MASSES DURING THE WEEK:

Koroit: Tuesday; Wednesday; Friday 10.00am Port Fairy: Tuesday; Thursday 10.00am

FUNERAL MASSES WILL ALWAYS TAKE THE PLACE OF ROSTERED WEEKDAY MASSES.

<u>CONFESSIONS:</u> following the last Mass of the week in each of the Parishes or <u>by appointment</u>.

FATIMA STATUE (Port Fairy) Devotions will

be in the Church on Tuesday and Thursday (when there is morning Mass) with Rosary from 9.30 am.

THE ROSARY is recited in The Church of The Infant Jesus, Koroit, before each weekday Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

First Reading

Gen 12:1-4 Abram leaves home receiving promises from the Lord.

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

Following the Gospel entails some hardship.

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

Koroit Roster

Leader: Carmel Noonan

Readers: Maryanne Evans; John Rea

Extraordinary Ministers: Barbara Mills; bob Shanahan;

Fiona Moir

Gifts: Julian & Vicki McElgunn & family

Counters for March: Kevin Lane; Peter Lynch; Brian Rus-

sell.

Church Cleaning Flower Roster for March: Helen Carey;

Joan McMahon

Port Fairy: Folk Festival Masses

Leader: Reader:

Special Ministers:

Gifts:

Hospital: H Winnen; M Gibb

Church Cleaning/ Flower Roster for March: Jean Paton; Lynda

Hughes.

MOYNE REGIONAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Mass Times 2017

1st Sunday of the month Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm Yambuk 9.00 am Port Fairy 10.30 am

2nd Sunday of the Month Port Fairy (Sat) 6.30 pm Hawkesdale 9.00am Koroit 10.30 am

3rd Sunday of the Month Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm Orford 9.00 am Port Fairy 10.30 am

4th Sunday of the Month Port Fairy (Sat) 6.30 pm Koroit 10.30 am

5th Sunday of the Month Koroit (Sat) 6.30 pm Port Fairy 10.30 am

> Easy to remember: First, third and fifth Sundays, Mass Sunday Morning at Port Fairy,

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1st Sunday in Lent

Responsorial Psalm (R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (*R*.)

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (*R*.)



4. Give me again the joy of your

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with a spirit of fervour sustain

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (*R*.)



Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Recent Deaths: Elsie Cobb Anniversaries: Kevin

Mugavin;

Koroit News:

Koroit: Planned Giving: \$876.00

Presbytery: \$472.00

Port Fairy News:

Planned Giving: \$581.30 Presbytery: \$545.30

Folk Festival Mass Times Port Fairy

Saturday 12th March, **6.00pm.** Sunday 13th March, 10.30am. **Note** change of time for Saturday night.

Fr Denis Andrews will celebrate Mass at **Yambuk** Sunday 12th March at 8.30am

Project Compassion

many in rural villages in the Philippines, struggle to feed and educate their children, But, with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, they now have the skills to earn a better income for their children and help their neighbours in

their vulnerable community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the

Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours

Parish Appointments

Fr Neville Stanislaus will become parish priest of Camperdown and Timboon from May 1, 2017.

In view of this move, from the first week of May, Fr Alex Lim will take up the care of the parishes of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun.

From the same time, Fr Peter Hudson will take up the care of the parish of Nhill. This will be in addition to Fr Peter's care of the Horsham parish.

Lenten Regulations

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

On Good Friday and, if possible on Holy Saturday until the Easter vigil, the Paschal Fast is observed.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Trinity Sunday, (June 11), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess

their grave sins at least once a year.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin. The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans.

It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to

