John Corrigan has another out-of-town wedding this weekend (tis the season!) so Fr Bill has kindly offered to supply the Masses in Koroit and Port Fairy. This follows a month of supply at St Pius X Parish, while Fr Michael Linehan was on holidays. From all reports Fr Bill's jokes were well received in West Warrnambool!

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.



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ST PATRICK'S SPRING FAIR

Sunday 13 October 2019

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 - two interactive shows.



10am to 2pm. FREE ENTRY!

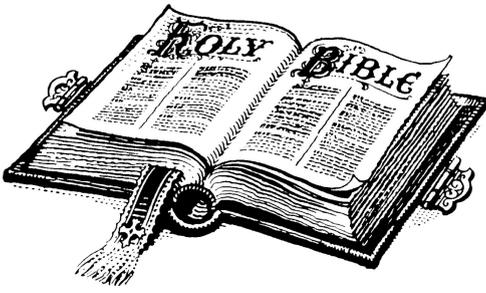
TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

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. Pilgrims also attend the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play in Bavaria. Email: 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). Details about the new teams, and nomination forms, are available at the entrances of both churches. Nominations will close next weekend, and then those who were nominated will be invited to consider whether they'd like to accept a place on the team. No pressure! God's holy will spurns coercion and thrives on free co-operation.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

Today's liturgy warns us that an excessive concern for comfort and the things of this world will inevitably lead to a neglect of God and neighbour. The Gospel records Christ's parable about a man who fell into this very trap. Instead of winning Heaven through the use of his wealth, he lost it forever. The story concerns a rich man — whom Sacred Tradition has called *Dives*, meaning rich man — who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently everyday. Meanwhile, at his door there was a poor man called Lazarus — the only person in all the Lord's parables whom Jesus names — covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

The Lord contrasts two extreme conditions in this parable: vast wealth in one case, tremendous need in the other. Jesus says nothing about Dives' possessions themselves. He puts his entire emphasis on how they have been used, mentioning only expensive clothes and sumptuous daily banquets. Lazarus was not even given the left-overs.

Dives did nothing wrong as he amassed his fortune. He was not responsible for the wretched poverty of Lazarus — at least not in any direct

way. He did not take advantage of the situation to exploit Lazarus.

Nevertheless, Dives had a definite lifestyle. It might be summed up with the words *he feasted magnificently*. He lived for himself as if God did not exist. He had completely forgotten the fact that we are not owners of what we have, but only administrators.

Dives had a good time for himself. He was not against God, nor did he oppress his impoverished neighbour. He was simply blind to the existence of the needy person on his doorstep. He lived for himself and spared himself no expense. What was his sin? He did not see Lazarus. He could have cared for Lazarus if he had not been so selfish. He did not use his wealth in a way that was in conformity with God's desires. He did not know how to share. St Augustine comments: "*Lazarus was received into Heaven because of his humility and not because of his poverty. Wealth itself was not what kept the rich man from eternal bliss. His punishment was for selfishness and disloyalty."*

Selfishness can be manifested in an insatiable desire to possess more and more material goods. It can make people blind to the needs of their neighbours. Selfish people come to treat others as if they were objects without value. Let us remember today that we all have needy people living alongside of us — people like Lazarus. We cannot forget to administer what we have with generosity. In addition to the sharing of material goods, we should also be sowers of understanding, sympathy, and friendship.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4.*

The upright man will live by his faithfulness.

Second Reading. *2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14.*

Never be ashamed of witness to our Lord.

Gospel. *Luke 17:5-10.*

Say, "we are merely servants."

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

KOROIT: 5th October, 6:30pm

Leader: Margaret Cashill.

Readers: Lorraine Dunne, Doreen Bowron.

Communion: Carmel Noonan, Christine Russell, Maree Lane.

Gifts: Maureen Gavin and Bernadette Kirsch.

Counters for October: Jim Madden, Maurice Mahony

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

PT FAIRY: 6th October, 10:30am

Leader: Gen Verdonck.

Readers: Angela Hutchinson.

Communion: Tony Hutchinson, Sr Maureen, Marj Murrhy.

Gifts: M. Gibb and J. Corfield.

Cleaning and Flowers for October: Martina Murrhy 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.