



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September 2019

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***God in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.***

They just shall rejoice at the presence of
God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name,
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

***God in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.***

Father of the orphan, defender of the
widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom:

***God in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.***

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved
you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness,
O God, for the poor.

***God in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
Learn from me, for I am
gentle and lowly in
heart.

Alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for
Kevin Miller who
died recently, and
for all the faithful
departed whose
anniversaries occur at this
time.



WEEKDAY MASSES

10am Wednesday,
Infant Jesus Church, Koroit.

10am Thursday,
Moynayana, Port Fairy.

2pm Friday,
St Patrick's School, Koroit.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Weekly presbytery collection

Koroit: \$258.90

Port Fairy: \$193.75

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

FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

Fifteen retired priests, Fr Bill among them, are currently supported by the Ballarat Clergy Support Fund (BCSF). Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will move into retirement, and they'll also need support from the Fund.

Since 1991 this collection has raised \$1.9 million, including \$48,000 last year. Along with active priests' own contribution of \$33,000 per year, today's parish collection allows the Fund to continue supporting our sick and retired clergy. Thank you for helping us continue 'caring for those who cared for us.'

CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

In my homily last week, some may have thought I characterised the complainant in the Cardinal Pell trial as a liar. It was not my intention to imply that, and I apologise to anyone who was rightly offended by that suggestion. Charity demands we attribute the best of intentions to Witness J. I publish the texts of my homilies at www.acountrypriest.com.

NEW KOROIT PRINCIPAL

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has ratified Fr John Fitzgerald's appointment of **Nicholas Murrell** as Principal of St Patrick's Primary School Koroit from the beginning of the 2020 school year.



THE INVENTION OF MELBOURNE 1st August 2019 – 2nd March 2020

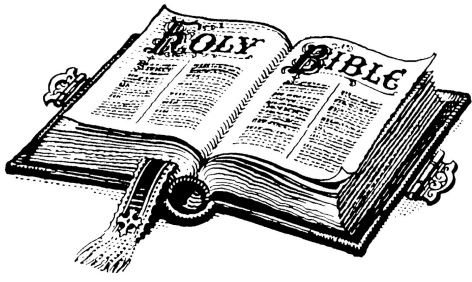
The Invention of Melbourne: A Baroque Bishop and a Gothic Architect is a free exhibition, held at Melbourne's Old Treasury Building. It presents a rare opportunity to see some little-known treasures of gold rush Melbourne and to reflect on two remarkable men: James Alipius Goold, first Catholic bishop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

ST JOSEPH'S, WARRNAMBOOL

Please join St Joseph's for our 130th anniversary celebrations. You are invited to 7pm Mass on Friday 13th September, followed by refreshments. On Saturday 14th, a commemorative tree will be planted at 10:30, followed by a tour of the Warrnambool Cemetery to honour those who have served the parish over the years.

NEW ENVELOPES

The new planned giving envelopes and 2018-2019 giving statements are now available. Please note the new envelopes start this weekend.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

OUR INORDINATE DESIRE FOR PRAISE AND FAME

The readings of today's Mass tell us about a virtue that is the basis of all the others: *humility*. It is in fact so necessary that Jesus takes every opportunity to explain it. On this particular occasion Our Lord is invited to a banquet and notices how the guests, as they arrive, take up the most honourable positions at table. Perhaps it is when they are already seated and have begun to talk that Our Lord tells them a parable which ends with these words: "*when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, 'My friend, move up higher.'* In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

This parable reminds us of the need to know our place, to avoid being blinded by ambition and letting life become a frantic pursuit of ever greater goals, for which in many cases we are unqualified and which sooner or later would lead to humiliation. Ambition, a form of pride, is often a cause of deep dissatisfaction in the person who suffers from it. "*Why do you look for the first places? Why do you want to*

be above others?" asks St John Chrysostom. Everybody has a natural appetite (which in its proper place can be good and noble) for honour and glory. Ambition is simply *a disordered tendency* to look for honour, to exercise authority, or to have a position that is in some way superior, or at least appears to be so.

True humility is not opposed to the legitimate desire for social advancement, enjoying professional prestige, and receiving the honour which is due to every human being. All this is compatible with a deep humility. But the humble person doesn't like showing off. They know that their purpose in life is not to shine and be highly regarded, but to carry out a mission for God and for others.

The virtue of humility has nothing to do with being shy, timid or mediocre. It causes us to be fully aware of the talents Our Lord has given us and, without losing a right intention, we want to make them fruitful in our lives. The humble direct to God the desires of glory which are hidden in every human heart: *Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo da gloriam* – "not to us, O Lord, but to You be the glory."

"*Do mules cease to be disgusting beasts simply because they are laden with a prince's perfumed goods?*" asks St Francis de Sales. The parallels he sees between ourselves and beasts of burden is a very valid one, echoing the words of Scripture: *ut iumentum factus sum apud te, Domine* – "we are like a donkey whose master, when he wishes to, loads us with treasures of great value." (Ps 72:23)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. *Wisdom 9:13-18.*

Who can divine the will of God?

Second Reading. *Philemon 9-10,12-17.*

He is a slave no longer,
but a dear brother in the Lord.

Gospel. *Luke 14:25-33.*

Anyone who does not carry his cross and
follow me cannot be my disciple.

KOROIT: 8th September, 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 September: Kevin Lane, Peter
Lynch, Brian Russell.

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

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

PORT FAIRY: 7th September, 6:30pm

Leader: Martina Murrhiy.

Readers: Sue Paulka.

Communion: Sr Maureen, John Hoy, Teresa
Wales.

Gifts: H. and B. Moloney.

Cleaning and Flowers for September: Marj
Murrhiy 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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For urgent matters, please don't hesitate to call Fr John Corrigan.

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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.