# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool Priest: Father Michael Linehan Presbytery: 76 Morriss Road, Warrnambool Phone: 5562 5033 email: warrnamboolwest@ballarat.catholic.org.au Postal address: c/- Post Office, Dennington Vic 3280. www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes
Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

#### **Catholic Mission Diaries**

Catholic Mission, the agency which forms Australians for mission and raises funds for their ministry, has sent us some 2021 diaries. If you would like one, there are some in the Mary MacKillop chapel and some others in the parish office which is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings and in those afternoons until 3:30 p.m. The diaries are free to take away.

## **Christmas Masses**

We may have information about Christmas Masses before the end of this weekend, but so far we just don't know what will be possible. Keep your ear to the ground – or even better, to announcements from the Premier.

#### **Father Michael's Timetable**

We sincerely regret that there will be no weekday Masses in West Warrnambool or Dennington for the time being and we cannot be certain when Father Michael or another priest will be able to provide them. We know that there are parishioners who are eagerly looking forward to having Mass during the week and we regret that circumstances are for the moment against us.

#### Thank You for Giving

Planned Giving Oct: \$2,083.00 Pledged: \$3,458.00

## Can You Help?

The St Vincent de Paul Society's After-School Tutoring Program for primary school-aged students will be held next year on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. at St Pius X School and on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. at OLHC School. Volunteers who enjoy working with young people in a fun and engaging learning environment are being sought. You do NOT need to be a teacher. More information can be had from Rebecca Janes on 0447 156 690 or rebecca.janes@svdp-vic.org.au

#### **Columban Calendars**

Columban Calendars for 2021 can be bought at the Parish office for \$8 each. Christmas cards are also available at \$3.00 for five.

#### St V's Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is asking people in a position to do so to dig a bit deeper this year as the Society launches its Christmas Appeal after a very tough year. To donate please click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>

### **New Requirements for Mass**

These conditions are in place because of Victorian State law: they have not been imposed by the Diocese of Ballarat or the local priest.

- Please give your name and phone number to the person recording details when you enter the church.
- Please use the hand sanitiser as you come in.
- Please wear a face mask covering your nose, mouth and chin inside the building, except while receiving Holy Communion.
- Please sit ONLY in a seat marked with blue tape.
- Please sit no closer than a metre and a half from anyone who does not live with you at your house.
- Although we may not pass the collection plate from hand to hand, please contribute what you can afford to the people holding the plates when you leave the church.
- Holy Communion will be distributed only under the form of bread. The chalice will be used only by the priest. Please receive Communion in your hand in the usual way.
- Please do not approach other people inside the church. Hold any conversations (observing social distancing) outside. [Sorry.]

AND DESPITE ALL THE RIGAMAROLE AND THE NECESSARY RULES, **WELCOME BACK**. WE'RE SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!

# 'Our Diocesan Community'

Copies of the latest edition of the diocesan news magazine, Our Diocesan Community are available at the church doors. Please take your free copy home after Mass.

# **Rosters Next Weekend**

**6 p.m.** Reader: R. Farrar Prayers of Faithful: J. Farrar Minister of Communion: N. Stapleton

**10 a.m.** Reader: A. Webster Prayers of Faithful: D. Webster Minister of Communion: L. Ermacora

If you forgot to bring to Mass your money for the collection, you can still contribute quite easily online by using the information in the picture of the collection basket here.

