

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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The Baptism of the Lord

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes



The Year of Saint Joseph

St Joseph was deeply in love with Mary. He must have loved her so much, with such generosity of heart, that when he learned of her desire to preserve the consecration she had made to God, he agreed to marry her.

He would rather renounce having his own children than live apart from the woman he loved. His was a pure, refined and deep love: full of respect with no hint of selfishness. God himself definitively sealed their union with a new and even stronger bond: their joint mission on earth of bringing up the Messiah.

In whatever need, the Holy Patriarch, together with the Blessed Virgin, hears our prayers. Today, we ask him to make us simple of heart so that we can show our love for the child Jesus as he did.

Pope Francis' Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Louise on Holidays

Louise Dryburgh is enjoying a well-earned break. While she is away, please direct enquiries to St Joseph's Parish Office: 5562 2231.

Lay-led Liturgy

To prepare for all situations, there will be two workshops in February/March to form lay leaders of worship. It is hoped two to four parishioners from each of the Ministry District's four parishes could attend these workshops. For more information, call St Joseph's.

Masks Back On

It was announced on 31 December that we are again required to wear a face mask indoors in any place except our private homes. It follows that masks are again required to be worn in the church unless you are receiving Holy Communion or proclaiming the Scripture.

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars for 2021 are still available for \$8 each.



Please visit bit.ly/CDFpayWarrnambool-West to put your money on the plate.

Recent Deaths

Judith Bowman, Frank Bowman, Clare Ryan.

2021

Fr Michael Linehan's retirement will necessitate some change in the Ministry District. To give us time and space to make the required changes, Fr Bill van de Camp will preside at the 6.30pm Koroit Vigil Mass for the next couple of weeks, enabling Fr John Corrigan and Fr John Fitzgerald to celebrate the other 6 Masses in the 4 parishes of the Ministry District.

This weekend, Fr John F will be at St Pius X and St Patrick's, and Fr John C will preside at St Joseph's.

The two retired priests (Fr Bill and Fr Michael) will not be scheduled on the weekend Mass roster but they have expressed their willingness to assist when needed. It's important we respect their retirement.

A challenge this year is the 'catching up' on the celebration of the children's sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. It wasn't possible to celebrate these sacraments in 2020 due to the coronavirus. It will be important for the 5 Catholic schools to work together in a creative way to achieve this outcome.

We have new principals appointed for St Patrick's, Port Fairy (Olga Lyons) and St John's, Dennington (Ben van de Camp) commencing late January, 2021. We wish them well in their new appointments.

Parishes would now be familiar with the fact that if there is a funeral to be celebrated it replaces the weekday Mass if one is scheduled.

May God's blessing be upon us in our pastoral endeavours in this new year.

Fr John Fitzgerald &
Fr John Corrigan

Mass Rosters Next Week

Readers

6:00 pm Pauline Haberfield
10:30 am J. Guinan

Prayer of the Faithful

6:00 pm P. Starkie
10:30 am L. Dooley

Ministers of Communion

6:00 pm L. O'Keefe
10:30 am S. Malone

Local Sunday Masses

Sat	6:00pm	St Pius X
	6:00pm	OLHC
	6:30pm	Infant Jesus
Sun	8:30am	St Joseph's
	9:00am	St Patrick's
	9:00am	OLHC
	10:30am	St Pius X
	10:30am	St Joseph's
	6:00pm	St Joseph's

Local Weekday Masses

Monday 11th	10am, St Pius X 11am, OLHC (Clare Ryan's Requiem Mass)
Tuesday 12th	9:30am, OLHC 10am, St Patrick's
Wednesday 13th	11am, St Patrick's (Judith Bowman's Requiem Mass)
Thursday 14th	9:30am, OLHC 10am, Infant Jesus 10am, Mercy Place (COVID restrictions: residents only)
Friday 15th	9:30am, OLHC 10am, St Joseph's 10am, Infant Jesus
Saturday 16th	9:30am, OLHC

Confessions

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat. 5pm-6pm