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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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9th & 10th September, 2023

The Synod of the Catholic Church

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

A Synodal Church seeks inclusion – All must be welcomed to our Catholic faith with love, as Jesus taught, including people of all races and cultures, the LGBT+ community, married divorced and disabled. Faith-filled parents of LGBT+ children were especially vocal in their call for greater inclusion from the Church, as were young adults.

In addition, the Church must recognise patterns of racism, prejudice and discrimination that still deforms the body of Christ. Many synodal dialogues saw the multicultural identities of our parish and diocesan communities as a rich blessing, but also a challenge.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests (Frs Barry Ryan, Michael Linehan, Bill van de Camp, Lawrie O'Toole). This Annual Collection allows the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. We will not have a Special Collection as such but you can contribute by using the **special envelope** provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". Thank you

Baptism: This weekend we welcome into God's Family: Myles Umbers, Peyton Kelly, Zoe Kelly & Gia Carreon



Warrnambool Organ Festival: Today (Sunday) 3.00pm at St Joseph's Church - Rhys Boak Organ Recital. Tickets at the door

Meetings: Tuesday: Consultors & Personnel Advisory Board (Fr John in Ballarat)
 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation (see opposite)

Recent Deaths: Cath Dunne

Anniversaries: Mary Mugavin Brown, Catherine & Peter Murphy, Tom Mahony, Ross McCann, Pat Lawlor, Till Paterson (Doyle), Richie Doyle (Harrow), Sr Margaret Cassidy C.S.B, Joan Carey, John & Francis O'Rourke, Les & James O'Donnell

Safeguarding Sunday

'Every child in every community needs a fair go'

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and in the future. Star of the Sea Parish is committed to child safety and each church community has a Safeguarding Officer.

Social Justice Statement: *Listen, Learn, Love:* A new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. For a copy of the Statement issued by the Australian Catholic Bishops please contact Parish Office

Migrant & Refugee Sunday: *24th September:* At St Joseph's we will be honouring the various nationalities that comprise our communities with a display in the Gathering Space. You are invited to bring memorabilia of the country of your birth to display.

OLHC seeks help: Do you have a heavy rigid driving licence? Are you able to help drive a 24 seater bus to pick up members of the East Timorese community to take to Mass at OLHC? Please contact the Parish Office or members of OLHC Pastoral Leadership Team.

Lay-led Liturgies: At OLHC on Wednesday 20th September 7.00pm there will be a run through re Formation of Assemblies of Word with Communion.

The Australian Boys Choir: The choir is embarking on its 2023 tour to Western Victoria and is thrilled to be singing at St Joseph's Church Tuesday 19th September 4.00-5.00pm. General admission \$35, Conc \$25 child (under 12) free. Tickets available at the door or book at www.australianboyschoir.com.au

Parish Rosary Group: Monday evenings for the month of September at OLHC 7.00pm. All welcome

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

Mothers who Pray for their Children: 10.45am each Thursday at Infant Jesus

Piety Stall: St Patrick's Port Fairy. Wide range of gifts, statues etc. Contact Marita Flanagan (0402 431 053)

Food Share: Seeking volunteers to drop off empty bags in designated areas and to collect, hopefully, full bags the following week. Organised by Warrnambool Christian Churches, for a date to be finalised in October/November, volunteers work in teams. Please contact Parish Office if interested or need further information

Make the Ordinary Come Alive

Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is a way of foolishness.

Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life.

Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears.

Show them how to cry when pets and people die.

Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand.

And make the ordinary come alive for them.

The extraordinary will take care of itself.

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.

Tuesday 10.00am St. Pius X

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 September: For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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

