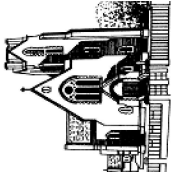


**MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy  
Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



**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**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

First Reading. *Isaiah 2:1-5.*

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.

Second Reading. *Romans 13:11-14.*

Our salvation is near.

Gospel. *Matthew 24:37-44.*

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**KOROIT: 30<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30pm**

Leader: Margaret Cashill.

Readers: Lorraine Dunne, Doreen Bowrian.

Communion: Carmel Noonan, Christine Russell, Maree Lane.

Gifts: Maureen Gavin and Bernadette Kirsch.

Counters for December: A. & T. Brady.

Cleaning and Flowers for November: Maureen Gavin, Maria Smith.

**PORT FAIRY: 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10:30am**

School-led Mass.

**CANONICAL ADMINISTRATOR:** Fr John Fitzgerald, [john.fitzgerald@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:john.fitzgerald@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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**Solemnity of Christ the King**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Please remember **Bill**

**Dooley, Emily Fiasco,**

and **Jim Griffin** (Ballarat),

who died recently, and

**Veronica Brown,**

**Christina Freckleton** and

**Patrick Madden** whose

anniversaries occur at this time.



**FR JOHN'S WEEKDAY MASSES**

**10am Wednesday**

Infant Jesus, Koroit

**10am Thursday**

St Patrick's Port Fairy

**10am Friday**

St Joseph's Warrnambool

**ANOINTING MASSES**

**2pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

St Patrick's School, Koroit

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING**

**Weekly presbytery collection**

Koroit: \$321.00

Port Fairy: \$256.20

**Monthly 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 asked us to pray throughout November for an end to the drought.

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.

St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

at Mickey Bourke's Kororoit Hotel,

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

\$25 per person.

All welcome!



RSVP: This Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Call Clare Gleeson 5565 8427 or

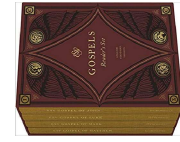
Carmel Madden 0448 468 971

**Christmas Cards — \$3 per pack**

**Columnar Calendars — \$8 each**

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

### ESV GOSPELS, READER'S SET



Each of the four gospels is printed in its own stand-alone hardcover volume. The text is printed in single-column

without any chapter, verse, or

footnote references — just

like a novel. Terrible for bible study, but

perfect for spiritual reading and prayer!

From next week, sets will be available

to buy after Mass. The price is \$35. For

more information, or to order online, visit:

[www.acountrypriest.com/esv](http://www.acountrypriest.com/esv)

### NEW PARISH APPOINTMENTS

**Cororooke parish: Fr Michael O'Toole**

(in addition to his responsibilities as Parish Priest of Colac).

**Bungaree parish: Fr Sajan Matthew.**

**Gordon parish: Fr Sajan Matthew** and

**Fr Ed Moloney** (in addition to his service

in the seminary in Melbourne).

**Robinvale parish & East Wimmera parish:**

**Fr Peter Jose** will assume care for the

Robinvale Parish, and **Fr Jim McKay**

together with **Fr Eugene McKinnon** will

look after the parish of East Wimmera.

All appointments take effect in January.

## PLENARY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Our next regional meeting focuses on the call to be a *Missionary and Evangelising Church*. St Joseph's Parish Hall. All welcome.



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**6:30pm Christmas Eve**

Koroit and Port Fairy

**9am Christmas Day**

Port Fairy

kingdom by force. His 'weapons' are goodness and a shepherd's solicitude. The Lord instructed King David, "You are the man who shall be **shepherd** of my people Israel." Following that precedent, Christ the King tends to his lost sheep, to men and women who have strayed through sin. He takes care to heal their wounds. He goes so far as to die for his sheep. He promises the good thief — a sinner, like you and me — "today you will be with me in paradise."

Pope St John Paul II elaborates in an address he delivered on this feast: "As King, our Lord came to reveal God's love, to be the Mediator of the new Covenant, the Redeemer of mankind. The kingdom which Jesus initiated works in its interior dynamism as 'leaven' and a 'sign of salvation' to build a more just, more fraternal world, one with more solidarity, inspired by the evangelical values of hope and of the future happiness to which all are

called. Therefore, the Preface of today's Eucharistic celebration speaks of Jesus who has offered to the Father: 'an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.'" This is what the Kingdom of Christ is all about. Each one of us is called to participate in this kingdom and expand it through our apostolate. The Lord should be present in our families, among our friends, neighbours and colleagues at work. As St Josemaria reminds us: "Against those who reduce religion to a set of negative statements, or are happy to settle for a watered-down Catholicism; against those who wish to see the Lord with his face against the wall, or to put him in a corner of their souls, we have to affirm, with our words and with our deeds, that we aspire to make Christ the King reign indeed over all hearts, theirs included."

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

#### CHRIST'S REIGN OF JUSTICE AND LOVE

In the words of St John Paul II, the Solemnity of Christ the King is "a synthesis of the entire salvific mystery." Today's feast brings the liturgical year to a close. We have celebrated the mysteries of the life of the Lord. Now we contemplate Christ in his glorified state as King of all Creation and king of our souls. The feasts of the Epiphany, Easter and the Ascension also relate to Christ as King and Lord of the Universe, but the Church has wanted to have this feast as a special remembrance to modern generations, who seem somewhat indifferent to their supernatural destiny.

The readings in today's Mass emphasise the love of Christ the King. He did not come to establish his