



Dates for First Eucharist

Over a hundred children across our parish are now beginning to prepare for their first reception of the Eucharist. Any child who wishes to receive First Eucharist this year must register with one of our parish schools this week. The preparation is family-centred, school-supported and parish-based.

Our parish communities will celebrate reception of First Eucharist on these dates:

- St Patrick's, Port Fairy – Saturday 20th August and Sunday 21st August
- Infant Jesus, Koroit – Sunday 21st August
- St Pius X, Warrnambool West – Sunday 21st August
- St Joseph's, Warrnambool – Sunday 28th August
- OLHC, Warrnambool East – Sunday 4th September

Please keep the children preparing for their First Communion, and their families, in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Baptisms: We welcome Liam, Peter and Thomas Kelly into God's Family this weekend.

150th Celebrations

On Thursday of this past week the community of Emmanuel College celebrated an important milestone with a whole school Mass presided over by Bishop Paul Bird.

It is 150 years since the arrival from Ireland of eight Sisters of Mercy. They arrived in Warrnambool to open a day and boarding school for the young people of our region. The Sisters' service and ministry in Warrnambool continues to this day with Srs Marie Mansbridge and Kathlyn O'Brien.

At the conclusion of Mass Fr Lawrie O'Toole was acknowledged and thanked by the principal, Mr Peter Morgan, for his outstanding commitment and service as Chaplain of the College. Fr Lawrie has just recently retired.

ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY, PORT FAIRY

Monthly Cuppa: Starting Sunday 7th August, tea and coffee will be served after Mass on the first Sunday of every month. All parishioners are most welcome, and some of you may like to bring a plate to share.

ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL

Thank You: St Joseph's Conference of St Vincent de Paul thanks parishioners for their generous donations of \$5,167.
Ministers' Breakfast: Wednesday at 7.30am.
Liturgy Committee Meeting: Wednesday at 5.00pm,

ST PIUS X COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL WEST

Thanksgiving Envelopes: New Envelopes for the month of July are available to take home. Please note: new numbers! Enquiries, contact Parish Office.
Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting: Tuesday at 7:00pm.

OLHC COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL EAST

Stay for Morning Tea: Today after 9.00am Mass, provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society.
Rosters for Various Ministries: available in the Foyer.

WEEKEND MASSES

- Saturday Vigil**
 6:00pm OLHC, Warrnambool East
- Sunday Morning**
 8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
 9:00am OLHC, Warrnambool East
 9:00am Infant Jesus, Koroit
 10:00am St Pius X, Warrnambool West
 10:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
 10:30am St Patrick's, Port Fairy
 11:00am St Anne's, Purnim*
 * Eucharist 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
 Assembly of the Word with Communion 1st & 3rd
- Sunday Evening**
 6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Monday**
 9.30am, St Pius X — (No Mass)
 11.00am, St Joseph's
Requiem Mass: Lydia Sinclair RIP
 2.00pm, St Patrick's
Requiem Mass: Mary Lane RIP
- Tuesday**
 9:30am, Our Lady Help of Christians
 10:00am, St Patrick's
- Wednesday**
 9.30am, St Pius X
 10:00am, St Joseph's
- Thursday**
 9:30am, Our Lady Help of Christians
 11.00am, Infant Jesus
Requiem Mass: Tom Walsh RIP
- Friday**
 10:00am, St Joseph's
 10:00am, Infant Jesus

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 16th and 17th July 2022

PLENARY COUNCIL

The remaining four 'Themes' of the recent gathering of delegates in Sydney were:

5. The central place of liturgy and other forms of prayer in the life of the Church.
 Liturgy of the Word.
 Fostering good quality preaching, by priests and laity.
 Better understanding of the sacrament of reconciliation.
 Use of the Third Form of the Rite of Penance.
 Support for married couples and families.
6. Formation and leadership for Mission and Ministry.
 Formation for laity as well as clergy.
 Formation in Catholic Social Teaching.
7. Governance in a synodal style at diocesan and parish levels.
 Diocesan Synod within five years.
8. Care for Creation and for the Poor.
 Encouragement to adopt *Laudato Si'* Action Plans.

Weekday Masses: It is our aim to have some consistency with our weekday Mass times and locations throughout the Parish. However there will be interruptions from time to time by funerals, diocesan and zone events, clergy vacation and various spontaneous happenings. (Fr John Fitzgerald)

Ordinations: This Friday Matthew Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat (7.00pm). We ask God's blessing upon Matthew and Bill as they commence another chapter in their lives and in the life of the Church. We look forward to one of them joining the Star of the Sea Parish in early August.

Family Rosary Group: This Monday at St Pius X at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Cards: Euchre & Solo. This week at OLHC. All welcome.

Holy Hour: 10.00am every Monday at OLHC. All welcome.

Recent Deaths: Rebecca Garvey, Lydia Sinclair, Mary Lane, Tom Walsh, Anne O'Keefe (Coleraine)

Anniversaries: Des Crowe, Peter Hargreaves, George Williams, Betty Smith, Leon Brockway, Brooke Spetch, Maree Hutt, Lex Garner

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PARISH PERSONNEL

Co-Pastor & Moderator: Fr John Fitzgerald
 Co-Pastor: Fr John Corrigan
 Visiting priest (July 2022): Fr George Hogarty SSC
 Parish Manager: Tony Herbert
 Accounts Manager: Louise Dryburgh
 Secretary: Leanne McElgunn
 Maintenance: Pat Negri

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St John's Dennington: Ben van de Camp
 St Patrick's Koroit: Nick Murrell
 St Patrick's Port Fairy: Olga Lyons
 St Joseph's W'bool: Matthew O'Brien
 St Pius X W'bool West: Joe Ewing
 OLHC W'bool East: Stephen Madden
 Emmanuel College: Peter Morgan

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Star of the Sea Parish adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria. Our policies are displayed in each church, and on our website. Our Parish Safeguarding Officers are:
 Infant Jesus, Koroit: Nick Murrell
 St Patrick's, Port Fairy: Peter Sanderson
 St Joseph's, Warrnambool: Anne Maree Mugavin
 St Pius X, Warrnambool West: Karen Johnson
 Our Lady Help of Christians, Warrnambool East: Dion Bartlett

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We recognise the traditional custodians of parish lands. We acknowledge their ancestors with respect and we are committed to working for justice and reconciliation.

The Far East

During my stay in the new parish of 'Star of the Sea' during this month of July, Fr John Fitzgerald has given permission for me to promote the Columban magazine — *The Far East*.



A number of parishioners would already be familiar with this magazine. It's a great way to hear about the work the Columbans do throughout the world.

This weekend I will promote the magazine at the Masses in Koroit and Port Fairy as well as the 6.00pm Sunday Mass at St Joseph's.

(Fr George Hogarty SSC)