

**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: April 7**

**First Reading** Is 43:16-21  
God has done and will continue to do great things.

**Second Reading** Phil 3:8-14  
God has done and will continue to do great things.  
Paul forfeits all for Christ.

**Gospel** Jn 8:1-11  
The Pharisees confront Jesus with an adulteress



**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 Murrhiy; J Moloney; K Louden

**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**



**4th Sunday in Lent**

**31.03.2019**

**Responsorial Psalm  
(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

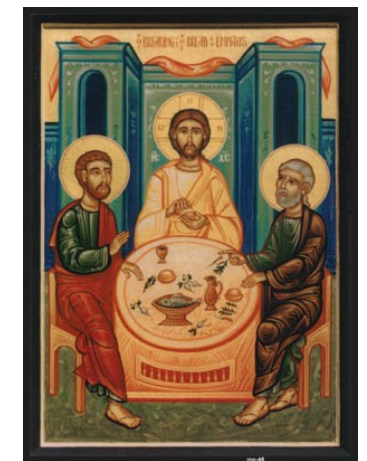
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**

David Lenehan



## **Planned Giving**

Koroit: Presbytery:

Parish:

Port Fairy : Presbytery: \$241.55

Parish \$333.00

### **Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday, April 16.** Ecumenical Service at Belfast House 10.30am

## *Ecumenical* **Thanksgiving** *Service*

**Sunday May 5.** Luncheon to farewell Fr Bill. St Pat's Hall (Port Fairy) after 10.30am Mass.



## **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

### **Project Compassion**

*Hope requires that we spin a few dreams for ourselves that are possible, doable and desirable*

Jean Chittister OSB



## **Reflection**

***Laetare* ('Rejoice!') Sunday is a day of joyful celebration in the middle of our Lenten journey. Today we rejoice in God's outpouring of compassion and forgiveness for us, as we remember that we are loved sinners.**

In the **First Reading**, the Israelites celebrate Passover in the Promised Land. Though they no longer need the manna they ate in the wilderness, they are still totally dependent on the God who provides for them.

The **Psalms** invites us to taste and see the Lord's goodness – to glorify the One who hears us, frees us and rescues us from our distress.

St Paul tells how God has reconciled himself with the whole of humanity through Christ, who has taken on our sinfulness so we might show God to others. Our task now is to be ambassadors – to continue God's great work of reconciliation by sharing the good news. (**Second Reading**)

In the **Gospel** story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus gives a wonderful picture of that same loving reconciliation in action,

as we see the height and depth of a father's compassion for his penitent child. This is how much God loves us, too: so much that he yearns and waits to welcome us home with joy when we turn to him in repentance. Today's leaflet stops at v. 24, but we should take time to read on to the end of the story. Perhaps we, too, can sometimes respond a little like the aggrieved elder brother?

As Lent continues, let's pray that we might become increasingly aware of God's compassionate gaze on us, and to ask for his help in seeing others with that same generous, loving regard, regardless of who they are.

