



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 21st September and Sunday 22nd September 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Praise the Lord
who lifts up the poor.***

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

***Praise the Lord
who lifts up the poor.***

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights
to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

***Praise the Lord
who lifts up the poor.***

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

***Praise the Lord
who lifts up the poor.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but
he became poor,
to make you rich out of his
poverty.

Alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for **Fr
Patrick (Colin)
Kearney CSsR,
Kim Williams**
and **Kathleen McVeigh** (Fr
John's great aunt) who died
recently and **Kevin Dalton**
whose anniversary occurs at
the time.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday, 10am Koroit.

Thursday, 10am, Port Fairy.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$232.10

Port Fairy: \$391.45

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

WELCOME TO FR ANTHONY

This weekend, we welcome Fr Anthony Nagothu to our parishes. He has swapped with Fr John Corrigan, who is assisting at a wedding in Tarrayoukyan and will stay in the Western Border parish this weekend. Fr Anthony was born and raised in India, but he is now incardinated to the Ballarat Diocese. He has a great devotion to the Servant of God, Dr Mary Glowrey (Sr Mary of the Sacred Heart), whose work in Fr Anthony's home diocese precipitated her Cause for Canonisation. Dr Glowrey, of course, was born and raised in the diocese Fr Anthony now serves!



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FR KEVIN LENEHAN

Fr Kevin Lenehan has been appointed Master of Catholic Theological College, replacing Fr Shane Mackinlay who was

recently made Bishop of Sandhurst. In announcing the news, Melbourne Archbishop Peter Comensoli remarked, *"I have great confidence in the expertise and experience that Fr Lenehan will bring to this role, and I look forward to his contribution to Catholic Theological College over the years ahead. Together, may we keep Fr Lenehan and Bishop-elect Mackinlay in our prayers as they move towards new paths in bringing our people to God."*

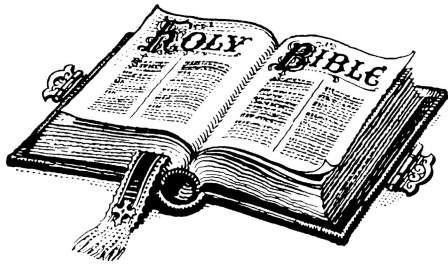
COMMUNITY HEALTH & HEALING

The Warrnambool Moving Forward group is organising an *Open Space Forum* focused on health and healing for Saturday 23rd November at the Emmanuel Centre. 10:30am to 2:30pm. All welcome.

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 Bavaria. Email: colleend@harvestjourneys.com



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE UNFAITHFUL STEWARD

In today's Gospel, the Lord tells the parable of the unjust steward who is forced to give an accounting to his master. The cunning steward thinks to himself, *"Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."* The steward calls in his master's debtors and awards each one of them favourable settlements. To the first debtor he says, *"How much do you owe my master?"* He replies, *"One hundred measures of oil."* The steward responds, *"Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty."* Then the steward asks another debtor, *"And you, sir, how much do you owe?"* He answers, *"One hundred measures of wheat."* The steward tells him, *"Here, take your bond and write eighty."*

When the owner discovers what his steward had done, he wryly commends this shrewd behaviour. And Jesus — perhaps with a tinge of sadness — adds, *"The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light."* The Lord does not mean to praise the dishonesty of this administrator who prepared for his future security. *"Why did the Lord propose this parable?"* asks St

Augustine. *"Not because that servant was a model for us to imitate. Nonetheless, the worldly-wise steward had an eye to the future. So too should the Christian have this determination to secure his eternal reward. If not, the steward puts him to shame."* The Master praised the quick-wittedness, the decisiveness, the shrewdness, the firm resolve of the steward who made the most of a difficult situation. He did not give in to discouragement.

We are well accustomed to seeing people make unbelievable sacrifices in order to improve their lifestyle or standard of living. At times we may be taken aback by the lengths people will go to acquire more wealth, power or fame. The media frequently trains a spotlight on ambitious people and their accomplishments. Well, we Christians must put the same amount of zeal into the service of God. This undertaking has both a material and a spiritual dimension. In the material realm, our society should manifest an authentic concern for the needs of the poor that is shown in education, just remuneration, meaningful social security benefits and programmes directed for the public welfare. In the spiritual realm, we have to make a heroic effort to win Heaven.

"What zeal people put into their earthly affairs!" St Josemaría writes. *"Dreaming of honours, striving for riches, bent on sensuality! Men and women, rich and poor, old and middle-aged and young and even children: all of them alike."*

"When you and I put the same zeal into the affairs of our soul, then we'll have a living and working faith. And there will be no obstacle that we cannot overcome in our apostolic works."

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *Amos 6:1,4-7.*

Woe to those who live in luxury.

Second Reading. *1 Timothy 6:11-16.*

Do everything you have been told,
until the Appearing of the Lord.

Gospel. *Luke 16:19-31.*

Dives and Lazarus.

KOROIT: 28th September, 6:30pm

Leader: Maree Lane.

Readers: Bob Shanahan, Carmel Noonan.

Communion: Clare Gleeson, Barbara Mills,
Bernadette Kirsch.

Gifts: Leo and Kathy Freeman.

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: 29th September, 10:30am

Leader: Liz McVeigh.

Readers: H. Robertson.

Communion: Henk Winnon, Janine Moloney,
Kasey Loudon.

Gifts: M. and K. Moyle.

Cleaning and Flowers for September: Marj
Murrihy 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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and on our
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safe-guarding
officer is Peter
Sanderson.