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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 Stacey Atkins (Interim)
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 on display in each Church, and website.

Parish Safeguarding Officers:
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
OLHC, 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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 19th & 20th of August, 2023

The Synod of the Catholic Church
 Pope Francis points to eight characteristics of a synodal church. We will examine one each week.

Listening- The scriptures tell us that God listens attentively to the cry of God's people. Listening is the respect we owe to others in recognition of their equal dignity. It flows from a recognition that we have so much to learn. Listening is the only pathway through which others can truly open their hearts and through which we can genuinely open our hearts to others.

Communal Discernment Weekend: This weekend members our Parish Pastoral Leadership Teams from each of the church communities will be in Apollo Bay to engage in a weekend of prayer and discernment. Facilitated by Fr. Michael Smith S.J. at Star of the Sea Mercy Retreat Centre. Our community leaders will be engaged in strategic planning, discussing and reflecting on the long term pastoral goals and aspirations of the new Star of the Sea Parish. Please pray for our PLT members and the success of the weekend.

Parish Meetings:
Southern Zone Meeting- Priests and parish coordinators from the Southern Zone of the Diocese will be meeting at St. Joseph's this Tuesday morning, to discuss issues of importance to our Southern parishes.
Finance Council Meeting- Our parish finance council will meet this Wednesday at 12pm to discuss the proper administration of parish resources. Please pray for both of these groups in their stewardship of our Parish and Diocesan communities.

Our Diocesan Community: The second edition of the ODC Magazine 2023 is available for collection in the foyer of your church community. Fr. Bill gets a feature as well as our CRISP members so please pick up your copy over the weekend!

Mothers Who Pray for their Children: Please note our new meeting time of 10.45am each Friday at Infant Jesus Church Koroit. A warm welcome is extended to all.

Recent Deaths: Annette Heath, Fr. Frank Smith CSsR, John Smith
Anniversaries: Sr. Marjory Grapes, Heath Bishop, Ellen (Nell) Frusher, Julie Bartlett, Michael Pye, Claire Jackman, Francis Bernard Wolff, Leigh Clarke, Francis & Mary Forrest, Marcia & Bryan Barmby, Aleida Bakker, Richard Lourey, Patrick Lourey, Margaret Reid (Lourey), Gwen Te Tau.

Baptism Sponsors: Baptisms are a joyful occasion within the life of both our baptism families and our parish community. Parish sponsors assist our baptism families by connecting with them prior to the baptism date, assisting them on the day of the baptism and supporting them through the process. This is an important ministry in the life of our parish. If you are interested in being a baptism sponsor for your local community please contact the Parish Office.

First Eucharist: Students from St. Patrick's Port Fairy, St. Patrick's Koroit, St. John the Baptist's Dennington and St. Pius X Warrnambool West as well as other regional schools will be celebrating First Eucharist this weekend. St. Joseph's students will also be celebrating their First Eucharist next weekend. We congratulate our first communicants on taking this important step in their faith journey.

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

Parish Rosary Group: Monday evenings for the month of August at St Joseph's 7.00pm. All welcome

Prayer Group: Tuesday's 1.00pm at St Pius X followed by Prayer Group meeting. Further information Parish Office

Piety Stall: St. Patrick's Piety Stall Port Fairy has been restocked with beautiful items ready for the upcoming First Communions. There is a wide array of jewellery, statues and devotional items for purchase. Open after 10:30am Sunday mass at Port Fairy or contact Marita Flanagan (0402 431 053)

Fr. Abraham Thomas on Holidays: Fr. Abraham will begin his annual leave this coming week. He will be away from the parish for one month returning the week of the 17th of September. We wish Fr. Abraham well on his break.

Morning Tea: Wet your appetite this weekend with not one but two morning teas after Sunday mass.
Our Lady Help of Christians- After 9am mass hosted by the Passionist Family Groups of East Warrnambool.
St. Pius X- After 10am hosted by the friends of St. Pius's to celebrate our first communicants and to farewell Joe and Pat Starkey, longstanding and dedicated members of our St. Pius X church community.



Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner: The annual Archbishop's Dinner in support of Corpus Christi Seminary, including our own seminarians for the Ballarat diocese, Cay Trinh & Lam Tran. Will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. Guest speaker is Corpus Christi College Seminary Rector, Fr Cameron Forbes. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



New Book on Religious in Australia
 'Our Stories, Our Lives, Our Mission' is a new book by Catholic Religious Australia and St Pauls Publications on building religious literacy and is a valuable resource in light of Vocations Awareness Week, August 6-13. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil
 6:00pm OLHC, Warrnambool East

Sunday Morning
 8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
 9:00am Infant Jesus, Koroit
 9:00am OLHC, Warrnambool East
 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

RECONCILIATION

St Patrick's After 10:00am Tuesday Mass
OLHC After 10:00am Thursday Mass
St Joseph's After 10:00am Friday Mass
Infant Jesus After 10:00am Friday Mass
St Pius X After 10:00am Saturday Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

NB: MASS OF THE DAY IS REPLACED WHEN A FUNERAL IS HELD AT THAT CHURCH.

Monday 10.00am St Pius X (School Mass)
Tuesday 12.00pm St. Pius X (Requiem Mass- John Smith)
Wednesday 10.00am St Joseph's
Thursday 10.00am Our Lady Help of Christians
Friday 10.00am St Joseph's
 10.00am Infant Jesus
Saturday 10.00am St Pius X

The Pope's Intention for August: For World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives

Baptisms: An information session takes place at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.
 Next session: Tuesday, 12th of September

