

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**17 March 2019**      **2nd Sunday of Lent**

**West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes**

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

## Priests' Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird has announced that when Father Bill Van De Camp retires from parish ministry in May, Father John Fitzgerald, Parish Priest of St Joseph's Warrnambool, will take on the additional responsibility of Rev. Administrator of the Koroit and Port Fairy parishes. He will be assisted in his pastoral responsibilities by Father John Corrigan who will be resident in either Koroit or Port Fairy. When Father Corrigan concludes his present appointment as assistant in the new Western Border Parish, his place will be taken by Father Anthony Nagothu, currently of the Cathedral Parish in Ballarat.

## Project Compassion

Project Compassion envelopes and money boxes for Lent 2019 are available at the church doors today. Please use yours generously: it is a form of Lenten almsgiving which enables us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

## St V de Paul Lenten Appeal

The customary St Pius X Lenten Appeal will be organised again this year by the parish conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. You are asked to contribute the following goods on the named weekends:

23-24 March	Tinned Fruit
30-31 March	Pasta/Pasta Sauce
6-7 April	Tea/Coffee
13-14 April	Tinned Soup

## Pastoral Leaders Group

There will be a meeting of the parish pastoral leaders group in the foyer of St Pius X Church at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 19 March.

## No Mass Wednesday

There will be no Mass at Dennington or at St Pius X on Wednesday 20 March as Father Michael will be at a meeting in Horsham.

## Syro-Malabar Mass

Father Sajan Mathew will celebrate Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday 10 April at 5:30 p.m. While Father Sajan is offering Mass particularly for the sake of Warrnambool residents who belong to his rite, Catholics of the Latin rite (that is, most of the rest of us) will be welcome to attend.

## Parish Amalgamations

Last Tuesday night, representatives of the Warrnambool parishes and the parishes of Port Fairy and Koroit met at St Joseph's offices to consider the amalgamation of their parishes. It was agreed that an amalgamation was desirable for pastoral and administrative reasons as well as in view of the declining number of priests, but there was no suggestion that any change of the kind under consideration would be able to take place very soon. Nevertheless, because change is inevitable, it was agreed that it is sensible to make preparations sooner rather than later.

## Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week:	\$656.70
Planned Giving February:	\$3,815.95
Amount Pledged:	\$4,175.00

## St Patrick's Day



Everyone knows that 17 March is St Patrick's Day – except this year, it isn't! The Church's custom is that if an important feast falls on a Sunday of Lent or during Holy Week or in the week beginning on Easter Sunday, the feast is transferred to a different date. That is why, this year, 18 March is St Patrick's Day. (We know that the green beer and the ginger wigs will be put away on Sunday night – but that only underlines the difference between Paddy's Day and the Feast of St Patrick.)

## Further Damascus Reunions

Past students and staff of Damascus College, Ballarat and its foundation colleges, Sacred Heart, St Paul's and St Martin's in the Pines are invited to celebrate the last of the reunions:  
Class of 1969 Sunday 24 March 12.30pm  
Class of 1979 Saturday 23 March 2pm  
Class of 2009 Friday 22 March 6.30pm  
Full details and booking information  
[www.damascus.vic.edu.au/past-students-reunions-events](http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/past-students-reunions-events).

## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m.	P. Starkie
10 a.m.	M. Cain

## Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m.	A. Roache
10 a.m.	J. Sagnol

## Ministers of Communion

6 p.m.	N. Russell
	N. Stapleton
	Pauline Eccles
	L. O'Keefe
	P. McGennisken
10 a.m.	M. Pickett
	M. McFarlane
	G. Hughson
	A. Mills
	Volunteer

## Local Sunday Masses

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

## Weekday Mass

Monday 18:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 19:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 20:	NO MASS
Thursday 21:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 22:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 23:	10 a.m. St Pius X

## Confessions

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