

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *Isaiah 66:18-21.*

“They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.”

Second Reading. *Hebrews 12:5-7;11-13.*

The Lord trains the one he loves.

Gospel. *Luke 13:22-30.*

The last shall be first and the first last.

KOROIT: 25th August, 10:30am

Leader: Helen Carey.

Readers: Fran Biber, Margaret Moloney.

Communion: Lorraine Dunne, Clare Gleeson, Kate Dobson.

Gifts: Maree and Patrick Lane and family.

Counters for August: Bob Shanahan, Mick Gloury, Kevin Moroney.

Cleaning and Flowers for August: Ro Mugavin and Wendy Lane

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

RECONCILIATION

5pm–6pm, Wednesdays

St Patrick's, Port Fairy

5pm–6pm, Thursdays

Infant Jesus, Koroit

5pm–6pm, Saturdays

At the place of the Vigil Mass.

PORT FAIRY: 24th August, 6:30pm

Leader: Rosie Palmer.

Readers: Peter Sanderson.

Communion: David Ryan, Martina Murrhly, Sr Maureen.

Gifts: P. & J. Murray.

Cleaning and Flowers for August: Kerrie Robertson and Joan McLean.

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.

Our Child Safe Policies can be read at the church entrance and on our webpages. Our safe-guarding officer is Peter Sanderson.



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 17th August and Sunday 18th August 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

Lord, come to my aid!

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

Lord, come to my aid!

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear

and shall trust in the Lord.

Lord, come to my aid!

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow
me.

Alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for **Flo Lehmann**

(last principal at St Joseph's,
Yambuck) who died recently; and
Rachel Durkin-Mangan,

Winifred Dempsey,
Ray Farley and Bernie

Moloney whose
anniversaries occur at
this time.



WEEKDAY MASSES

10am Wednesday, Koroit

10am Thursday, Port Fairy.

FUNERAL MASSES REPLACE
THE REGULAR SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$498.20

Port Fairy: \$176.85

Monthly planned giving (July)

Koroit pledged: \$3,247.00

Koroit received: \$2,249.70

Port Fairy pledged: \$2,932.00

Port Fairy received: \$2,144.50

NEW ENVELOPES

The new planned giving envelopes and 2018-2019 giving statements are now available for Infant Jesus Parish Koroit (back of Church) and St Patrick's Parish Port Fairy (Gathering Space). Please note the new envelopes do not start until 1st September.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Facilitated by a healed survivor, this prayer service is based on Scripture, with an emphasis on supporting victims as they journey through the process of healing. Flyers are available at back of church. You do not need to have attended the first service. **2:30pm to 4pm, Saturday 31st August** in the small meeting room at St Joseph's Parish, Warrnambool.

ANOINTING MASSES

- **10am Thursday 5th September**, at Moyneyana House, Port Fairy.
- **2pm Friday 6th September** at St Patrick's School, Koroit.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

God bless our Port Fairy parishioners who are for the first time receiving the Lord's Most Holy Body and Blood:

- Hugh Allen
- Zac Allen
- Sienna van de Camp
- Tilly Chisholm
- Isaac Dempsey
- Chloe Dumseney
- Aidan Dwyer
- Jordan Dwyer
- Mollie Edmonds
- Grace Godde
- Emily Leddin
- Oliver McCosh
- Maeve Murphy
- Charlie Murray
- Tessa Phillips
- Harry Pollock
- Caleb Tonkin
- Eliza Ross
- William Verhoef

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

God bless, too, Koroit parishioners Nikky Wemyss and Jordan O'Keefe, who are married this weekend at the Church of the Infant Jesus.



GOSPEL REFLECTION from *In Conversation with God* by Fr Francis Fernandez

Fire is used frequently in Scripture as a symbol of God's love, which works to cleanse men and women of their impurities. Love is like *"the fire which never says, 'Enough.'*" (Prov 30:16) Love is ignited by contact with God: *"My heart became hot within me. As I mused, the fire burned."* (Ps 38:3) On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire, to purify their hearts and prepare them for the mission of extending the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world.

Our Lord says to us in today's Gospel: "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!" Love finds its ultimate expression in Christ himself: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." Jesus surrendered his life freely for us. "Greater love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." This is why He tells us of his impatience to fulfil his Baptism by dying on the Cross and redeeming mankind: *"There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress until it is over!"*

The Lord wants the fire of his love to set aflame our hearts, to light them up completely. He loves each one of us with a personal love, as if

each one of us were the only object of his love. He has never ceased to love us, to help us, to protect us, to communicate with us — even when we are ungrateful, when we sin or even when we sin gravely. The Lord always shows forth his benevolence. God does not love us with a conditional love. He loves us totally, without conditions, with all of his being, which is infinite. This mystery of love is particularly apparent in the case of his Mother, the Blessed Virgin.

Mary, Our Mother, is a mirror in which we should see ourselves. She lived a normal life in such a way that none of her relatives or neighbours knew what was in her heart. Not even Joseph would have known, had not God revealed it to him. Our Blessed Lady, God's most favoured creature, remained always in a state of absolute "normalness." At the time of the Annunciation, when God's special love for her was especially evident, she accepted God's eternal plan for her. How great was her faith! She not only believed in God's absolute love, but believed without reservation.

Mary teaches us to love God without limits. She helps us examine our conscience concerning our love for God. It makes no sense to have a half-hearted love for a God who loves us with such ardour. Is our heart on fire like that of Our Lady? Or has our heart gone cold, like a heap of ashes?

God loves me. This is the fundamental fact of my existence. Everything else pales in comparison.