



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 11th January and Sunday 12th January 2020

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***The Lord will bless his people
with peace.***

O give the Lord, you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court.

***The Lord will bless his people
with peace.***

The Lord's voice resounding on the
waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

***The Lord will bless his people
with peace.***

The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

***The Lord will bless his people
with peace.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the
Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Today's feast concludes the Christmas Season. The nativity scene and Christmas decorations are traditionally removed on the Epiphany or today. However, some people keep these in place until the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) on 2nd February — 40 days after Christmas.

THE BLESSING OF THE FLEET in Port Fairy is deferred to Sunday 19th January.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We commend to God's care ***Fr David Shelton, Jenny Glare*** and ***Kath Gardiner*** who died recently, and ***Agnes Condon,*** and ***Marie Lynch*** whose anniversaries occur at this time.



WEEKDAY MASSES

10am Wednesday, Infant Jesus, Koroit

10am Thursday, St Patrick's, Port Fairy

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, Jack Bernard Parkinson
will be baptised at Infant Jesus Church,
Koroit. May God bless him, and his
parents Adrian and Leanne, and his big
sister Keely-May, now and always.



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care. A new CPE program begins locally
in February 2020. For more information
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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.

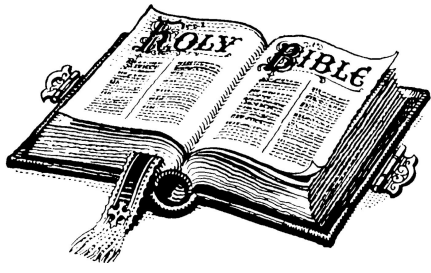
Adult. \$30

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

OUR LORD'S BAPTISM AND OUR BAPTISM

In today's feast we celebrate the baptism of Jesus by John in the River Jordan. Though he himself had no stain to be washed away, he wished to submit himself to this rite as he submitted himself to the other requirements of the Law. As a human being he submitted himself to the laws that ruled and governed the lives of the people of Israel who had been elected by God to prepare the way for the Redeemer.

The Lord desired to be baptised, says St Augustine, so that he might freely proclaim through his humility what for us was to be a necessity.

By his baptism Jesus left for us the Sacrament of Christian Baptism, directly instituted by Christ, and imposed as a universal law from the day of his Ascension. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me," the Lord was to say

on that day. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

In Baptism we receive faith and grace. The day we were baptised is the most important day of our lives. Just as the parched land does not yield its fruits if it does not get water, so also we who were like dried sticks can produce fruits of life only if we receive freely the gentle and abundant rainfall of grace from on high. Before we received baptism we were outside the locked gates of Paradise, unable to bring forth the slightest supernatural fruit.

Today our prayer enables us to thank God for this totally undeserved gift, and to rejoice in the countless good things He has so lavishly bestowed on us. "Thanksgiving," write Abbott Marmion, "is the very first emotion that should be born in us in response to our baptism: the second is joy. Never should we think of our baptism without deep feelings of interior gladness."

We must rejoice in the cleansing of our souls from the stain of original

sin, and of any other sin we may have committed before our baptism. We're all members of the one human family which was originally damaged by the sin of our first parents. This "original sin is transmitted as an inextricable part of our fallen human nature, by generation, not by imitation, and is to be found individually in each one of us." (St Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*.) But Jesus gave us Baptism as a specific means of purifying our human nature and freeing it from the terrible affliction of this sin we were born with. The baptismal water operates in a real way signifying what the use of natural water signifies – the cleansing and purification from every blemish or stain.

"Thanks to the Sacrament of Baptism you have been turned into a temple of the Holy Spirit," says St Leo the Great. "Don't ever let it happen," he exhorts us, "that you drive away so noble a guest by your evil deeds, or ever again submit to the power of the demon: for the price you were bought with is the blood of Christ."

KOROIT: 18th January, 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 January: Leo Freeman, Brendan Holscher, Des Walsh, Robbie Mugavin.

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

PORT FAIRY: 19th January, 10:30am

Welcome and Intercessions: Liz McVeigh.

Lector: H. Robertson.

Communion: H. Winnen, J. Moloney, K. Loudon.

Gifts: C. Dwyer and R. Palmer.

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading. *Isaiah 49:3,5-6.*

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading. *1 Corinthians 1:1-3.*

May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel. *John 1:29-34.*

"Behold: the Lamb of God."

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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