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PARISH PERSONNEL

Moderator	Fr John Fitzgerald
Assistant Priest	Fr Bill Lowry
Assistant Priest	Fr Abraham Thomas
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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
30th September & 1st October, 2023

The Synod of the Catholic Church

Pope Francis points to eight characteristics of a synodal Church. This is the final characteristic.

A Synodal Church is a Discerning Church – Discernment is the action of the Holy Spirit leading believers to understand what God is asking of them. Those who have engaged in true discernment realise that listening and openness is necessary in understanding the call of the spirit.

Discernment is the knowledge of the reality that God is in charge. It is committing to discovering the Lord's pathway for our lives, our families and our Church in the openness to God's action rather than our own desires, plans and drives. It is crucial that this stance of openness and discernment characterise the role of all who participate in the synodal processes: bishops, laity, priests, religious and deacons.

NB: The word synodality comes from its Greek roots, *syn* and *odus*, which literally means 'together on the road'. Synodality is about renewal and reform of the Church, in particular by walking together on this journey.

RCIA

This morning **David Owen** will be welcomed into the Catechumenate (10.30am Mass at St Joseph's). The 'Dismissal' for David will follow. What is this? A Dismissal is a period of time, following the homily, for the catechumen to reflect further on the Word of God guided by two catechists from the parish.

A number of children of catechetical age have also been undertaking a catechetical program in preparation for receiving the sacraments of initiation. Three children received the sacraments of initiation last week at Infant Jesus. Over the next month the remaining children, along with one adult, will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at varying churches across the parish. We congratulate these new members of our community and extend our ongoing support on their faith journey.

Recent Deaths: Bob Morey, Ray Maloney, Hector McKinnon, Kaylene Humphry (Melb)

Anniversaries: Mary Dunne, Bert Mugavin (Purnim), Marie Paten, Margaret Lee, Julie Walsh, Keith Nelson, Dan Kelly, Jean Kelson, Pte Graham Warburton (KIA Vietnam), Joe Morgan

Baptism: Rory & Maisie Read were welcomed into God's Family last weekend and Camila Pantoja is welcomed this weekend.



OLHC: New Ministry roster has been emailed to those we have addresses or collect hard copy from the Foyer. Thank you

Clinical Pastoral Education: Part time course being offered in 2024 (March to October). Further information Bernadette Wurlod 0455 033 321 or BWurlod@mercy.com.au

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

St Brigid's Crossley: Classical Recital, featuring Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra and local vocalists. Today at 2.00pm. Tickets \$35 & \$25 conc with afternoon tea

Orchid Show: OLHC School Hall, Saturday 30th Sept 10 - 4.00pm Sunday 1st October 10 - 3.00pm

St Patrick's: Cuppa following Mass today. All welcome

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>

Parish Rosary Group: Monday evenings for the month of October at St Pius X 7.00pm. All welcome

Piety Stall: Wide range of gifts available, including Monastique range of skin care products from the Carmelite Sisters at St Patrick's Port Fairy. Contact Marita (0402 431 053)

Holy Hour: 10.00am every Monday at OLHC

Mothers Pray for their children: 10.45am Friday's Infant Jesus

Men's Breakfast: Monthly Star of the Sea Men's Breakfast Saturday the 7th of October from 7:30am at OLHC. Come for a good feed and stay for the great company.

Parish Vacancy

I write to inform you that our Parish Secretary for the past 13 years, Leanne McElgunn, has advised of her intending retirement on Friday 24th November.

Would there be anyone who may feel they could fill this vacancy? You may call at the Office to collect a role description. This is a full time role (9.00am - 4.00pm) but this could be negotiable.

There is also a part-time administrative position as well. The work load has increased for our administrative staff due to our larger Parish. The latter position would be a 0.4 or 0.5 position. (Fr John)

Season of Creation

*Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea and everything in it roar!
Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!
Then all the trees of the forest too will shout out joyfully*



Psalm 96:11-12



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 11.00am Our Lady Help of Christians Requiem: Hector McKinnon RIP
Thursday	1.00pm Our Lady Help of Christians Funeral Prayers: Kaylene Humphry RIP
Friday	10.00am St Joseph's 10.00pm Infant Jesus
Saturday	10.00am St Pius X

The Pope's Intention for October: For the Synod: We pray for the church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards peripheries of the world.

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.