

**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.

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



**READINGS NEXT WEEK December 23**

**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 December 23**

**Leader:** Lisa McCosh

**Readers:** Pat Shanahan

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

**Gifts:** Vin Parkinson & Sarah White

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

**Church Cleaning Flower Roster for December:**

Lorraine Dunne; Margaret Moloney



**Port Fairy : December 23**

**Leader:** M Murrhiy

**Reader:** Sue Paulka

**Special Ministers:** David Ryan; John Hoy; Sr Maureen

**Gifts:** M Gibb

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

Helen Moloney; Mary Gibb

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

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**MOYNE REGIONAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

**Mass Times 2018**

**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,**

Moyné Regional Catholic Community

The Parishes of

St Patrick's, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus, Koroit



3rd Sunday of Advent

16.12.2018

**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**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

**Recent Deaths:** Lorraine Gavin

**Anniversaries:** Paul Sharkey

**Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars** are

now available at weekend Masses in both Koroit and Port Fairy Calendars \$8.00; Cards \$3.00



### **Koroit News:**

**Koroit:** Planned Giving:  
\$407.00  
Presbytery \$314.20

### **Port Fairy News:**

Planned Giving: \$191.00  
Presbytery: \$167.90

### **Remember these Dates:**

**Tuesday, December 18.**

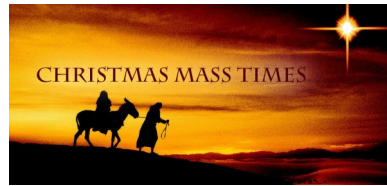
Celebration of Forgiveness in preparation for Christmas will be held in Port Fairy at 7.30pm on Tuesday, December 18. This will be a combined Koroit/Port Fairy celebration.

### **Thursday December 20.**

Mass at Moyneyana House  
10.00am

### **Giftng Tree**

The Koroit/Port Fairy Conference of St Vincent de Paul Giftng Tree is now at the rear of the Infant Jesus Church and St Patrick's, Port Fairy  
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.



**Christmas Masses 2018**

**Christmas Eve 24th**

**December**

6.00pm Port Fairy

7.30pm Koroit

**Christmas Day 25th**

**December**

9.00am Port Fairy

10.30am Koroit

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

### **Bishops Christmas Appeal 2018**

Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. I commend this appeal to you. I am aware that there are many tunes 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. Paul Bird, Bishop of Ballarat. This collection will be taken up on Sunday, December 23.

### **Reflection by Dianne Bergant**

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.

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### **Ballarat Diocese Prayer for the Plenary Council**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You have given us life and light and all the wonders of the world. You have sent your Son Jesus to be our Saviour and your Holy Spirit to be our guide. As we prepare for the plenary council, we ask you to come into our hearts with your Son and Holy Spirit. Come to us and make your home in us. We pray for our local community, for the people of our diocese and for the Church throughout Australia. May your wisdom show us the way, for your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Come and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, that we may live by your gospel and share your good news with all we meet. Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

