



**Star of the Sea Parish South West Coast**

★ Infant Jesus, Koroit ★ St Patrick's, Port Fairy ★ St Anne's, Purnim ★ St Joseph's, Warrnambool ★  
 ★ Our Lady Help of Christians, Warrnambool East ★ St Pius X, Warrnambool West ★

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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

Parish Priest	Fr John Fitzgerald
Assistant Priest	Fr Bill Lowry
Business Manager	Bruce Keeley
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Admin Team	Karen Johnson Virginia Martin Trisha McGinness

**SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

St John's Dennington	Ben van de Camp
St Patrick's Koroit	Tegan McDonald
St Patrick's Port Fairy	Olga Lyons
St Joseph's W'bool	Matthew O'Brien
St Pius X W'bool West	Nick Murrell
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	Leisa McCosh
St Patrick's, Port Fairy	Peter Sanderson
St Joseph's, W'bool	
St Pius X, W'bool West	Karen Johnson
OLHC, W'bool 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.

First Sunday of Advent  
 30 Nov/1 Dec 2024

**Season of Advent**

Advent has a two-fold purpose:  
 It is the time when the Church longs for the coming of the Lord. In this longing the Church looks in two directions, so to speak.



- Reflecting on the Lord's first coming as a child born to Mary in Bethlehem
- Looking forward to his second coming as Son of Man at the end of time.

Advent can be overwhelmed by the attraction of Christmas. Let's give some space to the Season of Advent.  
 It's our spiritual preparation time during which we ready ourselves for the feast of Christmas and the Christmas Season.

The Old Testament prophecies of hope and deliverance which we read during Advent, did not come at the hour of Israel's triumph - they were born from defeat and exile. John the Baptist comes from desolation of the desert to proclaim the coming of the Lord. And the Lord of all the earth is born in poverty and obscurity.

**Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections**

If you desire to use the Season of Advent in a prayerful and reflective way there are booklets in the Office that may be helpful. These are available for \$5 each.

**New Business Manager**

The position of the Star of the Sea Business Manager has been filled with the appointment of **Bruce Keeley**. Bruce comes with extensive experience in business and finance and will be a great asset to the Parish.

We thank Dennis Farley who has 'filled in' over the past few months. Thank you Dennis for your generosity and expertise. (Fr John)

**Recent Deaths:** Dianne Board, Fr Terry Bowman MSC  
**Anniversaries:** Gerald Healey, Maurice Carey, Michael (Mick) Lenehan, Ellen Braybrook

**Communion from the Chalice**  
 (Excerpts from the Bishop's letter)

Dear People of the Diocese,  
 I consider that it is time to reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice ...

The common aim is to allow the faithful to receive Christ under the appearance of wine as well as under the appearance of bread, following the words of Jesus "Take and eat" and "Take and drink". In this way, communion is more clearly a sign of sharing in Christ's heavenly banquet.

Anyone feeling unwell should refrain from taking the chalice.  
 May the revival of this practice enrich our celebration of communion with Christ and with one another. (Bishop Paul)

**NB:** Communities can recommence when they are ready. (Fr John)

**Christmas Day Lunch**

Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, but for some this is not possible. You are welcome to share a luncheon on Christmas Day (St Joseph's Hall) 12noon to 1.30pm.  
 Volunteers required to help between 1:15pm and 3:15pm  
 Please contact Mary 0409 158 177 or Parish Office 5562 2231  
 Christmas Mass Times to be published next week.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Children**

A number of children have been preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. This will be held at OLHC at 10:00am Mass next Saturday, followed by light refreshments. Please come along and support these children as they begin their journey of faith.

**Baptisms:** This weekend we welcome Parker & Myles McTaggart and Perry, Bonnie & Sloane Rowan into our faith community.

**OLHC:** Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am  
 Coloumban Calendars \$8.50, Christmas Cards (pk 8) \$3.00.  
 Honesty System - please use St V de Paul box.  
 Advent discussion group at 10:30am in the Church meeting room.  
 Terry 0400 511 102  
 Men's Breakfast at OLHC 8:00am next Saturday

**Infant Jesus:** 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' meet Friday's at 10.45am. Contact South West Co-ordinator Marita 0402 431 053

**St Joseph's:** Morning Tea after Mass next Sunday

**Rosary for November:** Mondays at 7:00pm at St Joseph's

**Supporting Ukraine**

An invitation to attend an Information Session on the Ukraine Project since our Donation Drive at Christmas 2022.  
 Cecilia Carvalho will share the details of the work completed and the opportunities for us to help restore 60 small villages and their people in South Eastern Ukraine. Please join us at Our Lady Help of Christians on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

Your support for this Appeal is greatly appreciated and will benefit recipients by helping to address poverty and disadvantage in our communities.  
 Please give generously. Envelopes are available for cash donations, and non-perishable grocery items can be left in baskets where provided at some of our Churches.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday Vigil**  
 6:00pm OLHC, Warrnambool East

**Sunday Morning**  
 9:00am Infant Jesus, Koroit  
 9:00am St Pius X, Warrnambool West  
 10:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool  
 10:30am St Patrick's, Port Fairy  
 6:00pm St Joseph's Warrnambool  
 \*11:00am St Anne's, Purnim  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (Eucharist)  
 \*All other Sundays  
 Assembly of the Word with Communion

**RECONCILIATION**

St Joseph's After 10:00am Friday Mass  
 OLHC After 10:00am Saturday Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Mon	11.00am Infant Jesus Dianne Board RIP
Tues	10:00am St Pius X 10:00am St Patrick's
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thurs	11:00am Mercy Place 12:30pm OLHC Graduation Mass
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's 10:00am Infant Jesus
Sat	10:00am OLHC RCIC Initiation

**Pope's Intention for December**

For Pilgrims of Hope  
 We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**Baptisms**

An information session takes place at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.



**Next session:**  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
 Please phone the Parish Office to book.