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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.

**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**Pope Francis' General Audience**

Pope Francis used his General Audience this week to plead for peace.

"I pray for those families who have seen a day of celebration turned into a day of mourning and ask for the immediate release of the hostages".

He said that while "it is the right of those who are attacked to defend themselves", he remained deeply concerned by the "total siege facing the Palestinians in Gaza, where there have also been many innocent victims".

Pope Francis continues: "Terrorism and extremism do not help to reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but it fuels hatred, violence and revenge, causing suffering to both sides .... The Middle East does not need war but peace, a peace built on justice, dialogue and the courage of fraternity....."

**NB:** Hamas launched a surprise brutal attack on the southern part of Israel as Jews marked the feast of Simchat Torah (Joy of the Torah). Many young people were murdered who were attending an outdoor music festival at the time. Overall about 2,400 people have died in this tragic conflict - mostly innocent people including many women and children.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Star of the Sea Parish is looking for nominations for our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The purpose of a PPC is to advise the Parish Priest on pastoral matters pertaining to the Parish.


This role involves, but is not limited to, representing the interests of one's own local church community, long term strategic planning and goal setting at the parish level. This role is different from membership within our present local Pastoral Leadership Teams (PLT) whose scope pertains mainly to one's particular church community.

The Parish is looking for members who can work effectively within a team, who are innovative and enthusiastic about making a difference, flexible, open-minded and Christ-centred. If you know of parishioners who may fit this description, please fill out a Nomination Form and place it in the box located in your local Church foyer by Friday, 10th November.

Thank you.

**All Souls Day: Thursday 2nd November:** All are welcome to a Parish Mass celebrated at the Warrnambool Cemetery (Rotunda) at 5.30pm on Thursday 2nd November, to commemorate our dearly departed loved ones and friends. There is limited seating, so please bring a chair.

**Holy Water:** Parishioners have been enquiring about the blessing with holy water on entering the Church. We made contact with the Bishop's Office during the week. As there has been no new directive from the Bishop on the matter, we should still be operating in line with a previous directive of **no** Holy Water to be used in Church fonts until further notice.

**St Pius X:** Cuppa following Mass today. All welcome 

**Catholic Missions:** October is Catholic Mission month. Your generous support helps their work through out the world. Envelopes are available.

**Thank You:** Leah Rosebrock for her years of service to the broader community at OLHC in providing English lessons to our migrant communities.

**Parish Rosary Group:** Monday in October at St Pius X 7.00pm

**Holy Hour:** 10.00am every Monday at OLHC

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

**Friends of St Brigids:** Invitation to 'Crossley Musical Afternoon' Sunday 22nd October 2.00pm to 5.00pm at the Crossley Hall. \$10 includes afternoon tea.

**Celebration of Sacraments** This weekend Bodhi & Chase Crute are welcomed into God's Family with the celebration of Baptism.

Laylah, Juliette & Henry Bourke, Hudson Sabay and Phyllis Smyth are celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist and Claudine Parone the sacrament of Confirmation.

May we keep these children and families in our prayers.

**Recent Deaths:** Carmel Hughes, Ray Nolan, Pam Stacey, Olive Thistlewaite

**Anniversaries:** Frank Lamb, Yu Siu Keng, Liam Ryan, Frank Greene, John Mahony, Michelle Beks, Mary Watt, Jack Lynch

**Let Us Pray**

God of all creation, bring justice and peace to our world.

Teach us to be peacemakers.

Guide us in our pursuit of justice and the common good.

Inspire us to welcome all, forgive all, and love all.

Direct us as we walk in the shadow of Jesus:

the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Inspire us to perceive the world through your eyes,

that we might find hope and joy each day,

supportive of each other, for the sake of your Kingdom.

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 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	10.00am St. Pius X	10.00am St Patrick's
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 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, 14<sup>th</sup> of November  
 Please phone Parish Office to book in.