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PARISH PERSONNEL
 Co-Pastor & Moderator Fr John Fitzgerald
 Co-Pastor Fr John Corrigan
 Assistant Priest Fr Bill Lowry
 Parish Manager Tony Herbert
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 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 Stacy 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 on our 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.

The EPIPHANY of the LORD
 7th & 8th January, 2023



THE FEAST OF SYMBOLISM

We, the **hearers** of the story, are invited to **recognise** ourselves in the scene.
 There is a natural inclination to **interpret** the Gospel stories in a far more **literal** way than they were ever **intended**.
 We are encouraged to reflect on the **meaning** behind these stories.
 Just as the **magi** from the East came in **search** for Christ; we too are on a search (journey of faith).
 We have a **'star'** to follow (Christ);
 We have **'gifts'** to bring.
 We also encounter the deviousness of the **'Herod'** within us.
 And like the magi we are free to return **'home'** a **'different'** way.

EPIPHANY WATER: A special blessing of holy water can be made on the Vigil of Epiphany. Fr Bill will minister this blessing on Saturday and you are welcome to bring your own container to fill with Epiphany water. The blessed water will be available in all churches over the next week (Epiphanytide).

EPIPHANY CHALK: Chalk will be blessed at each Mass this weekend. Those who wish can take a piece of chalk home and minister a home blessing for the new year. Instructions are available with the chalk. To dispose of blessed chalk, simply dissolve it in water and pour the water in the garden, or bury the chalk directly in your garden.

Recent Deaths: Brian Thompson, Biddy Farley, Audrey Mills, Paul 'Jack' Ewing, Maria Rohr (Melbourne)

Anniversaries: Sr Margaret Gall sgs, Greg Liddy, Paul Sharkey, Irene Sharkey, Rita Neagle, Michelle Gleeson-Hand, Kim Gore, Jack Griffin, Joyce Paten, Colin Sommer, Jack Brown, Valmai Paten, Peter McNamara

New Leader of Teacher & Learning: Joe Ewing has been appointed as new Leader of Teacher & Learning for the Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCCEL). Joe will begin his new role at the beginning of 2023 school year and will be based at the Warrnambool Office. Joe has held many positions at St Pius School for the past 20 years with the last 7 years as Principal. Congratulations to Joe on his new role and we are thankful he and his family will still be familiar faces throughout our Parish

Family Rosary Group: Month of January 7:00pm at St Pius X. All welcome.

Holy Hour: 10.00am every Monday at OLHC. All welcome.

Baptisms: Ali McMeel & Bessie McPherson are welcomed into God's Family this weekend.

Lenten Program: 'God is on the Journey, too': This Lenten resource, written by Fr Christopher Monaghan CP, combines his love of the Scriptures, our rich spiritual tradition and the beauty of the creation that enfolds us. The program can be used as a group resource or for individuals. If you wish to be part of a group please contact Parish Office (5562 2231). Books will be ordered soon.

Christmas Appeal 2022: Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. I commend the Christmas Appeal to you and your parishioners. Last year's money was distributed as follows:

Appeal for Ukraine	10,000
Catholic Mission	5,000
Caritas Australia	5,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	5,000
Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal	5,000
St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal	5,000
St Columban's Mission, Peru	5,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)	2,000

Your donation can be placed in an envelope marked 'Christmas Appeal' and place on the collection or made directly via the Parish Giving link: <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=12>

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

- ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL**
- OLHC COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL EAST**
- ST PIUS X COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL WEST**
- No cuppa next week (will resume in February)
- INFANT JESUS COMMUNITY, KOROIT**
- ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY, PORT FAIRY**

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 Pius X 5pm to 6pm every weekday After 9:30am Saturday Mass
 St Patrick's After 10:00am Tuesday Mass
 OLHC After 9:30am Thursday Mass
 Infant Jesus After 10:00am Friday Mass
 St Joseph's After 10:00am Friday Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES
NB: MASS OF THE DAY IS REPLACED WHEN A FUNERAL IS HELD AT THAT CHURCH.
 Monday 9.30am: St Pius X
 11.00am St Patrick's Port Fairy Requiem Mass: Biddy Farley RIP
 Tuesday 9.30am: Our Lady Help of Christians
 10.00am: St Patrick's
 Wednesday 9.30am: St Pius X
 10.00am: St Joseph's
 Thursday 9:30am: Our Lady Help of Christians
 Friday 10.00am: St Joseph's
 10.00am: Infant Jesus

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 January