



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 18th January and Sunday 19th January 2020

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I, Lord;

I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. /R.

You do not ask for sacrifice and
offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. /R.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. /R.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. /R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh
and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(You didn't miss the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. There's no such thing. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the Baptism of the Lord; today is the *Second Sunday* because it begins the *Second Week of Ordinary Time*.)

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We commend to God's care
Maureen Schramm who died recently, and **Peter McLean**
and all those whose
anniversaries occur at this time.



WEEKDAY MASSES

10am Wednesday,
Infant Jesus, Koroit

10am Thursday,
St Patrick's, Port Fairy

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$591.80

Port Fairy: \$274.25

Monthly planned giving (Dec)

Koroit pledged: \$4,952.00

Koroit received: \$2,783.50

Port Fairy pledged: \$4,070.00

Port Fairy received: \$2,732.00

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

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 fire-ravaged and
drought-stricken land, on our
displaced and starving animals, on
our failing crops and on our burning
forests, farms and towns.

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

Give strength and comfort to the
victims of fire: those who have lost
family, friends, property and stock.

Protect our volunteer firefighters
and all members of essential services.

In your loving providence, send
abundant rain to quench the fires
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, Lady of the Southern Cross,
Help of Christians: *pray for us.*

St Mary of the Cross: *pray for us.*



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

This Sunday, we welcome three new
Christians into the parish community
and the universal Church: **Violet and
Hamish Leddin** (children of Maddy
and Todd) and **Emily Fitzgerald**
(daughter of Shannon and Ryan). The
children will be welcomed at the Sunday
morning Mass at Port Fairy, and
baptised immediately after Mass.

VISITING DEACON

Welcome to Rev James Baptist, who was
ordained a deacon last year, and will
become a priest of the Melbourne
Archdiocese later this year. James is
staying with Fr John this week, and he
will preach at the weekend Masses.

PRE-DINNER ORGAN CONCERT 6pm–7pm, Friday 28th February St Joseph's, Warrnambool



Thomas Heywood joins with
local choir and Guest
Artists, Cantori. Program
includes Mozart's *Adagio
from Clarinet Concerto*,
Vivaldi's *Concerto in A
minor*, and Handel's
Harmonious Blacksmiths.

Adult. \$30

Concession. \$25

Under 18. FREE

“Superhuman gifts ... brilliant technique,
riveting rhythm, an amazing ear for color ...
Mr Heywood brought it off magnificently. In
fact, this was some of the most compelling
music making of any kind I've heard in ages.
Start to finish, this was drop dead music
making, with flair and expressivity to burn ...
even if you think you don't like organ recitals,
don't even think of missing him.”

– *The Dallas Morning News, USA*



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE LAMB OF GOD

When John the Baptist sees Jesus coming towards him, he says ***‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world...’*** We have got used to the words ‘Lamb of God’, but nevertheless they are still wonderful, mysterious words; powerful words.

What overtones these words would have had for their hearers, who knew the meaning of the paschal lamb, its blood shed on the night the Jews were freed from slavery in Egypt! Furthermore, all the Israelites were familiar with the words of Isaiah, who had compared the sufferings of the Servant of Yahweh, the Messiah, with the sacrifice of a lamb. For his part, St Paul would say to the first Christians at Corinth that Christ, *“our paschal lamb has been sacrificed”* and he invites them to a new life; a holy life.

This expression, “Lamb of God,” has been widely meditated and commented on by theologians and spiritual writers. It is a title rich in theological content: one of those resources of human language that attempts to express a multifaceted and divine reality. But it is nearer the truth to say that it is one of those expressions coined by God, in order to reveal something very important about himself.

Our hope of salvation is in Jesus. He is himself a strong call to hope, because Christ has come to forgive and to cure the wounds of sin. Each day, before they

administer Holy Communion to the faithful, the priests pronounce these words of John as they show Jesus to the people. *Behold the Lamb of God ...* The prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled on Calvary, and again comes to pass in each and every Mass, as we recall today in the Offertory Prayer: *“for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated, the work of our redemption is accomplished.”* The Church wants us to thank Our Lord for giving himself up to death for our salvation, and for having wanted to be the food of our souls.

From very early times, Christian art has represented Jesus Christ, God and Man, as the Paschal Lamb. It is He who takes away the sin of the world. It is He who was sacrificed and who possesses all the power and the glory. Before him the twenty-four elders bow down in adoration according to St John’s Vision of the Apocalypse. He presides over the great marriage supper; he receives the Bride; he purifies the blessed with his blood, and he is the only one who can open the book of the seven seals; the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega, the Redeemer filled with gentleness and the all-powerful Judge who is to come to recompense each according to their work.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, has come to bring forgiveness. He is the Redeemer, the Reconciler. He does not forgive just once, neither does he forgive mankind in the abstract, or as a whole. He forgives each one of us as often as, repentant, we draw close to him. He forgives us and he gives us a new birth; He opens the gates of grace to us once again so that we can – filled with hope – continue on our way.

Let us thank God for the many times he has forgiven us. And let’s ask too, that we may never tire nor fail to approach that unending source of divine mercy which is sacramental confession.

KOROIT: 26th January, 10:30am

Psalm and Intercessions: Helen Carey.

Lectors: Fiona Moir, Gerard Auld.

Communion: Christine Russell, Jenny Auld, Betty Bishop.

Gifts: Wendy and Michael Lane and family.

Counters for January: Leo Freeman, Brendan Holscher, Des Walsh, Robbie Mugavin.

Cleaning and Flowers for January: Clare Gleeson and Trish Shanahan.

PORT FAIRY: 25th January, 6:30pm

Welcome and Intercessions: Joan McLean.

Lector: David Ryan.

Communion: Martina Murrphy, Teresa Wales, John Hoy.

Gifts: M. and K. Moyle.

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 SUNDAY'S READINGS Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading. *Isaiah 8:23-9:3.*

In Galilee the people has seen a great light.

Second Reading. *1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17.*

Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.

Gospel. *Matthew 4:12-23.*

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled.

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

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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