

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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23 July 2017 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgy Formation

Today (Sunday) Bishop Paul Bird and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission are presenting a program on Formation for the Liturgy in St Joseph's Parish Hall. This program would suit parents of primary age children, teachers, Mass readers, and people concerned with baptism preparation and funeral ministry. Lunch provided. 12 noon to 4:30 p.m., St Joseph's Parish Hall. All welcome.

St John of God Communion

Ministers of Communion who attend St John of God Hospital are invited to a gathering with Dr Jenny Conrick, Director of Mission, at the hospital on Thursday 17 August from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Afternoon tea will be provided,

Thoughts on Assisted Suicide

Following the Victorian Bishops' *Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria* which was distributed earlier this year (and still available on the pamphlet rack) we have received some copies of a booklet, *When Life is Ending* and a leaflet, *Real Care, Love and Compassion: the Alternative to Euthanasia*. All are available in the foyer of the church today. More information is available from the Archdiocese of Melbourne website, www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Culture-of-Life/Euthanasia

Using Weekly Envelopes

Please discard any planned giving envelopes dated prior to 16 July 2017 and use only the new ones from now on. Each contributor should place only one envelope on the plate each week, even if it means including in it several weeks' contributions. Your attention to this request will help the counters and those who record and bank the incoming money. Thank you!

'Our Diocesan Community'

The latest issue of the diocesan news magazine, *Our Diocesan Community*, is available today at the church doors. (Father Michael's vanity has taken a hit because the camera never lies!)

Alpha Youth Program

A new program for youth (Grade 6 to Year 10) is starting on Saturday 5 August at 5:30 p.m. in the St Pius X School Library.

The program is called Alpha. It's a 12 week program providing a comfortable atmosphere, food and a short video each week relating to questions about faith and life. If you are in Year 6 - 10 and would like a closer relationship to God, give Alpha a try. For catering purposes please reply before the night by contacting Julie on 0400 871 481.



The wheat and the weeds.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$601.10
Planned Giving June: \$4,829.20
Amount Pledged: \$5,807.00

Financial Year 2016 - 2017

Amount Pledged: \$71,321.00
Amount Given: \$65,127.70

Ballarat Diocesan Foundation

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation was established in 1986 to raise funds to assist the Bishop fund the pastoral needs of the Diocese of Ballarat. The objectives of the Foundation include:

- to financially assist the Diocese in its mission.
- to financially assist the charitable works of the Diocese and
- to provide for relief, support and comfort of those suffering disadvantage in the Diocese.

The Foundation operates as a distinct entity from general diocesan finances. In total \$336,701 was distributed during 2016 including contributions to Warrnambool's *Caring for the Homebound* program and organisations such as Centacare, the Ballarat Hospice, and Saint Vincent de Paul's North West Central Council.

The Foundation relies on donations to continue to build its investment reserve to fund its activities. You can assist by making a donation (all donations, regardless of the amount, are gratefully received); through a pledge (individuals or families can choose to commit to a pledge of a chosen amount on a yearly basis, or for a set period of time); or a bequest via your will. For more information, please contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126 or andrew.jirik@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. R. Farrar
10 a.m. A. Barker

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. J. Farrar
10 a.m. P. McElgunn

Ministers of Communion

6p.m. N. Stapleton
J. Dean
Volunteer
J. Garner
D. Pasco
10 a.m. A. Mills
L. McElgunn
F. Garvey
A. Webster
D. Webster

Local Sunday Masses

Sat.	6 p.m. 6 p.m.	St Pius X OLHC
Sun.	8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	St Joseph's OLHC St Pius X St Joseph's Allansford (1st, 3rd & 5th: Mass) Purnim (1st, 3rd & 5th lay-led) Purnim (2nd & 4th Mass) St Joseph's

Weekday Masses

Monday 24:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 25:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 26:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 27:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 28:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 29:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

Saturday mornings after Mass or when you can find Father Michael: no appointment necessary.