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

2 August 2020 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown, 0402 009 785

Mass Online

In addition to the Masses we have been advertising here in recent months, you may be interested to know that by googling *Mass Online* you can find Masses in English and other languages from all over the world.

Mass can be seen online every day at the following sites:

St Joseph's Warrnambool www.tiny.cc/joe3280

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne https://melbournecatholic.org.au/ Mass

Pope Francis's daily Mass

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta. pagelist.html

Thank You for Giving

Planned Giving July: \$3,419.00 Pledged: \$3,404.00

A Message From Mercy Place

We are advised that when we are once again able to celebrate Thursday morning Masses at Mercy Place both the celebrant and visiting members of the congregation must have provided evidence that they have been vaccinated against influenza this year.

Did You Know?

Father Michael has been writing weekly homilies, even though no one is in the church to hear them. They are still being published on the parish website: *Warrnambool West and Dennington* at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Have You Heard of DOBCEL?

Catholic Schools in our district have all heard of DOBCEL but parishioners whose connection to our schools is more remote may not have heard of it. The initials stand for Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited, a company which will take over the governance (or responsible oversight) of parish schools in the diocese from 1 January next year. The company has a single member, the bishop of Ballarat and a Board of eight directors. Until now, governance of parish schools has been a role of the local parish priest who has also been the employer of school staff, but on 1 January that will change. The priest will still be involved in parish schools, but no longer as governor or employer. School principals will continue to have effective responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the school in accordance with policies approved by the bishop and the DOBCEL Board. DOBCEL's responsibilities will not extend to other activities in the parishes, but only to matters concerning parish schools.



