

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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Christ the King

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Seniors' Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Dinner for senior parishioners will be on Wednesday 4 December. Once again, it will be at Davidson Oval, Caramut Road. It will follow 11 a.m. Mass and the anointing of the sick at St Pius X Church. Invitations are available in the church foyer. Please reply by 27 November. All welcome.

Plenary Council

We are invited to take part in a gathering on Tuesday 3 December at 7:30 p.m. in St Joseph's Parish meeting room. This time we shall consider how God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising. Anyone who is free at that time is warmly invited to take part.

Columban Calendars & Cards

Columban Calendars for 2020 are available in the church foyer at \$8. each. Christmas cards are also available at \$3.50 for a packet of eight.

Ministry – New Rosters

The 2020 rosters are available in the foyer of the church for our Readers, Ministers of Communion and Counters. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Can You Donate Some Books?

The St John of God Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a book sale in January to raise funds for the hospital. Anyone who has second-hand novels or young adult fiction to donate is asked to deliver them to the church. They will be passed on to the Auxiliary for the sale.

Children's Concert

"Peter and the Wolf," Prokofiev's well-loved musical story, will be the centrepiece of this year's Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra concert for children. Narrator Harry Price will tell the story while Deon Cameron will encourage children in the audience to act the parts of the bird, the duck, the cat, the wolf, Peter, his Grandfather and the hunters. There will be two performances at the Lighthouse Studio on TODAY (Sunday), one at 2.00 p.m. and another at 4.00 p.m. There will be other lively pieces of music and the famous Dr Nick The Magician will baffle everyone with his amazing tricks. Cost \$15 for all ages.

End of Liturgical Year

Today is the last Sunday of the present liturgical year. This year, most of our Sunday Gospel readings have come from the Gospel according to Luke. From next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, most of the Sunday Gospels will be from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Break Open the Word, the book for readers is still provided at the back of the church and readers are encouraged to take a copy home a week before they are rostered to read and to use it for preparation and practice. They are asked to return it on the week they are reading.

The new book has 2020 on the cover, but it begins with the readings for next weekend. All readers are thanked for the service they offer us.

Anniversaries

Geoff Billington. Molly Eccles.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$592.90
Planned Giving October: \$3,313.45
Amount Pledged: \$3,653.00

Notice the Date

This Sunday is 24 November, which must mean that there are only 30 shopping days to Christmas Eve. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Are you keeping Advent this year?

Priests' Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird has announced appointments of priests for mid-January 2020:

Cororooke: Father Michael O'Toole, supervising priest.

Bungaree & Gordon: Father Sajan Matthew, Rev Administrator, Bungaree & visiting Priest, Gordon. Father Ed Moloney, supervising priest, Gordon.

Robinvale: Father Peter Jose.

East Wimmera: Father Jim McKay (assisting Father Eugene McKinnon.)

A Note About Next Sunday

Next Sunday morning there will be no electricity in our part of Morriss Road. Powercor workers have offered to provide St Pius X Church with a generator to enable Mass to go ahead with as little disruption as possible. We greatly appreciate their thoughtfulness. Parishioners will notice a machine, wiring and unfamiliar fencing around the northern side of the church. Please be careful; keep a safe distance from it.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6.00 p.m. R. Farrar
10 a.m. C. Hughson

Prayers of the Faithful

6.00 p.m. J. Farrar
10 a.m. G. Hughson

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. Pauline Eccles
D. Pasco
Pauline Haberfield
J. Thornton
G. McKenzie
10 a.m. G. Hughson
A. Mills
A. Webster
M. Pickett
B. Houlihan

Local Sunday Masses

Sat.	6 p.m.	St Pius X
	6 p.m.	OLHC
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	St Joseph's
	9 a.m.	OLHC
	10 a.m.	St Pius X
	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 Mass

Monday 25:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 26:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 27:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 28:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 29:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 30:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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