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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St John's Dennington	Ben van de Camp
St Patrick's Koroit	Tegan McDonald
St Patrick's Port Fairy	Olga Lyons
St Joseph's W'bool	Matthew O'Brien
St Pius X W'bool West	Nick Murrell
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	Leisa McCosh
St Patrick's, Port Fairy	Peter Sanderson
St Joseph's, W'bool	Matthew O'Brien
St Pius X, W'bool West	Karen Johnson
OLHC, W'bool 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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 31st Aug/1st Sept 2024

Social Justice Statement 2024

This year the Statement is called "Truth and Peace". In our world today, there is a lot of conflict. Such conflicts are often fuelled by lies. Real peace requires that people show respect for one another. It requires that people speak honestly to one another in charity.

Pope Francis highlights the role of dialogue. We can see this in personal relationships and in relationships between countries. You can find the bishops' statement online by simply googling "Social Justice Statement 2024".

Let us be conscious, today, that we are all sisters and brothers, all children of God, and that the peace of Christ is not only a gift, but also by virtue of our baptism, our mission.



Season of Creation 2024
 'To Hope and Act with Creation'
 The Season of Creation runs from 1 Sept – 4 Oct.
 For more information you can go to: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund
Collection for Retired Priests
 CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US
 The Church Community's Responsibility
 Sunday, 1st September

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. This Annual Collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support **eighteen** of our retired priests, including Frs Michael Linehan, Lawrie O'Toole and Bill van de Camp.

Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available. Please place on collection plate over the next couple of weeks. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Receipts will be issued to those who give \$10.00 or more.

Recent Deaths: Frank Purcell, Joan Bottrell, Frank Murdaca, Colleen Hockley, Kathleen Maltby (Brown)

Anniversaries: Annie Peach, Peter Lenehan, Gwen Te Tau, John Lindsay, Till Paterson (Doyle), Richie Doyle (Harrow)

Godparents at Baptism

The role of godparents is to help a child lead a Christian life and to support parents as they strive to bring them up in the faith.

Godparents should be chosen because their lives and example will inspire and encourage the child to develop and practice their Christian faith. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, godparents themselves "must be firm believers, and ready to help the newly baptised ... on the road of Christian life."

Prayer for Fathers Day

God of kindness and compassion, we are your children and you are Father to us all.

We pray for all men who reflect your fatherly example:
 Those who are dads and grandads;
 step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;
 those who embrace their role as father;
 those who struggle with being fathers;
 those who are distanced from their children;
 those who have passed from this world;
 those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;
 those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.
 Give them all strength, comfort and peace. Amen

St Joseph's: Bible study Wednesday's: 7:00pm at St Joseph's
St Patrick's: 'Cuppa' following Mass today.
 The Piety Shop has gifts of all sorts for your spiritual needs. Contact Marita 0402 431 053
Infant Jesus: 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' Fridays at 10.45am. South West Co-ordinator Marita 0402 431 053
OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am
 PLT meeting at OLHC Wed at 7:00pm
Men's Breakfast Saturday 7th Sept at OLHC 7:30am
Rosary for September Mondays at 7:00pm at OLHC
Baptisms: This weekend Layla Watts, Henry Harman, Ada and Kai Burns will be welcomed into our faith community.

Reception of Communion

Bishop Paul says: '... a number of people have asked about arrangements for the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue and sharing the chalice. Covid infections are still a concern and we can reduce the risk of infections by continuing the present provisions regarding Holy Communion ... out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.'

Advance Notice

St Patrick's Catholic School Port Fairy, celebrates its 175th Anniversary this year. There are a number of celebrations to mark this special occasion – one being the Sunday Mass on the 27th October which will be celebrated at the school (not the church). It will be at the normal time of 10:30am.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil
 6:00pm OLHC, Warrnambool East

Sunday Morning
 9:00am Infant Jesus, Koroit
 9:00am St Pius X, Warrnambool West
 10:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
 10:30am St Patrick's, Port Fairy
 6:00pm St Joseph's Warrnambool
 *11:00am St Anne's, Purnim
 2nd Sunday of the month (Eucharist)
 *All other Sundays
 Assembly of the Word with Communion

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	10:00am St Joseph's (Frank Purcell RIP)
Tues	10:30am OLHC (Joan Bottrell (RIP))
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's (Lay-led Assembly)
Thur	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's

Pope's Intention for September

For the cry of the earth: Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. Lord, hear us.

Baptisms

An information session takes place at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.

Next session: Tues 10th Sept
 Please phone the Parish Office to book.

