



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 26th October and Sunday 27th October 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the
earth.

The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he
has entrusted to us.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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



FR JOHN'S WEEKDAY MASSES

10am Wednesday

Infant Jesus, Koroit

10am Thursday

St Patrick's Port Fairy

10am Friday (*All Saints*)

St Joseph's Warrnambool

10:30am Saturday (*All Souls*)

Warrnambool Cemetery

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$214.00

Port Fairy: \$390.65

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



CATHOLIC MISSION

At today's Mass we will hear about the heroic work of Sr Stan Therese Mumuni, who receives material

support from the Pontifical Mission Societies. You're invited to take a Mission envelope home and consider returning it next week with a donation to Catholic Missions Australia.

PLENARY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm, this Tuesday

All parishioners in the greater Warrnambool region are invited to this meeting at St Joseph's Parish, where we discern God's calling to be a *humble, healing and merciful Church*.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS



On Friday we celebrate the *Solemnity of All Saints*, which commemorates the unnamed saints in Heaven; Saturday's *Feast of All Souls* commemorates the unnamed souls in Purgatory. All Saints Day is no longer a holy day of obligation in Australia, but we are still exhorted to pray and fast for the dead throughout November. Masses can be arranged through *Aid to the Church in Need* for your deceased loved ones. One hundred percent of Mass offering will be sent to poor priests overseas, who will offer Mass for your intentions. Envelopes will be available throughout November.

INVITATION TO MORNING TEA 10am, Monday 4th November St Brigid's Hall, Crossley



Please join us for a morning coffee party to support the Good Samaritan Sisters' Mission in Australia, the Philippines, Kiribati, Japan and Timor Leste.

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 *Toccatina and Fugue in D minor*.

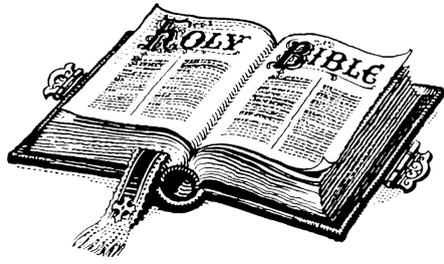
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Adult. \$30
Concession. \$25
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“SMS MASSES” — Please text Fr John on **0422 342 499** to join a list of people who receive a text message 2 hours before occasional unscheduled Masses in Port Fairy (typically on Monday and Tuesday). Mass times will vary: morning or afternoon. The alerts will always be *obligation-free*.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE NEED FOR PRAYER

In a continuation of last week’s Mass, we again find that prayer is the theme of today’s Gospel. Here Jesus prefaces the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector by insisting to his followers that *“they ought always to pray and not lose heart.”* Taking into account all of his teachings, Jesus spoke more often about the need for prayer than about any other matter except faith and charity.

The Master tells us in many different ways that prayer is absolutely necessary if we are to follow him. At the beginning of his pontificate, St John Paul II declared: *“For me, prayer is the first priority. Prayer is the basic prerequisite to service of the Church and the world . . . Every believer should always*

think of prayer as an essential and indispensable component of one’s vocation. It is the ‘opus divinum’ which precedes and overshadows every work. We all know well that faithfulness to prayer, or its neglect, is a test of the vitality of religious life, apostolate and Christian fidelity.” (Papal Address at the National Shrine, Washington DC, 7th October 1979).

Without prayer, we cannot hope to follow Christ in the middle of the world. We need prayer as much as we need food to eat and air to breathe. This explains why the devil endeavours to keep Christians from praying with superficial excuses.

Some days before giving his U.S. address, the Pope had reminded a gathering of clergy and religious in Ireland: *“A constant danger with priests, even zealous priests, is that they become so immersed in the work of the Lord that they neglect the Lord of the work.”* (Address at Maynooth Seminary, 1st

October 1979.) This is a danger not just to priests, but to every Christian. For what good is the most energetic apostolate if it is accomplished at the cost of one’s friendship with the Lord? The achievement would end up worthless: a human endeavour where we sought only ourselves. The remedy for this malady is clear, as St John Paul continued in his Irish address: *“We must find time — we must make time — to be with the Lord in prayer.”*

Let us look and see whether our prayer, our friendship with Jesus, really influences our life of work, our family life, our friendships, our apostolate . . . We know that everything is different once we have talked it over with Jesus. As St Teresa of Avila reminds us, *“It is in our prayer that the Lord gives light to understand his truths.”* Without the help of this light all would be darkness. This divine light will permit us to penetrate the mystery of God and of existence.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *Wisdom 11:22-12:2.*

You are merciful to all,
because you love all that exists.

Second Reading. *2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2.*

The name of Christ will be glorified in you,
and you in him.

Gospel. *Luke 19:1-10.*

Salvation comes to the house of
Zacchaeus.

KOROIT: 2nd November, 6:30pm

Leader: Margaret Cashill.

Readers: Doreen Bowron, Kate Dobson.

Communion: Christine Russell, Clare
Gleeson, Margaret Moloney.

Gifts: Leisa McCosh and family.

Counters for November: Des Keane, Michael
Lane.

Cleaning and Flowers for November:
Maureen Gavin, Maria Smith.

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: 3rd November, 10:30am

Leader: Trish Grady.

Readers: Gen Verdonck.

Communion: Sr Maureen, Henk Winnon, Marj
Murryhy.

Gifts: M. & K. Doyle.

Cleaning and Flowers for November: Gen
Verdonck and Aileen Sully.

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 our church
entrances and on
our webpages. Our
safe-guarding
officer is Peter
Sanderson.