

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: March 31

First Reading Jos 5:9-12
The Lord removes the reproach of Egypt.

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21
All is new in Christ.

Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32
Parable of the prodigal son.



Koroit Roster: March 31

Leader: Maree Lane

Readers: Bob Shanahan; Carmel Noonan

Extraordinary Ministers: Clare Gleeson; Barbara Mills; Bernadette Kirsch

Gifts: Leo & Kathy Freeman

Counters for April: A & T Brady

Church Cleaning Flower Roster for April:
Barbara Mills; Lorraine Dunne

Port Fairy : March 31

Leader: Mary Bishop

Reader: Kerrie Robertson

Extraordinary Ministers: Marj Murrhy; J Moloney; K Loudon

Gifts: M & E Bishop

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

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MOYNE REGIONAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Mass Times 2019

1st Sunday of the month

Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm
Port Fairy 10.30 am

2nd Sunday of the Month

Port Fairy (Sat) 6.30 pm
Koroit 10.30 am

3rd Sunday of the Month

Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm
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

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



**3rd Sunday in Lent
24.03.2019**

**Responsorial Psalm
(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)

4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Kath & Reg Gall; Elizabeth & John Winnen; Mag Drennan; Patrick O'Toole

Planned Giving

Koroit: Presbytery:
Parish:

Port Fairy : Presbytery: \$541.25
Parish \$338.50

Dates to Remember

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul has announced the following appointments.

Fr Bill will retire as Parish Priest of Koroit and Port Fairy on the weekend of May 4-5. From May 6 Fr John Fitzgerald will become administrator of these parishes in addition to his present appointment as Parish Priest of St Joseph, Warrnambool.

Fr John Corrigan , currently Assistant Priest in the Western border Parish will become Assistant Priest for Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy.

Fr Anthony Nagothu, currently Assistant Priest in the Cathedral in Ballarat will become Assistant Priest in the western border Parish.

Once these appointments are in place, Jean will also retire as Parish Secretary.

Lenten Prayer Group:

Lenten discussion group is being held at the Anglican Church on Wednesday (2.00pm) and Thursday (10.00am). Although this group began their discussions last week, all parishioners are invited to join them. Please contact Rev Alan Courtney for further details. 0429999388

Syro-Malabar Mass

Fr Sajan, now ministering in the Ballarat diocese, will celebrate mass at St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool on Wednesday April 10 at 5.30pm. There are a number of parishioners of this

Catholic tradition resident in the Warrnambool region. Parishioners of the Roman rite are also most welcome to attend.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2019 PRAYER

Creator God, You are our constant hope! In the season of Lent, you call us to prayer, fasting and love of those most marginalised. As a community of faith and courage, let our gifts to Project Compassion be symbols of hope and solidarity with our one human family. Accompany us as we journey with Jesus to bring 'good news' to all creation and ready our hearts to work for the common good of all your people. We ask this in Jesus' name AMEN

Reflection

This week we join religious communities around the world in prayer for those affected by the terrible events in Christchurch.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference issued the following message of solidarity over the weekend:

*We hold you in prayer as we hear the terrible news of violence against Muslims at mosques in Christchurch. We are profoundly aware of the positive relationships we have with Islamic people in this land, and we are particularly horrified that this has happened at a place and time of prayer. We are deeply saddened that people have been killed and injured, and our hearts go out to them, their families and wider community. We wish you to be aware of our solidarity with you in the face of such violence.
Peace, Salaam.*

Alongside the terrible stories of pain and loss, we also hold in our minds the stories of courage and love - including the large numbers of people from all faiths who turned out at

mosques across New Zealand and Australia to express their solidarity with Muslim communities. Their response reminds us that there is more that brings us together than separates us as human beings.

As Pope Francis **said during his visit to Abu Dhabi** in February, 'God is at the origin of the one human family'.

'We cannot honour the Creator without cherishing the sacredness of every person and of every human life: each person is equally precious in the eyes of God, who does not look upon the human family with a preferential gaze that excludes, but with a benevolent gaze that includes... In the name of God the Creator, therefore, every form of violence must be condemned without hesitation.

Project Compassion

The future does have a name... and its name is hope."

Pope Francis