

## KOROIT: 1<sup>st</sup> February, 6:30pm

Psalm and Intercessions: Margaret Cashill.

Lectors: Lorraine Dunne and Doreen Bowron.

Communion: Carmel Noonan, Christine Russell, Maree Lane.

Gifts: Maureen Gavin, Bernadette Kirsch.

Counters for February: Jim Madden, Maurice Mahony.

Cleaning and Flowers for February: Christine Russell and Betty Bishop.

## PORT FAIRY: 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 10:30am

Welcome and Intercessions: Gen Verdonck.

Lector: Angela Hutchison.

Communion: Tony Hutchison, Sr Maureen, Marj Murrhiy.

Gifts: M. Gibb and J. Corfield.

Sanctuary Duty for February: Marj Murrhiy.

## 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

### The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

First Reading. *Malachi 3:1-4.*

The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple.

Second Reading. *Hebrews 2:14-18.*

He took to himself descent from Abraham.

Gospel. *Luke 2:22-40.*

My eyes have seen your salvation.

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## SUNDAY MASSES

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

Port Fairy (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Koroit: 10.30am Sun

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

Port Fairy (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Koroit: 10.30am Sun

### 5<sup>th</sup> 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



## MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



# Sunday of the Word of God (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long.

to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News  
of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We commend to the  
Lord's mercy and  
compassion **William**  
**Bernard Sinnott** and all 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

NB: A funeral takes the place  
of previously scheduled Mass.

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING

### Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$199.10

Port Fairy: \$713.90

### 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.*

## BLESSED CANDLES NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which concludes the forty days of Christmas. This feast, also called *Candlemas*, includes a traditional blessing of candles, which will be incorporated into Sunday's Mass. You can bring your own candles, or buy one or more of the beeswax candles the parish has acquired for the feast.



## MASS AND AFTERNOON TEA AT ST BRIGID'S, CROSSLEY



**2pm, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.  
Feast of St Brigid**

Mass of Thanksgiving and Blessing for volunteers, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome!



## YAMBUK, HAWKESDALE & ORFORD

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has formally received written proposals to sell these churches. Before granting his permission to sell, the bishop will discuss the matter with his College of Consultors and the Diocesan Finance Council. Stay tuned for more news in the next few weeks.

## PRE-DINNER ORGAN CONCERT 6pm–7pm, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February St Joseph's, Warrnambool

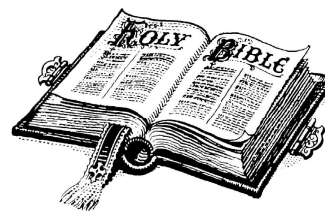


Thomas Heywood joins with local choir and Guest Artists, Cantori. Program includes Mozart's *Adagio from Clarinet Concerto*, Vivaldi's *Concerto in A minor*, and Handel's *Harmonious Blacksmiths*.

Adult . . . . . \$30  
Concession . . . . . \$25  
Under 18 . . . . . FREE

"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*



## INSTITUTING THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

From *Aperuit Illis*, an Apostolic Letter issued "Motu Proprio" (on the pope's personal initiative)

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." (Lk 24:45) This was one of the final acts of the risen Lord before his Ascension. To them, amid their fear and bewilderment, he unveiled the meaning of the Paschal Mystery: in accordance with the Father's eternal plan he had to suffer and rise from the dead, in order to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sins. He then promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would give them strength to be his witnesses.

The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, St Jerome could rightly claim: **"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."**

At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, I proposed a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches

contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.

Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. I am reminded of the teaching of St Ephrem: *"Who can understand, Lord, all the richness of your words? More eludes us than ever we understand. We are like the thirsty drinking from a fountain. Your word has as many aspects as the perspectives of those who study it. The Lord has coloured his word with diverse beauties, so that those who study it can contemplate what stirs them. He has hidden in his word treasures, so that each of us may find a richness in what we contemplate."*

It is fitting that our lives be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithfulness. Consequently I hereby declare the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. May this Sunday help us all grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: **"This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance."** (Dt 30:14)

*Franciscus*

Given in Rome on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Feast of St Jerome and the 1600th anniversary of his death.