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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

*Moderator* Fr John Fitzgerald  
*Assistant Priest* Fr Bill Lowry  
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*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* 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.

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023

**The Synod of the Catholic Church**

Pope Francis points to eight characteristics of a synodal church. We continue to examine one each week.

**Eucharistic**– Listening to the Word of God and celebrating the Eucharist form the Church and give vital nourishment to the community. Synodality demands an understanding of the life in the Church that proceeds from Word and Sacrament and embraces the building of community in the Church at all levels. The overwhelming gift of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ continually enlivens Church's life.

**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 baptism, assisting them on the day of the baptism and supporting them through the process. This is an important ministry in the parish. If you are interested in being a baptism sponsor for your local community please contact the Parish Office.

**Baptism:** Conall Pritchett is welcomed into God's Family

**First Eucharist:** Please remember the children and their families of St Joseph's school who are celebrating the sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend. Next weekend the students from Our Lady Help of Christians will celebrate the sacrament

**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 First Communion. 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)

**Recent Deaths:** Julie Roache, Jenny Belfrage, Mary Rennick, Gloria Murray (NSW), Maureen Conroy

**Anniversaries:** John Lindsey, Charles & Margaret Cameron, Anne McKenna, Brydie Ritchie, Gerry O'Brien, Bob Parkinson, Tom Smith, Mary Wyles, Clare Dunn

**Welcome:** A warm welcome to Fr Jim McKay who is with us this weekend

**MacKillop Family Services:** Throughout the region there continues to be a high demand for foster carers who can provide nurturing care and support for children in their local community full-time, short-term, or on weekends or school holidays. MacKillop supports foster carers with comprehensive training, ongoing advice, respite care and an around the clock helpline. If you think this is a role that you are ready for or for further information call 1300 791 677 or www.mackillop.org.au/fostercare



**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.

**Anointing Mass:** Thursday 7th September 2.00pm at OLHC. All are welcome.

**Thank You:** To parishioners who gave generously to the collection of toiletries etc for CatholicCare

**Communal Discernment Weekend:** Last weekend members of our pastoral leadership teams along with others fulfilling leadership roles attended a communal discernment weekend in Apollo Bay facilitated by Fr. Michael Smith sj.

On Saturday, members reflected on the history of their own communities and the associated emotions felt with the new amalgamation, before being treated to Fr. Bill's fantastic cooking for lunch! After lunch, participants were encouraged to reflect on organisational structures and goal setting. Members then went to watch the Matildas at the Apollo Bay hotel.

Sunday morning participants of the weekend moved into the practicalities of goal setting, discerning together what they see as the vision and mission of the Star of the Sea parish. Participants collectively produced two goals, a 'holiness' goal and an 'apostolic' goal, who are we before God and what are we called to do in response? before concluding with Mass.

Participants of the weekend found it both challenging but enlightening. It was seen as a positive step in encouraging co-responsibility in the leadership of Star of the Sea parish. The contributions of this weekend will feed into further discussions around the establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council in the new year and the drafting of long term pastoral goals for those involved in ministries within the parish.

Thank you to Fr. Michael Smith for facilitating the weekend, Sr. Margaret McGrath rsm for accommodating us at Star of the Sea Retreat House and most especially thank

you to all the wonderful participants who committed their time and energy to discerning what God is calling us, as Star of the Sea parish to become.

-Fr. Bill



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month; Assembly of the Word with Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

**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.**

*Tuesday* 11.00am St. Pius X  
 Requiem Mass Jenny Belfrage RIP

*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, 12<sup>th</sup> of September

