

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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15 January 2017 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Bishop Paul in Portland

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul to give thanks for the presence and ministry of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Portland and the dedication of the Loreto Window in All Saints' Parish Church on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10.30am. Light lunch will follow at the Parish House. RSVP by January 13, 2017 to PO Box 210, Portland, 3305 or email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Invitation attached.

Grief to Grace – Healing

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held March 26 – 31, 2017 in Tasmania. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Youth Festival 2017

The Australian Bishops invite Catholics across the country to join in a Year of Youth from Advent 2017 until the end of 2018. The emphasis is on local discussion and dialogue in parishes, schools, youth groups and dioceses. The Year of Youth will be launched at the next Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney in December 2017. More information on the diocesan website News and Youth and Young Adult pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Extra Mass Readers Needed

We invite parishioners who are willing and able to read the Scripture and Prayers of the Faithful on Saturday night and Sunday Masses. Please see Father Michael after Mass if you are available to go on a roster.

Macca's at the Vatican

Last week's opening of a McDonald's in a Vatican-owned property just around the corner from St. Peter's Square has been both welcomed and decried by Rome's locals. Some Romans have expressed joy on social media at the new restaurant, noting that the area around the Vatican is filled with overpriced restaurants catering to tourists, and suggesting the McDonalds could actually be more discreet. Others have worried about changes to the area's cultural identity. Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, president emeritus of the Pontifical Academy for life, was a vocal critic ahead of the opening, calling it a "controversial, perverse decision to say the least" Dubbed by some as "McVatican," the new restaurant is located in a Vatican property in Rome just a few minutes walk from St. Peter's Basilica. McDonald's said last Thursday that it is working with the archbishop who dispenses charity on behalf of Pope Francis to provide 1,000 free lunches every Monday to the homeless who live in the area around the Vatican.

Anniversaries

Ruby Quinn. Jean Pasco. Kim Gore.
Jack Griffin. Joyce Paten.
Colin Sommers.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$596.30
Planned Giving December: \$4,884.60
Pledged: \$5,840.00



*Behold the Lamb of
God that takes away
the sin of the world.*

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. J. Yurusic
10 a.m. B. Ermacora

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. C. Harris
10 a.m. L. Ermacora

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. J. Dean
K. Johnson
J. Garner
J. Thornton
C. Murrhly
10 a.m. F. Garvey
A. Mills
B. Ermacora
S. Malone
M. Healey

Local Sunday Masses

Sat.	6 p.m. 6 p.m.	St Pius X OLHC
Sun.	8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	St Joseph's OLHC St Pius X St Joseph's Allansford (1st, 3rd & 5th: Mass) Purnim (1st, 3rd & 5th lay-led) Purnim (2nd & 4th Mass) St Joseph's

Weekday Masses

Monday 16:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 17:	7:30 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 18:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 19:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 20:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 21:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

Saturday mornings after Mass or when you can find Father Michael: no appointment necessary.