



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy
Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7th September and Sunday 8th September 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***In every age O Lord,
you have been our refuge.***

You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

***In every age O Lord,
you have been our refuge.***

You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the
morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

***In every age O Lord,
you have been our refuge.***

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

***In every age O Lord,
you have been our refuge.***

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your
servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for
Phyllis Williams
who died recently,
and **Sylvie Jules**
Watty and all the faithful
departed whose anniversaries
occur at this time.



WEEKDAY MASSES

10am Wednesday,
Infant Jesus Church, Koroit.

10am Thursday,
Moyneyana House, Port Fairy.

11am Saturday,
Memorial Mass for Kevin Miller,
St Patrick's Church, Port Fairy.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$279.20

Port Fairy: \$311.10

Monthly planned giving

(August)

Koroit pledged: \$2,177.00

Koroit received: \$2,850.00

Port Fairy pledged: \$1,772.00

Port Fairy received: \$1,753.50

FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

Last year, Koroit contributed \$688 and Port Fairy contributed \$315 to this collection, which raised \$47,000 throughout the diocese. This year, our parishes have raised \$429.00 to date. Thank you for your generosity.

You are still able to contribute by using the special envelopes provided, or using a plain envelope labelled 'Ballarat Clergy Support Fund.'

THE INVENTION OF MELBOURNE

1st August 2019 – 2nd March 2020

The Invention of Melbourne: A Baroque Bishop and a Gothic Architect is a free exhibition, held at Melbourne's Old Treasury Building. It presents a rare opportunity to see some little-known treasures of gold rush Melbourne and to reflect on two remarkable men: James Alipius Goold, first Catholic bishop of Melbourne, and William Wardell, architect of St Patrick's Cathedral. See: <http://tiny.cc/BBGA>

ST JOSEPH'S, WARRNAMBOOL

Please join St Joseph's for our 130th anniversary celebrations. You are invited to 7pm Mass this Friday, followed by refreshments. Next Saturday, a commemorative tree will be planted at 10:30, followed by a tour of the Warrnambool Cemetery to honour those who have served the parish over the years.



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

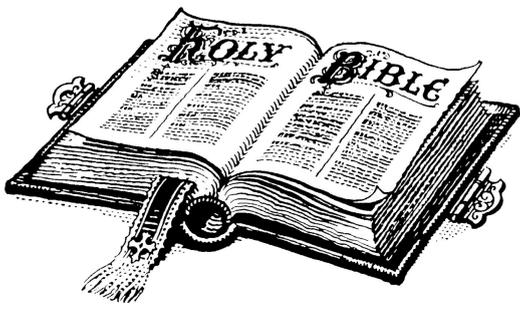
Join Fr John Fitzgerald on a two week pilgrimage to Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and other holy places. It will transform your appreciation of the Gospels. Pilgrims also attend the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play in the heart of Bavaria. For more information email colleend@harvestjourneys.com.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Lana Turvey-Collins will hold sessions at St Joseph's Parish on Tuesday 10 September at 6pm and Wednesday 11 September at 9:30am.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

1st - 7th September: Celebrating the theme that *'Children thrive when their parents are supported.'*



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

DISCIPLESHIP AND THE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

In today's Gospel our Lord speaks to us of the requirements for following him, and since He has called each one of us, we must be attentive. He gives us a warning: *"Which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him ... Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand?"*

When a person accepts a great undertaking, they must make an appraisal of the entire situation. They must consider various possibilities and look for the opportune means to bring the work to a successful completion. The supreme undertaking which we are called to as disciples of Christ is that of following him faithfully in the midst of our daily activities. To do this and to do it well, we must know what means are available to us, and also how to use them. We have to be aware of

what is lacking in order to ask our Lord for it with confidence. We need to put effort as well into removing obstacles. This is the purpose of *the examination of conscience*. If we do it well, in depth, it will help us to know the truth about our own life. St John of the Cross advises: *"Knowledge of self is the first step the soul must take to arrive at the knowledge of God."*

Good businessmen examine the balance-sheet every day. They look at profit and loss and identify where improvements can be made. They try to promptly detect anything harmful and apply a remedy before greater harm is done to their business. Our great business, a daily one, is corresponding to our Lord's call. There is nothing of more importance to us than coming closer to Christ.

In the examination of conscience, we look at our behaviour, our daily response to his call, keeping in mind what God wants of us. We are moved to seek forgiveness and make frequent new beginnings. Making the effort to carry out our examination in depth makes it difficult for lukewarmness to take root in our souls.

It is love which moves us to make the examination of conscience and which gives a particular keenness to the soul for detecting those aspects of our behaviour which are not pleasing to God. Let us make the resolution – one which we will try to keep every day of our life – of making the examination of conscience conscientiously. We will see perhaps very quickly, how great a help it will be for us in making our way along the road which leads to Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *Exodus 32:7-11,13-14.*

The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Second Reading. *1 Timothy 1:12-17.*

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Gospel. *Luke 15:1-32.*

There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

KOROIT: 14th September, 6:30pm

Leader: Carmel Madden.

Readers: Fran Biber, Helen Carey.

Communion: Clare Gleeson, Doreen Bowran, Pat Lane.

Gifts: Maree and Patrick Lane and family.

Counters for September: Kevin Lane, Peter Lynch, Brian Russell.

Cleaning and Flowers for September: Kathy Freeman, Shirley Parkinson.

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

PT FAIRY: 15th September, 10:30am

Leader: Rosie Palmer.

Readers: Peter Sanderson.

Communion: Sue Paulka, Marj Murrhly, Henk Winnen.

Gifts: P. and J. Murray.

Cleaning and Flowers for September: Marj Murrhly and Sue Gavin.

RECONCILIATION

5pm–6pm, Wednesdays

Infant Jesus, Koroit

5pm–6pm, Thursdays

St Patrick's, Port Fairy

5pm-6pm, Saturdays

At the place of the Vigil Mass

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For urgent matters, please don't hesitate to call Fr John Corrigan.

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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.