

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**26 March 2017**      **4th Sunday of Lent**

## Welcome to Father Tom

West Warrnambool and Dennington parishioners gladly welcome Father Tom Brophy who will preside at Mass this weekend while Father Michael is away.

## St V de P Lenten Appeal

The customary St Pius X Appeal for St Vincent de Paul continues through Lent. Please contribute goods as listed below:

1-2 April	Tea/Coffee
8-9 April	Tinned Soup

## New Rose Vestments

We owe a debt of gratitude to the donor of our new rose-coloured vestments. They are used on the fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) and the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday). *Laetare* and *Gaudete* are Latin words meaning *Rejoice* and are intended to remind us at times of penance that we are essentially a joyous people. Many, many thanks.

## Film Screening

Warrnambool Rural Australians for Refugees will be holding a film fundraiser for the South Sudan Appeal as part of Harmony week celebrations. 'Constance on the Edge' will be shown on Wednesday 29 March at 7:30 p.m. at the Mozart Hall, Merri Street, Warrnambool. Tickets \$15 includes supper. For more information please call Jane 0437 671 228.

## Laetare Sunday

This 4th Sunday of Lent was traditionally called *Laetare* Sunday from the first word in the entrance antiphon of the old Latin Mass. The word means "Rejoice" - it is a quotation from Isaiah 66, which looks to the day when peace will be "flowing like a river" from the hand of the God of Israel. Laetare Sunday is a few days after the midpoint of Lent; it made a break from the severe fasting that used to be part of the Lenten observance and reminded the faithful that Easter was not too far away. We are grateful that we are able to use rose coloured vestments today thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners.

## Mass of the Oils

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's cathedral, Ballarat at 6:30 p.m. On Monday 10 April. At this Mass we celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly People of God. The Mass also has special significance for those who will use the holy oils in 2017 - the sick and the those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which endeavours to express the unity of the Diocesan Church.

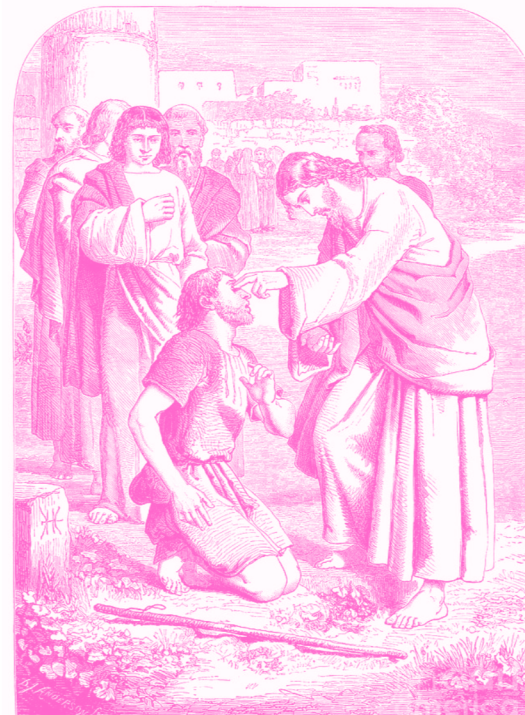
## Weekday Masses

There will be no Mass celebrated on Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th March because Father Michael is away.

**Thank You for Giving**  
Presbytery last week: \$758.40

## Catholic Youth Festival 2017

15,000 young people are expected from all round Australia for ACYF 2017 - the 3rd national Catholic Youth Festival hosted by the Australian Bishops. It will take place in Sydney from 7 to 9 December 2017. The theme of this Festival is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. The Festival offers a multitude of ways of expressing Catholic faith in an amazing 3 day experience. The Festival is for Year 9s to 25-year-olds. Ballarat Diocese will be assisting with this, including planning travel and accommodation. Festival details and links are on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or you can contact [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)



Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind

## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m.	P. McGennisken
10 a.m.	L. Ermacora

## Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m.	C. Reid
10 a.m.	B. Ermacora

## Ministers of Communion

6 p.m.	N. Stapleton J. Dean K. Johnson J. Garner D. Pasco
10 a.m.	A. Mills L. McElgunn F. Garvey A. Webster D. Webster

## Local Sunday Masses

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

## Weekday Masses

Monday 27:	No Mass Today
Tuesday 28:	No Mass Today
Wednesday 29:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 30:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 31:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 1:	10 a.m. St Pius X

## Confessions

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