

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 Amos 8: 4-7.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2: 1-8.

Gospel Luke 16: 1-13.

Koroit

Leader: Carmel Madden

Readers: Fran Biber, Leonie Sinnott.

Extraordinary Ministers: Clare Gleeson, Doreen Bowron, Pat Lane.

Gifts: Maree & Patrick Lane & Family.

Counters for September: Kevin Lane, Peter Lynch, Brian Russell

Church Cleaning Flower Roster for September: Kathy Freeman, Shirley Parkinson.

Port Fairy :

Leader: Aileen Sully

Reader: Helen Robertson

Special Ministers: Marj Murrhly, Janine Moloney, Sister Maureen.

Gifts: Morgan McAlinden, Fred Schramm.

Hospital : Volunteers needed.

Church Cleaning/ Flower Roster for September: Marj Murrhly, Sue Gavin



MOYNE REGIONAL
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY

Weekend Mass Times 2016

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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.09.2016

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

and cleanse me from my sin.

R.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

R.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled contrite heart you will not spurn.

R.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

(You are reminded that Gospel Acclamation, if not sung, is to be omitted)



Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Irene Herbert, John Thistlewaite



Koroit News:

Koroit: Planned Giving: \$
Presbytery: \$

Port Fairy News:

Planned Giving \$230.50.
Presbytery \$291.00.
Ballarat Clergy Support: \$460.00.

The Parish Office will be open for business on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings only** until Jean Fitzgibbon's return from holidays.

ROSTERS (Port Fairy) from September to December for Readers, Special Ministers, those involved in the Offertory Procession and those taking Communion to the hospital are now available from the back of the church. Please collect your named copy.

Planned Giving Envelopes for Koroit will be available over the next couple of weeks. Please collect your envelopes.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

Prayer.

Gracious God, you said, "let the children come to me."

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Often trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs. Lord, we, as your church, stand in need of your healing and help. We ask you, God, to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable. May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience, build stronger communities safe for children.

We ask you, God, to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children both flourish and are safe.

Amen.



REFLECTION

The gospel passage begins with an accusation that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. This is the gravest social accusation one could level at another because who you ate with was a reflection of your own status. To welcome sinners and to eat with them was to effectively become one of them yourself. In response to this accusation, rather than mounting an argument, the gospel writer has Jesus tell three parables about the lost being found. The answer to the accusation is that those dismissed as 'sinners' are the 'lost' who will be celebrated with extravagant rejoicing when they have been 'found' again through their acceptance of the message of Jesus.

The parable of the lost son is usually taken in isolation and rarely is heard in the full context of the three parables of the lost being found. We need all three to recognise the ridiculous nature of the celebration of the forgiving father's actions. All three parables display great folly. What shepherd would leave 99 of his sheep in the wilderness to go in search of just one? Similarly what woman is

going to reveal to her friends how poverty-stricken she really is by inviting them to rejoice with her at the finding of one lost drachma – the least valuable of coins. When we come to the father rejoicing at his son's return, this too would have seemed a ridiculous folly. Because of his actions, the son completely shamed himself and his father. The father's expected and justified response would have been to turn his back on his son and banish him forever. To welcome him back would have been unthinkable to Jesus' audience. In an echo of God's ridiculous and unbounded loving forgiveness, the father welcomes his son with open arms and reclaims him as his own.

Greg Sunter

