

**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** Ex 17:3-7 The Israelites complain to Moses in the desert.

**Second Reading** Rom 5:1-2. 5-8 Christ laid down his life for us.

**Gospel** Jn 4:5-42 Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.



**Koroit Roster**

**Leader:** Carmel Madden

**Readers:** Fran Biber; Leonie Sinnott

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Clare Gleeson; Doreen Bowron; Pat Lane

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

**Counters for March:** Kevin Lane; Peter Lynch; Brian Russell.

**Church Cleaning Flower Roster for March:** Helen Carey; Joan McMahon

**Port Fairy :**

**Leader:** Yvonne Paturzo;

**Reader:** Aileen Sully

**Special Ministers:** Marj Murrhly; Sr Maureen; . K Louden

**Gifts:** M & K Moyle

**Hospital :** Mary Bishop

**Church Cleaning/ Flower Roster for March:** Jean Paton; Lynda Hughes.

**Parish Priest:** Fr. William van de Camp

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CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY

**Mass Times 2017**

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

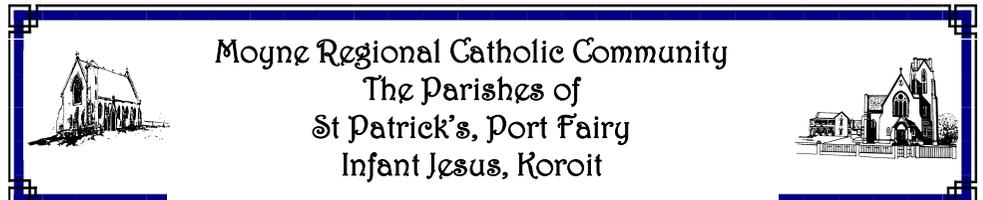
5th Sunday of the Month

Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm

Port Fairy 10.30 am

Easy to remember:

First, third and fifth  
Sundays, Mass Sunday  
Morning at Port Fairy,



2nd Sunday in Lent

12.03.2017

**Responsorial Psalm  
(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Rose Kennedy; Jean Kennedy; Denis O'Keeffe; Tom Finnigan; Daniel Moroney; Josephine Fitzgerald; Elizabeth Moroney;



### **Koroit News:**

**Koroit:** Planned Giving: \$396.50  
Presbytery: \$330.00

### **Port Fairy News:**

Planned Giving: \$539.00  
Presbytery: \$461.10

### **Project Compassion**

Many women in Timor-Leste, are driven from their homes by domestic violence. Facing poverty and an uncertain future, they seek refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program in Timor-Leste. The program connects them with livelihood training opportunities, offering economic empowerment, the chance to afford education for their children, and a safe life in a supportive community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.



### **March Dates:**

**Saturday March 11** Folk Festival Mass 6.00pm

**Sunday March 12:** Mass at Yambuk 8.30am

**Tuesday 21st:** First reconciliation Port fairy 7.00pm

**Wednesday 22nd:** Port Fairy Finance Committee meeting 5.00pm

**Wednesday 22nd:** First Reconciliation Koroit 7.00pm

### **Living Lent with Francis**

We might think that the hope of Lent has to do with our hope that we will get through it, that we will come to the end of it. We see Lent as an obstacle course we need to navigate in order to get to the great feast of Easter. The hope of this season is that we will find our lives transformed by the many ways we encounter God's Word, by the richness of the Scripture readings chosen to encourage, to challenge, to confront, to comfort. Focussing only on the end goal would cause us to miss so much along the way. The greatest hope of Lent is the discovery that it's not only about penance, deprivation, spiritual struggles, and rooting out sin in our lives. Those are often the things we do during Lent. But

the hope of Lent lies in what God does. From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has made mercy his hallmark. Francis wants us to realise that God's mercy and grace surround us not just in special times and places but always and everywhere. Lent is a time to discover the extraordinary in the ordinary, to be surprised by God's mercy when we least expect it.

As the season begins, think about the hopes you have for Lent this year. Think about what changes you want to see in your life, in the world. Let the words of Pope Francis guide you on a journey of bringing those hopes to fulfilment

### **REFLECTION**

**by Dianne Bergant CSS**

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of

death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God. The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

