

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK :**

Koroit: 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 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16  
The Lord speaks to Nathan.

Second Reading Rom 16:25-27

God strengthens the Gentiles in their understanding of the Gospel.

Gospel Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary, who responds willingly to God.



**Koroit Roster**

**Leader:** Lisa McCosh

**Readers:** Sarah Parkinson; Pat Shanahan

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Barbara Mills; Betty Bishop; Bob Shanahan

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

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

**Port Fairy :**

**Leader:** Rosie Palmer

**Reader:** Sue Paulka

**Special Ministers:** Henk Winnen; David Ryan; John Hoy

**Gifts:** B Farley; M. McAlinden

**Hospital :**

**Church Cleaning/ Flower Roster for December:** Helen Moloney; Mary Gibb

MOYNE REGIONAL  
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,

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



3rd Sunday In Advent

17.12.2017

**Responsorial Psalm  
(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.**

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)

2. The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. (R.)

3. He fills the starving with good things,

sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. (R.)



**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**

Mary Anne Carroll;

Terry Dwyer;



### **Koroit News:**

**Koroit:** Planned Giving: \$576.50  
Presbytery: \$457.10

### **Port Fairy News:**

Planned Giving: \$305.00  
Presbytery: \$240.19

### **Dates to keep in mind:**

**Thursday 21st December-**  
Mass at Moyneyana House  
10.00am

### **Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas -** **Wednesday 20th December**

7.30pm at Koroit and

**Thursday 21st December**  
7.30pm in Port Fairy

**Columban Calendars (\$7.00) and Christmas Cards (\$3.00)** are now available in Port Fairy (from Henk Winnen) and Koroit (from the Piety Stall)



*Oh Holy Night*

**Christmas /New Year  
Masses 2017/2018**  
**Saturday 23rd December**  
6.30pm Port Fairy  
**Sunday 24th December**  
10.30am Koroit  
**Christmas Eve 24th  
December**  
6.00pm Port Fairy  
7.30pm Koroit  
**Christmas Day 25th  
December**  
9.00am Port Fairy  
10.30am Koroit

Weekday Masses that Week  
No Masses 26th or 27th  
December.

**Saturday 30th December**  
6.30pm Koroit  
**Sunday 31st December**  
9.00am & 10.0am Port Fairy

**New Year's Day 1st January**  
10.00am Port Fairy

Masses for January will be  
as usual during the Year.  
There will be no Country  
Masses in January.

### **Gifting tree**

The 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 I need. Envelopes with donations may be placed on Sunday collection plates.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated.



### **Bishop's Christmas**

**Collection:** This collection will be taken up on Sunday December 17. In 2017 \$52,000 was distributed to 14 charities in Australia and Asia.

**From Bishop Paul bird:** I commend the Christmas Appeal to your Parishioners. I am aware that there are many times throughout the year when you are invited to respond to appeals for very worthy causes, but I hope the Ballarat diocese can continue to support this particular appeal. In anticipation I thank you for your generosity in your contributions.

### **Reflection**

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

