



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 14th September and Sunday 15th September 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50 (51): The Miserere

I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your
kindness.

In your compassion blot out my
offence.

O wash me more and more from my
guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

I will rise and go to my father.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your
presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

I will rise and go to my father.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your
praise.

My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will
not spurn.

I will rise and go to my father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile
the world to himself;
and the Good News of
reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for **Fr
Patrick (Colin)
Kearney CSsR,
Kim Williams**
and **Kathleen McVeigh** (Fr
John's great aunt) who died
recently, and **Kevin Dalton**
whose anniversary occurs at
this time.



NO WEEKDAY MASSES

There are no weekday
Masses this week, as Fr John
is on his annual retreat.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$309.20

Port Fairy: \$284.75

Monthly planned giving

(August)

Koroit pledged: \$2,177.00

Koroit received: \$2,850.00

Port Fairy pledged: \$1,772.00

Port Fairy received: \$1,753.50

FR JOHN CORRIGAN AWAY

Fr John is on retreat from Monday to Friday, and on Saturday he has a wedding in Tarrayoukyan. He has swapped next weekend's Masses with Fr Anthony Nagothu, from St Mary MacKillop Western Border Parish.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Last year, Koroit contributed \$688 and Port Fairy contributed \$315 to this collection, which raised \$47,000 throughout the diocese. This year, our parishes have raised \$884. Thank you for your generosity.



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THE INVENTION OF MELBOURNE

1st August 2019 to 2nd March 2020

The Invention of Melbourne: A Baroque Bishop and a Gothic Architect is a free exhibition, held at Melbourne's Old Treasury Building. It presents a rare opportunity to see some little-known treasures of gold rush Melbourne and to reflect on two remarkable men: James Alipius Goold, first Catholic bishop of Melbourne, and William Wardell, architect of St Patrick's Cathedral. See: <http://tiny.cc/BBGA>

COMMUNITY HEALTH & HEALING

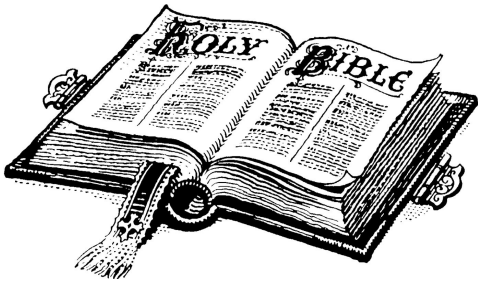
The Warrnambool Moving Forward group is organising an *Open Space Forum* focused on health and healing for Saturday 23rd November at the Emmanuel Centre. 10:30am to 2:30pm. All welcome.



TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

28th May to 10th June, 2020

Join Fr John Fitzgerald on a two week pilgrimage to Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and other holy places. It will transform your appreciation of the Gospels. Pilgrims also attend the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play in Bavaria. Email colleend@harvestjourneys.com.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE LIMITLESS MERCY OF GOD

The liturgy once again brings to our consideration the limitless mercy of God. This is a God who forgives and takes delight in the conversion of a single sinner. We see in the First Reading how Moses interceded with God on behalf of the Chosen People. They had strayed from the Covenant even while Moses was conversing with God on top of Mount Sinai. Moses makes no attempt to excuse the people's sin. He relies instead on the ancient promises of the Lord and his great mercy.

Many centuries later, St Paul understood his personal experience in a similar light. He wrote to Timothy these words in today's Second Reading: *"Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience."* We all share this same experience. God never tires of forgiving us, of helping us to come closer to him.

In the Gospel of today's Mass St Luke relates Christ's parables about divine compassion. God is overjoyed at

the recovery of a single sinner. The central figure in these parables is God himself. He does everything He can to recover those of his children who have succumbed to temptation. He is the Good Shepherd who goes out in search of the lost sheep. Once He has found it, He brings it home on his shoulders since it is trembling with exhaustion, worn out as a result of its disobedience. God is represented as the woman who, having lost a drachma, lights a lamp and sweeps the house in a careful search for it. Finally, He is seen as the loving father who goes out every day to await the return of his dissolute son. He strains his eyes to see if the newest figure on the horizon is his youngest son. Clement of Alexandria has written: *"God's great love for humanity is similar to the care shown by the mother-bird for the chick that has fallen from the nest. If a serpent should threaten to devour the little creature, she hovers over it, spreading her wings to protect it. This is how God paternally seeks out his fallen creature, curing him from his lapse, warding off the savage beast that would attack him and recovering his own. God beckons the soul to fly once again and return to the nest."*

Jesus is insistent: *"I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner."* The incredible mercy of God should be our greatest motivation for repentance, even when we have wandered off a great distance. Before we manage to stretch out our hand for help, God's own outstretched hand is already extended towards us.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *Amos 8:4-7.*

I will never forget your deeds,
you who trample on the needy.

Second Reading. *1 Timothy 2:1-8.*

Pray for everyone to God,
who wants everyone to be saved.

Gospel. *Luke 16:1-13.*

You cannot be the slave
of both God and money.

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: 22nd September, 10:30am

Leader: Helen Carey.

Readers: Fiona Muir and Gerard Auld.

Communion: Christine Russell, Jenny Auld,
Betty Bishop.

Gifts: Wendy and Michael Lane and family.

Counters for September: Kevin Lane, Peter
Lynch, Brian Russell.

Cleaning and Flowers for September: Kathy
Freeman, Shirley Parkinson.

PT FAIRY: 21st September, 6:30pm

Leader: Jean Fitzgibbon.

Readers: K. Robertson.

Communion: Teresa Wales, David Ryan,
Martina Murrhy.

Gifts: C. Dwyer and R. Palmer.

Cleaning and Flowers for September: Marj
Murrhy and Sue Gavin.

RECONCILIATION

5pm–6pm, Wednesdays

Infant Jesus, Koroit

5pm–6pm, Thursdays

St Patrick's, Port Fairy

5pm-6pm, Saturdays

At the place of the Vigil Mass

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