

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK :**

Koroit: Tuesday; Wednesday; Friday 10.00am  
Port Fairy: Tuesday; Thursday 10.00am

**FUNERAL MASSES WILL ALWAYS TAKE THE PLACE OF ROSTERED WEEKDAY MASSES.**

**CONFESSIONS:** following the last Mass of the week in each of the Parishes or **by appointment.**

**FATIMA STATUE** (Port Fairy) Devotions will be in the Church on Tuesday and Thursday (when there is morning Mass) with Rosary from 9.30 am.



**THE ROSARY** is recited in The Church of The Infant Jesus, Koroit, before each weekday Mass

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**First Reading** Mi 5:1-4 The Lord foretells the coming of the Messiah from Bethlehem.

**Second Reading** Heb 10:5-10 Paul reveals Jesus as the new sacrificial offering.

**Gospel** Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth.



**Koroit Roster**

**Leader:** Leonie Sinnott

**Readers:** Fran Biber; Margaret Moloney

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Brenda Collins; Lorraine Dunne; Clare Gleeson

**Gifts:** Maree & Patrick Lane & family

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

**Church Cleaning Flower Roster for December :** Lorraine Dunne; Margaret Moloney



**Port Fairy :**

**Leader:** Trish Grady

**Reader :** Liz McVeigh

**Special Ministers:** T Hutchinson; Jim Delaney; Sr Maureen

**Gifts:** E & M Bishop

**Hospital :** Mary Dalton

**Church Cleaning/ Flower Roster for December:**

Helen Moloney; Mary Gibb

MOYNE REGIONAL  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
**January 2014**

Weekend Mass Times 2014

1st Sunday of the month

Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm

Yambuk 9.00 am

Port Fairy 10.30 am

2nd Sunday of the Month

Port Fairy (Sat) 6.30 pm

Hawkesdale 9.00am

Koroit 10.30 am

3rd Sunday of the Month

Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm

Orford 9.00 am

Port Fairy 10.30 am

4th Sunday of the Month

Port Fairy (Sat) 6.30 pm

Koroit 10.30 am

5th Sunday of the Month

Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm

Port Fairy 10.30 am

Easy to remember:

First, third and fifth

Sundays, Mass Sunday

Morning at Port Fairy,

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Moyne Regional Catholic Community  
The Parishes of  
St Patrick's, Port Fairy  
Infant Jesus, Koroit



Second Sunday of Advent

06.12.2015

**Responsorial Psalm**

*(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. *(R.)*

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. *(R.)*

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout  
for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *(R.)*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

According to the instructions of the Roman Missal the Gospel Acclamation is sung and if it is not sung, it is omitted.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Christ is coming!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

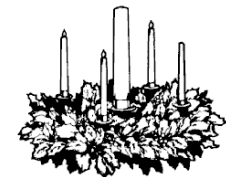
Prepare the Lord's way  
Make straight His paths  
All people then shall see  
Our God's salvation.

**Recent Deaths:**

Mia Winnen Mahler (The Netherlands); Janice Whitehead;

**Anniversaries:**

John, Molly, Peter and Mary Grant; Fr Pat O'Dowd



### **Koroit News:**

**Koroit:** Planned Giving: \$422.50  
Presbytery: \$281.50

### **Giftng Tree**

Koroit St Vincent de Paul Gifting Tree is now at the rear of the Infant Jesus church. This is an opportunity to make Christmas special for those in need.

Envelopes with donations may be placed on Sunday's collection plate. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Koroit end of **School Year Mass** will be held in the Infant Jesus Church at 2.00pm on Tuesday December 15.

### **Port Fairy News:**

Planned Giving \$344.00  
Presbytery \$ 377.50

**Rosters** for Christmas 2015 and January to April 2016 are now available from the back of the church. PLEASE collect your named copy as soon as possible

St Patrick's (Port Fairy) **end of school Year Mass** will be held at St Patrick's Church at 10.00am December 15

There will be a Working Bee to clean St Patrick's Church following our current restoration on Wednesday 16th December at 4.00pm. Long brooms, ladders cloths etc welcome.

**Columban Calendars**(\$7. 00)for sale now in Port Fairy and Koroit—Christmas Cards (\$3.00) also available.

### **About the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy began on 8th December 2015—the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council—and concludes on 20th November 2016. Pope Francis opened the door of St Peter's Basilica to officially welcome the Jubilee Year. He has said that the door will become "a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope."

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### **Christmas Ceremonies and Mass Times**

#### **Celebration of Forgiveness in preparation for Christmas**

**Port Fairy** Wednesday December 16 at 7.30pm

**Koroit** Thursday December 17 at 7.30pm

#### **Christmas Masses:**

**Port Fairy** 6.00pm Thursday (vigil) and 9.00 Friday (Christmas Day)

**Koroit** 7.30pm Thursday (vigil) and 10.30am Friday (Christmas Day)

**New Year's Day :** Port Fairy and Koroit : 10.00am

#### **REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSS

We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22).

Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the LORD is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birthpangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet.

