



**MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy  
Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



# *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Saturday 10th August and Sunday 11th August 2019*

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***Happy the people the Lord  
has chosen to be his own.***

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O  
you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal  
hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the  
Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his  
own.

**(R)**

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)**

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**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the Son of  
Man is coming.

Alleluia!

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## **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Please pray for **Kevin  
Mahoney** who died  
recently and **Rachel  
Burkin-Mangan,  
Winifred Dempsey,  
Ray Farley** and **Bernie  
Moloney** whose anniversaries  
occur at this time.



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## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

10am Wednesday, Koroit  
5:45pm Wednesday, Port Fairy  
(*Vigil Mass of the Assumption*)

10am Thursday, Port Fairy.  
6pm Thursday, Koroit.

FUNERAL MASSES REPLACE  
THE REGULAR SCHEDULE

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING

**Koroit:** Parish: \$837.50

Presbytery: \$219.80

**Port Fairy:** Parish \$433.50

Presbytery: \$410.60



### THIS THURSDAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August) is one of only two holy days of obligation observed in Australia.

(The other is Christmas Day.) The following Masses are scheduled in our region:

5:45pm Wed <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Port Fairy
10am Thursday	Port Fairy West Warrnambool Warrnambool East Warrnambool
<i>* No Mass at Mercy Place this Thursday</i>	
5:45pm Thursday	West Warrnambool
6pm Thursday	Koroit

## PLENARY COUNCIL

### PREPARATION

Sessions for the Plenary Council's local parish coordinators will be led by Bernadette Lynch and Jane Collins from Ballarat in St Joseph's Parish Board Room at **6pm on Monday 12 August** and **10am on Tuesday 13 August**.

Coordinators are requested to attend one of those sessions, but only one, as both will cover the same matters.



### TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND 28th May to 10th June, 2020

Join Fr John Fitzgerald on a two week pilgrimage to Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and other holy places. It will transform your appreciation of the Gospels.

Pilgrims also attend the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play in the heart of Bavaria. For more information drop in to the St Joseph's Parish Office, or email [colleend@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:colleend@harvestjourneys.com).



## **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** *from In Conversation with God* **by Fr Francis Fernandez**

The Apostle John was surely a witness of Mary's passage to heaven, since the Lord had entrusted her to him, and he would not have been absent at that time. In his Gospel, however, he says nothing concerning Our Lady's last moments on earth. He who spoke of Jesus' death on Golgotha with clarity and force, is silent concerning the one he cared for as his own mother, the Mother of Jesus and our mother too.

Witnessed firsthand, it must have been like a sweet dream: *"Thou art she who, as it is written, appearest in beauty, and thy body is all holy, all chaste, entirely the dwelling place of God, so that it is henceforth completely exempt from dissolution into dust. Though still human, your life is changed into the heavenly life of incorruptibility, truly living and glorious, undamaged, and sharing in perfect life,"* an ancient writer relates.

In the document which defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Pius XII declared *"At the end of her earthly*

*life, she was taken up into heavenly glory, body and soul."* (Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1 November 1950.) There, her glorious Son Jesus awaited her, just as she contemplated him after the Resurrection. With divine power, God saw to the preservation of the integrity of Mary's body. Our Lady wins *"the supreme crown of her privileges, to be exempt from the corruption of the tomb. Overcoming death as her Son conquered it previously, she is raised body and soul to heavenly glory."* (Pius XII, *Munificentissimus*.)

Popular piety in Marian art often represents the Virgin in the midst of clouds borne aloft by the angels. St Thomas Aquinas sees, in these angelic interventions on behalf of those who have left the earth and are on the way to heaven, a manifestation of the reverence the angels and all creatures render glorified human bodies. In the case of Our Lady, all that we can imagine is little, nothing, even, compared with the way it must have been in reality. St Teresa of Avila tells how she once had a vision of the glorified hand of Our Lord. Afterwards, the saint said, 500 thousand suns reflecting in the clearest crystal were as a sad and dark night in comparison. How, then, the face of Christ?

One day, if we are faithful, our own bodies will also be raised from the dead and glorified. But first we will contemplate the glorified faces of Jesus and Mary, whom we have invoked so many times in this life.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading.** *Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10.*  
"Do not let the prophet die."

**Second Reading.** *Hebrews 12:1-4.*  
We should keep running steadily in the race we have started.

**Gospel.** *Luke 12:49-53.*  
"How I wish it were blazing already!"

## KOROIT: 17th August, 6:30pm

Leader: Helen Carey.

Readers: Fran Biber, Margaret Moloney.

Communion: Lorraine Dunne, Clare Gleeson, Kate Dobson.

Gifts: Maree and Patrick Lane and family.

Counters for August: Bob Shanahan, Mick Gloury, Kevin Moroney.

Cleaning and Flowers for August: Margaret Gleeson, Margaret Cashill.

## SUNDAY MASSES

### 1st Sunday of the month

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

### 2nd Sunday of the month

Port Fairy (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Koroit: 10.30am Sun

### 3rd Sunday of the month

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

### 4th Sunday of the month

Port Fairy (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Koroit: 10.30am Sun

### 5th Sunday of the month

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

EASY TO REMEMBER:

Port Fairy, Sunday morning: 1st, 3rd and 5th

Koroit, Sunday morning: 2nd and 4th

## PORT FAIRY: 18th August, 10:30am

FIRST COMMUNION MASS.

Roster prepared by St Patrick's  
Parish Primary School.

## RECONCILIATION

**St Joseph's, Warrnambool,**  
following 10am Friday Mass.

**West Warrnambool,**  
following 10am Saturday Mass.

**Koroit and Port Fairy,**  
every Saturday, 5pm – 6:15pm,  
at the place of the Vigil Mass.

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## WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.

Our Child Safe Policies can be read at the church entrance and on our webpages. Our safe-guarding officer is Peter Sanderson.