



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 19th October and Sunday 20th October 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.***

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

***Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.***

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

***Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.***

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

***Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.***

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

***Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and
active;
it probes the thoughts and
motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for
Heiny Winnen (in
Holland) and
Kevin Kelly who
died recently. Remember, too,
Poppy Esther Dobson and
Jeremy Fleming whose
anniversaries occur at this
time.



FR JOHN'S WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 10am, Koroit.
Thursday 10am, Port Fairy.
Friday 10am, Warrnambool.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$316.10

Port Fairy: \$201.85

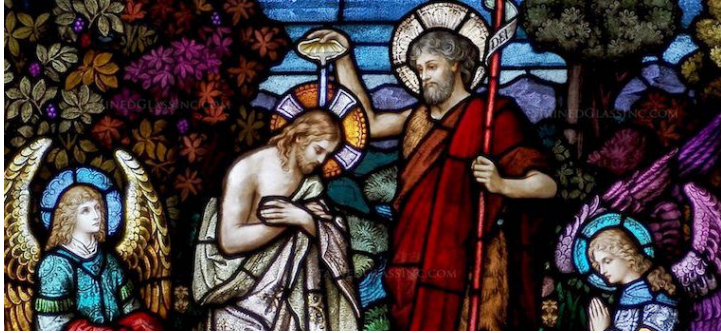
Monthly planned giving (Sept.)

Koroit pledged: \$4,682.50

Koroit received: \$2,741.50

Port Fairy pledged: \$3,950.00

Port Fairy received: \$2,085.00



CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO GRACE AMELIA PARKINSON

This week, Dan and Erin Parkinson present for baptism their daughter Grace, who has just turned 1. May God pour out abundant blessings on the Parkinsons now and in years to come.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL, SWAN HILL Centenary Celebrations

Celebrations begin with Parish Mass on 10th November 10 at 10.30am and a school Mass on Monday, 11th November at 9.15am. Tours of the school and St Mary Mackillop College will be held on both days. For more information go to www.smswanhill100years.com.

PLENARY COUNCIL

You are invited to a meeting at St Joseph's Parish, at **7:30pm Tuesday 29th October**, on the calling to be a *humble, healing and merciful Church*.

INVITATION TO MORNING TEA

10am, Monday 4th November

St Brigid's Hall, Crossley



Please join us for a fundraiser to support the Good Samaritan Sisters' Mission in Australia, the Philippines, Kiribati, Japan and Timor Leste. All welcome.

BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY 7pm, Wednesday 13th November



Mass to celebrate the ordination of Shane Mackinlay as Bishop of Sandhurst will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome.

PRE-DINNER ORGAN CONCERT 6pm-7pm, Friday 15th November



Thomas Heywood brings his global tour to St Joseph's, Warrnambool. Program includes Mozart's *Minuet from Divertimento*, Beethoven's *Adante from Symphony No. 1*, and Bach's *Toccat and Fugue in D minor*.

Tickets available at the door, and price includes a concert program.

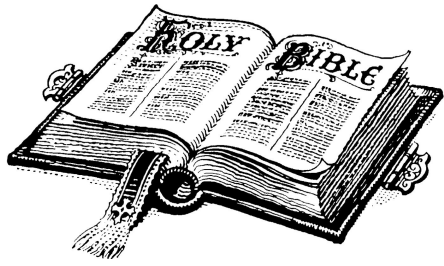
Adult. \$30

Concession. \$25

Under 18. FREE

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION
by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE POWER OF PRAYER

The texts of today's liturgy focus our attention on the power of trusting and persevering prayer to reach the mind of God. In the Gospel passage St Luke prefaces the parable with an explanation of Christ's intent: "*Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart."* In the supernatural life there are actions which are performed once and for all, such as Baptism and Holy Orders. Other actions are repeated many times, such as pardoning, understanding, and smiling cheerfully . . .

There are other actions and attitudes which we should practice constantly. Among these we find *the spirit of prayer*, which is the manifestation of a living faith in our Father God. St Augustine says of this Gospel passage: "*If one's faith weakens, prayer withers . . . Faith is the fountain of prayer . . . A river cannot flow if its source*

is dried up." Our prayer needs to be continuous and confident like the prayer of Jesus, our model: "*Father, I thank you, because you have heard me. I know that you hear me always.*" God is always listening to our prayers.

The First Reading from the book of Exodus presents us with the scene of the Chosen People in battle with the Amalekites at Rephidim. Moses decides to pray to God on a hilltop while Joshua and his forces take on the enemy assault. "*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek.*" To keep Moses praying, Aaron and Hur supported his arms, one on each side. They were thus able to keep Moses praying until sunset. "*With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.*"

We must not grow weary of praying. If we should ever become tired of praying, let us ask our friends to shore us up. The Lord sends us many graces in times of trial. These graces are more necessary and more important than the gifts we

ask for. St Alphonsus Liguori has taught: "*The Lord wants to grant us his graces, but He also wants us to ask for them. One day he said to his disciples: 'Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask and you will receive, that your joy may be full' (John 16:24). It was as if he were saying: Do not complain to me if you are not filled with blessings. Complain to yourselves for not having sought from me what you need. From now on, ask of me and your prayers will be answered.*" St Bernard remarks that many complain like this, saying that the Lord has forsaken them. But Jesus himself laments that these same complainers have not really asked for his assistance. Let us resolve to pray as Moses did: with perseverance that nothing could shake, and at times with the help of his friends as was necessary.

Persevere in prayer, as the Master told us. This point of departure will be your source of peace, of cheerfulness, of serenity, and so it will make you humanly and supernaturally effective. There is nothing more powerfully effective than steadfast prayer.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19.*

The humble man's prayer
pierces the clouds.

Second Reading. *2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18.*

All that is to come now is the crown
of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel. *Luke 18:9-14.*

The tax collector, not the Pharisee,
returned home justified.

KOROIT: 27th October, 10:30am

Leader: Leisa McCosh.

Readers: Pat Shanahan.

Communion: Barbara Mills, Betty Bishop,
Bob Shanahan.

Gifts: Vin Parkinson and Sarah White.

Counters for October: Jim Madden, Maurice
Mahony

Cleaning and Flowers for October: Marie
Wakefield, Mary Moloney.

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: 26th October, 6:30pm

Leader: David Ryan.

Readers: Eve Tamer.

Communion: Henk Winnon, Louise Tamer,
Martina Murrehy.

Gifts: Helen and Brian Moloney.

Cleaning and Flowers for October: Martina
Murrehy and Imelda Dowdle.

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