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PARISH PERSONNEL

Moderator	Fr John Fitzgerald
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Accounts Manager	Louise Dryburgh
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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.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 17th & 18th 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 Participative Church where Co-responsibility flourishes – This enables the ability of lay men and women to contribute meaningfully to the breadth of the Church's ministries and apostolates and to the process of renewal and conversion that lie at the heart of synodality.

"We call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God - laity, consecrated and ordained - to engage in this exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another ... Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and are called to serve one another through the gifts they have each received from the Holy Spirit".

Reading the dialogue summaries, it becomes clear that the People of God believe much is lacking in the Church's goal of becoming a participative and co-responsible Church.

Our Diocese turns 150

It was on the 30th March, 1874 that Pope Pius IX issued a decree that marked the beginning of the Ballarat Diocese. Thus on 30th March, 2024 the Diocese turns 150.

Bishop Paul Bird invites us to mark this significant occasion by using the whole of 2024 as an anniversary year. The Star of the Sea Parish will set aside the 4-5 May as a special weekend in the Parish. We are invited to celebrate our own history and this will vary with our communities who were once parishes in their own right.

Bishop Paul hopes to mark the occasion with a personal visit to each parish during 2024.

Recent Deaths: Danny O'Leary, Brian McNamara, Sr Agnes Gleeson, Fr Brian Gleeson CP, Rita Patten

Anniversaries: Margaret Beattie, Pat & Nell Glover, John Glover, Michael Jackman, Jack Mugavin (Purnim), Jack Noonan, Louise Hooley, Louis Rowan, Stan Paten, Ellen Esam, Helen Ludeman, Conor McConnell, Arthur Armistead, Sylvie Jules Watty, Kathleen McGrath, David Barnby, Gertrude & William Ryan, Bess & Frank Houlihan, Laurie Callaghan.

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. A cuppa will follow 10.30am Mass; perhaps you might bring food of your origin to share.

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 this 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

OLHC seeks Help: Do you have a heavy rigid driving licence? Are you able to 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 a member 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.

Life in the Spirit: 6 week course involving self reflection & prayer. Wednesday 4th October 7.00pm at St Pius X Church. All welcome. Enq Sandra 0400 123 586

St Brigid's College Horsham: Invitation to past pupils of the Classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 & 2013 for the milestone reunion. Saturday 21st October 2.00pm. RSVP 5382 3545 or via this link: <https://forms.gle/uKfjHb2KMsZ1huXa9>

Centenary Celebrations: St Brendan's Convent Coragulac. Sunday 8th October 11.00am Mass followed by light lunch. Further enquiries: Maureen 0428 329 231

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 Friday 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

Meetings: Wednesday: St Joseph's Pastoral Leadership Team 4pm

Baptism: Bobby Rowan & Bella Jones are welcomed into God's Family this weekend



God of Daily Bread
 God of simple pleasures we ask for enough for today.
 Help us give ourselves the very thing we need: a walk to clear the head, a phone call that draws a familiar voice, a brief exchange with a passer-by, a gentle word of encouragement.
 These little things and their significance can be easily dismissed, but is often the non-grand gesture, or an everyday routine, or an in-the-moment whim that reminds us that our God is always there. Amen

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 10.00am St Patrick's
Wednesday	10.00am St Joseph's
Thursday	10.00am Our Lady Help of Christians 11.00am St Joseph's Requiem Mass: Brian McNamara RIP
Friday	10.00am Infant Jesus 1.00pm St Joseph's Requiem Mass: Rita Patten RIP
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, 10th of October
 Please phone Parish Office to book in.

