



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 7th November and Sunday 8th December 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.***

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.
R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of
God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember ***Teresa Hurley*** and ***Kerry Thistlethwaite*** (Nanango, Qld) who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



FR JOHN'S WEEKDAY MASSES

10am Wednesday

Infant Jesus Church, Koroit

10am Thursday

School Mass of Thanksgiving

St Patrick's Church, Port Fairy

2pm Friday

School Mass of Thanksgiving

Infant Jesus Church, Koroit

11am Saturday

St Patrick's Church, Port Fairy

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$245.50

Port Fairy: \$354.35

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 EUCCHARISTIC 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'S MASS TIMES

10pm New Year's Eve
Late Night Mass, Port Fairy
10am New Year's Day
Morning Mass, Koroit



YAMBUK, HAWKESDALE & ORFORD CHURCHES

Representatives from Yambuk, Hawkesdale and Orford met with Fr John Fitzgerald this week to discuss the future of these recently closed churches. The buildings have started to fall into disrepair and will continue to do so while vacant. It is highly unlikely that the churches will ever be reopened and it was agreed that the properties should be sold. Permission will be sought from Bishop Paul Bird and it is expected that the sale of Orford and Yambuk will proceed early next year. Further discussions will be held with the Hawkesdale community to examine all options. More details will follow.

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PICNIC

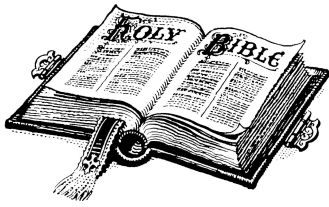


Sunday 15th December
Fiddler's Green,*
Bank & Sackville Streets.

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

JOHN THE BAPTIST: AN ADVENT FIGURE

The Saviour is about to arrive and nobody notices a thing. The world goes on as usual, completely oblivious. Only Mary knows – and Joseph who has been told by the angel. The world is in darkness. Christ is still in Mary's womb. And there are God's Chosen People, still arguing about the Messiah, without any idea that he is so near. Only a few people are expecting the Consolation of Israel: Simeon, Anna ... We are in Advent, a time of waiting.

During this liturgical period the Church proposes for our meditation the figure of John the Baptist. For *"this was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."* (Mt 3:3)

The Messiah's coming was preceded by prophets who announced his arrival from afar, like heralds who announce the arrival of a great king. John appears as the dividing line between

the Old Testament and the New. Our Lord himself teaches something about John when He talks about *"the law and the prophets down to John the Baptist."* John is the personification of antiquity and the announcement of new times. Representing antiquity, he is born to elderly parents. As the harbinger of new times, he shows that he is a prophet from his mother's womb. He was not yet born when, on hearing Our Lady, he leaps for joy inside his mother's womb. John is called *prophet of the Most High*, because his mission is "to go before the Lord to prepare his ways, teaching the knowledge of salvation to his people."

The whole of John's life is determined by this mission, even from before his birth. This is his vocation. His whole purpose is to prepare, for Jesus, a people capable of receiving the Kingdom of God. At the same time he is to give public testimony of Him. John will not seek personal fulfilment through his work but has come to prepare a perfect people for the Lord. He will not do it because it appeals to him, but because it was for this very purpose he was conceived. This is what all apostolate is about: forgetting oneself and

fostering a true concern for others.

John was to carry out his task to the full, even to the extent of giving up his life in the fulfilment of his vocation. Many came to know Jesus through John the Baptist's apostolic work. It was through an express indication of his that the first disciples followed Jesus. And many others were inwardly prepared thanks to his preaching.

One's vocation embraces one's whole life, and our whole being works towards fulfilment of the divine mission. God makes the conversion of many children of Israel depend on John's future response.

In their place and circumstances, every person has a God given vocation. The divine will desires many other things that depend on the fulfilment of that vocation. *"Many great things depend – don't forget it – on whether you and I live our lives as God wants."* (St Josemaría Escrivá, *The Way*, no. 755.)

Do we bring the people around us closer to God? Do we give good example in the way we carry out our work, in our family, in our social relations? Do we speak about God to our peers?

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

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading. *Isaiah 35:1-6,10.*

God himself is coming to save you.

Second Reading. *James 5:7-10.*

Do not lose heart;
the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel. *Matthew 11:2-11.*

A greater than John the Baptist
Have never been seen.

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: 14th December, 6:30pm

Leader: Helen Carey.

Readers: Fran Biber, Margaret Moloney.

Communion: Lorraine Dunne, Clare Gleeson, Kate Dobson.

Gifts: Maree and Patrick Lane and family.

Counters for December: A. & T. Brady.

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

PORT FAIRY: 15th December, 10:30am

Welcome and Intercessions: H. Robertson.

Lector: Trish Grady.

Communion: J. Moloney, Marj Murrihy, Louise Tamer.

Gifts: H. and B. Moloney.

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

RECONCILIATION

After 11am Saturday Mass

St Patrick's, Port Fairy
(during Advent)

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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