



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday 14th November and Sunday 15th December 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Lord, come and save us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News
to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember ***Teresa Hurley*** and who died recently, and ***Raymond Sharp*** and ***Bill Dunne*** (Senior) whose anniversaries occur at this time.



FR JOHN'S WEEKDAY MASSES

4pm Tuesday

Anointing Mass

Moyneyana House, Port Fairy

10am Wednesday

Infant Jesus Church, Koroit

10am Thursday

St Patrick's Church, Port Fairy

10am Friday

St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool

11am Saturday

St Patrick's Church, Port Fairy

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$421.80

Port Fairy: \$255.20

Monthly planned giving (Nov)

Koroit pledged: \$3,227.00

Koroit received: \$2,352.00

Port Fairy pledged: \$2,572.00

Port Fairy received: \$1,506.50

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Giving Trees are standing at the rear of both our churches. This initiative of the Koroit and Port Fairy conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society affords us an opportunity to make Christmas special for those in material need. You simply take an envelope from the tree, enclose a donation of your choosing, and place it on the Sunday collection plate. Any size donation will be greatly appreciated.



Christmas Cards — \$3 per pack
Columban Calendars — \$8 each

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

MASS, FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

11am – 12pm, every Saturday of
Advent, at Port Fairy.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



6:30pm Christmas Eve
Koroit and Port Fairy

9am Christmas Day
Port Fairy

NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

10pm New Year's Eve
Late Night Mass, Port Fairy

10am New Year's Day
Morning Mass, Koroit



PORT FAIRY LITURGY ROSTERS

Liturgy rosters for Christmas Masses, and Sundays from January to April in 2020 are now available at the back of St Patrick's Church. Please collect your named copy.

SUMMER SCHOOL IN BACCHUS MARSH, 12th–19th JANUARY

For ages 16–35. A powerful week of encountering God: great speakers, uplifting worship, beautiful liturgies, and vibrant community. Get your 2020 off to the best start! Register before 23rd Dec for early-bird rate. (*The Diocese is offering financial assistance. Fr John has details.*) Visit www.facebook.com/ssemelbourne/ or www.summerschool.org.au or contact 0467 092 091; melbourne.sse@gmail.com

From an email a participant sent Fr John:

"This week changed my whole life last year so I am trying my hardest to encourage any young people to come along. Even if not overly strong in their faith, the school is so much fun and a great way to make new friends!"

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PICNIC



Sunday 15th December
Fiddler's Green,*
Bank & Sackville Streets.

Free sausage sizzle, 6pm to 7pm.

School choir and local choirs,
musicians, games. 6:30 to 8pm.

* *If the weather is bad, we'll relocate to St Patrick's School Hall.*



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE JOY OF ADVENT

The liturgy of today's Mass repeats the words of St Paul in which he urges the first Christians of Philippi: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.* And the Apostle goes on to give the basic reason for this profound happiness: *the Lord is at hand.*

This is also the joy of Advent, and that of every day: Jesus is very near us. He is nearer every day. And St Paul gives us the key to understanding the origin of any unhappiness we may feel: it comes from our putting a distance between ourselves and God, through our sins, through tepidity.

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Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you, said the Angel to Mary. It is the nearness of God which makes the Virgin rejoice. And the nearness of the Messiah will make the unborn Baptist show forth his joy in the womb of Elizabeth. And the Angel will say to the shepherds: *Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour ...* Joy is to possess Jesus; unhappiness is to lose him.

The people followed Our Lord and the children gathered around him (children do not gather round gloomy people), *and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.*

After the dark days that follow his Passion, the risen Jesus will appear to his disciples on various occasions. And the Evangelist will be pointing out over and over again that the Apostles *were glad when they saw the Lord.* They will never forget those meetings which filled their souls with such indescribable joy.

Rejoice, says St Paul to us today. And we have good reason for doing so, and one surpassing reason, above all: *The Lord is at hand.* We can come close to him whenever we want to. In a few days it will be Christmas, a great feast for us Christians, but also for the whole human race, which, without knowing it, is looking for Christ. Christmas is coming, and God wants us to be joyful, like the shepherds, like the wise men, like Mary and Joseph.

We shall be full of joy if Our Lord is really present in our life, if we have not lost him, if we have not allowed our sight to be clouded by tepidity or lack of generosity. When one attempts to discover happiness along other paths which lead away from God, all one finds in fact is sorrow and misery. All those who, in one way or another, ever turned their backs on God have had the same experience: they have proved that apart from God there is no true happiness. There can be none.

To find Christ, and to remain in his company, is to possess a deep happiness which is new every day.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading. *Isaiah 7:10-14.*

The maiden is with child.

Second Reading. *Romans 1:1-7.*

Our apostolic mission is to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations.

Gospel. *Matthew 1:18-24.*

How Jesus Christ came to be born.

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

KOROIT: 22nd December, 10:30am

Leader: Leisa McCosh.

Readers: Pat Shanahan.

Communion: Barbara Mills, Betty Bishop, Bob Shanahan.

Gifts: Vin Parkinson and Sarah White.

Counters for December: A. & T. Brady.

Cleaning and Flowers for December: Lorraine Dunne and Margaret Moloney.

PORT FAIRY: 21st December, 6:30pm

Welcome and Intercessions: K. Robertson.

Lector: Liz McVeigh.

Communion: David Ryan, Martina Murrehy, Sr Maureen.

Gifts: P. and J. Murray.

Cleaning and Flowers for December: Helen Moloney and Mary Gibb.

RECONCILIATION

5pm–6:15pm, Saturday
at the place of the Vigil Mass.

After 10am Wednesday Mass
Infant Jesus, Koroit

After 10am Thursday Mass
St Patrick's, Port Fairy

NEARBY PARISHES:

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

After 10am Friday Mass
St Joseph's, Warrnambool

After 10am Saturday Mass
St Pius X, West Warrnambool

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