



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2nd November and Sunday 3rd November 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

I will give you glory, O God my king,

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever. **(R)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

Slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

Compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign

and declare your might O God. **(R)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words

And loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall

and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much,

he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him

might have eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

A Book of Remembrance
is on display throughout
November. You are invited
to add friends and family
who will be remembered
in perpetuity.



**For the next 2 weeks,
Fr John is away from the
parish on his annual
study course.**

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am Wednesday

Infant Jesus, Koroit

10am Thursday

St Patrick's Port Fairy

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$324.20

Port Fairy: \$151.75

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

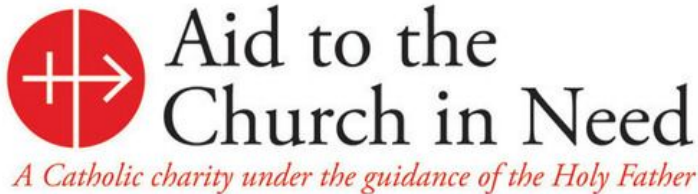


PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

At any time of the year, particular graces are obtained by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Between 1st and 8th November, visits to cemeteries are especially efficacious.



Masses can be arranged through *Aid to the Church in Need* for your deceased loved ones. One hundred percent of Mass offering will be sent to poor priests overseas, who will offer Mass for your intentions. Envelopes are available in your planned giving set, or at the church entrance throughout November. Please place envelopes in collection baskets or hand them directly to a priest.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS & COLUMBAN CALENDARS



Cards — \$3 per pack
Calendars — \$8 each

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

INVITATION TO MORNING TEA 10am, this Monday November St Brigid's Hall, Crossley



Please join us for a morning coffee party to support the Good Samaritan Sisters' Mission in Australia, the Philippines, Kiribati, Japan and Timor Leste.

BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY 7pm, Wednesday 13th November



Mass to celebrate the ordination of Shane Mackinlay as Bishop of Sandhurst will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome.

PRE-DINNER ORGAN CONCERT 6pm–7pm, Friday 15th November



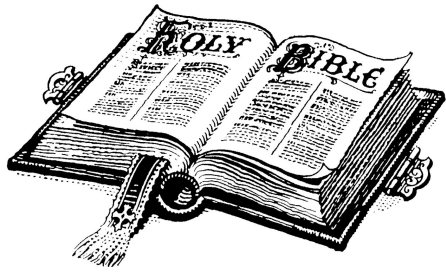
Thomas Heywood brings his global tour to St Joseph's, Warrnambool. Program includes Mozart's *Minuet from Divertimento*, Beethoven's *Adante from Symphony No. 1*, and Bach's *Toccatà and Fugue in D minor*.

Tickets available at the door.

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

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– *The Dallas Morning News, USA*



REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

During the month of November the Church invites us to pray more insistently for the souls in Purgatory. In remarks last year, Pope Francis encouraged us: *“By visiting the graves of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers, together with Mary, Queen of all Saints, asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.”*

To join those ranks it is necessary that we be purified of all sin. A soul stained by venial faults cannot enter the dwelling place of God, *“nor one who does what is loathsome or false, but only those who are listed in the book of life of the Lamb.”* (Rev 21:27) St Catherine of Genoa writes: *“No one is barred from Heaven. Whoever wants to enter Heaven may do so*

because God is all-merciful. Our Lord will welcome us into glory with his arms wide open. The Almighty is so pure, however, that if a person is conscious of the least trace of imperfection and at the same time understands that Purgatory is ordained to do away with such impediments, the soul enters this place of purification glad to accept so great a mercy of God. The worst suffering of these holy souls is to have sinned against divine Goodness and not to have been purified in this life.”

This waiting room of Heaven is not “a lesser hell,” but a place of preparation where souls are duly cleansed of the remains of sin before entering Heaven. In Purgatory the soul experiences very intense suffering which St Augustine describes as *“more painful than anything a man can suffer in this life.”* But there is great joy too, since Heaven comes afterwards. The soul in Purgatory has won the spiritual battle and is awaiting a certain encounter with God. The soul in Purgatory can be compared to an adventurer at the edge of the desert. The sun is relentless, the heat suffocating and water is not readily available. On the horizon lies the distant

mountain where his treasure lies. In between stretches a vast expanse. He sets out to cross the torrid plain prepared to travel the long distance on foot. On the far off peak fresh breezes blow. Rest and refreshment await him there. Meanwhile, the asphyxiating heat makes him suffer. The soul in Purgatory differs from the adventurer in that he knows most assuredly that he will eventually arrive at the summit of his distant mountain. No matter how suffocating the torrid heat may be, it will never separate him from God.

We can help the holy souls in Purgatory pass more quickly over the great divide that separates them from God by making reparation for sin. We can also shorten our own passage through this waiting room of Heaven. If we are generous in our spirit of penance, in the offering of our sufferings, and in our love for the sacrament of Confession, with the help of grace we may enter into Heaven straight away. This is the case with the saints whose living example is an open invitation to spur us on. Their example stimulates our own desire to help make up for the effects of personal sin in the lives of countless souls.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14.*
The King of the world will
raise us up to live for ever.

Second Reading. *2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5.*
May the Lord strengthen you in
everything good that you do or say.

Gospel. *Luke 20:27-38.*
He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.

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

EASY TO REMEMBER:

Port Fairy, Sunday morning: 1st, 3rd and 5th
Koroit, Sunday morning: 2nd and 4th

KOROIT: 10th November, 10:30am

Leader: Carmel Noonan.

Readers: Maryanne Evans, John Rea.

Communion: Barbara Mills, Bob Shanahan,
Fiona Moir.

Gifts: Julian and Vicki McElgunn and family.

Counters for November: Des Keane, Michael
Lane.

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

PORT FAIRY: 9th November, 6:30pm

Leader: Sue Paulka.

Readers: Rosie Palmer.

Communion: Teresa Wales, David Ryan,
John Hoy.

Gifts: C. Dwyer and M. Murrehy.

Cleaning and Flowers for November:
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

No confessions in Koroit and Pt Fairy while Fr John is away.

IN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES:

St Pius X, West Warrnambool
After 10am Saturday Mass

St Joseph's, Warrnambool
After 10am Friday Mass

Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
After 9:30am Friday Mass

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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.