



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9th November and Sunday 10th November 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.***

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
Pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

***Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.***

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

***Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.***

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory.

***Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for **Anne-Marie Seabright**
(Fr Bill's niece) who died
recently, and all those
whose anniversaries
occur at this time.



**Welcome to Fr Bill,
who is supplying our
Sunday Masses.**

**Mass - 10 a.m. Thursday
St Patrick's, Port Fairy
(Fr John Fitzgerald)**

**Fr John C returns from his
annual course on Friday.**

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Presbytery collection

Koroit:	\$177.30
Port Fairy:	\$499.50

Planned giving (Oct)

Koroit pledged:	\$2,162.00
Koroit received:	\$2,513.00
Port Fairy pledged:	\$1,512.00
Port Fairy received:	\$1,474.00

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR THE END OF DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national.

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our drought-stricken land,
on our starving animals,
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers and to all who are
affected by drought;
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned,
and through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
renew your faithful people;
renew the face of the earth.

Holy Mary, help of Christians, *pray for us.*
St Mary of the Cross, *pray for us.*



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 are available in the church throughout November.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Christmas Cards — \$3 per pack

Columban Calendars — \$8 each

These items are now available to buy after every Mass until Christmas.

BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY 7pm, this Wednesday



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, this Friday

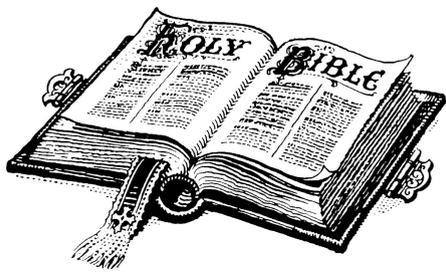
Thomas Heywood brings his global tour to St Joseph's, Warrnambool. Program includes Mozart's *Minuet from Divertimento*, Beethoven's *Adante from Symphony No. 1*, and Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor*.

Tickets available at the door.

Adult. \$30

Concession. \$25

Under 18 FREE



REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

The liturgy for this Sunday's Mass brings our attention to one of the truths of the Faith listed in the Creed: the resurrection of the body and the reality of life everlasting. In the First Reading we find the mother and seven sons who preferred death to betraying God's Law by eating swine's flesh. After having been tortured by the king's servants, the fourth son declared: *Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him.*

The Old Testament speaks in a number of places of the hope of resurrection. At the time of Our Lord's life most of the Jews believed in this truth except the Sadducees, who also denied the immortality of the soul, the existence of angels and the power of divine Providence. In today's Gospel passage we read how some Sadducees try tripping up Jesus. According to the Levirate

law, if a man were to die without issue, then his brother would be under obligation to marry the widow and provide him with descendants. The Sadducees cunningly pose for Jesus a situation of this kind affecting a man with seven brothers: In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? By means of this far-fetched dilemma, the Sadducees ridicule the doctrine of resurrection.

Ignoring the patent absurdity of the scenario, Jesus reaffirms bodily resurrection. He reveals characteristics of life after death: people *"do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God."* Jesus then argues from Sacred Scripture, quoting from Moses. (Ex 3:2, 6)

Concluding his argument, Our Lord tells the Sadducees: *"Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive."* Moses called the Lord *the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob*, all of whom were long dead by that time. The message is that these patriarchs were physically dead but not spiritually dead. They live on in God because of their

immortal souls. They only await the resurrection of their bodies. The Sadducees were silenced. St Luke adds — although it isn't part of today's Gospel — *"They did not dare to ask him any more question."*

We Christians profess in the Creed our hope in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. The importance of this is obvious: it expresses the goal and purpose of God's plan. If there is no resurrection, the whole structure of faith collapses, as St Paul states so forcefully (1 Cor 15). If the content of the words *'life everlasting'* is uncertain for Christians, the promises contained in the Gospel and the meaning of creation and Redemption disappear, and even earthly life itself must be said to be deprived of all hope (Heb 11:1). We have to remind ourselves of the crucial fact that our soul is immortal, that it will be united to our physical body at the end of time, that the union of our body and soul has an eternal destiny. Everything which we undertake in this life ought to be oriented to this momentous truth. In the words of St Josemaría: *"We belong to God completely, soul and body, flesh and bones, all our senses and faculties."*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *Malachi 3:19-20.*

For you the sun of righteousness
will shine out.

Second Reading. *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12.*

Do not let anyone have food
if he refused to work.

Gospel. *Luke 21:5-19.*

The destruction of the Temple foretold.

KOROIT: 16th November, 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 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

PT FAIRY: 17th November, 10:30am

Leader: Liz McVeigh.

Readers: Graeme Munro.

Communion: Marj Murrphy, Janine Moloney,
Tony Hutchinson.

Gifts: M. and E. Bishop.

Cleaning and Flowers for November:
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

No confessions in Koroit and Pt Fairy while Fr John is away.

IN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES:

St Pius X, West Warrnambool
After 10am Saturday Mass

St Joseph's, Warrnambool
After 10am Friday Mass

Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
After 9:30am Friday Mass

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.

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