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PARISH PERSONNEL

Co-Pastor & Moderator	Fr John Fitzgerald
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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	Joe Ewing
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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 13th & 14th August 2022

I thought I'd take the opportunity this week to introduce myself, so that you can all get to know your new priest a little better. My name is William Peter Lowry, though most people call be Bill. I'm not related to the Lourey's down this way nor to the test cricketer!

Yes, I am an Essendon supporter, and no, I will not be changing even despite an 18 year finals hiatus. I have many and varied interests. I heard golf is a respected clergy pastime, so I've decided to take that up. I also enjoy bike riding, fishing and reading.

I'm originally from Woodend, though my parents are now in Anglesea, and fostered a connection with the Ballarat Diocese through my studies in education at Australian Catholic University in Ballarat in the early 2010's.

Though I attended Catholic schools growing up, the Christian religion had little appeal to me. It was really by the grace of God and the good example and encouragement of Catholic laymen and women and priests that I found myself in the seminary in 2016. I think I am in that regard, a living witness that miracles do happen!

My intention in the parish is to try to be that same presence and encouragement. For each of us, our journey of faith is different, but it's always the same Spirit, the same Christ who invites us, draws us into a closer relationship with himself.

As we all set out together on this new journey as one parish, let us encourage one another to be the 'change' we want to see in our parish communities. To be light-bearers, bringing the *lumen* (the light of Christ) to the *gentes* (world) as the Second Vatican Council so encouraged us to do.

I can't promise that I will do everything right in my time here, or that I won't get on your nerves or say something out of turn. What I can promise you though, is that I will listen deeply, that I will care for and encourage each of you and try my best to be present especially in your times of need.

Please help me in this task also by doing the same, praying for me, providing me feedback, helping me identify and respond to the pastoral needs of our parish, so that I may be the priest God and the community of Star of the Sea Parish are calling me to be.

God bless you all.
Fr Bill.

Deaths: Denise Anderson, Dot Brockway, Robert Phoebe, Benjamin Ralston, Kevin Ryan, Adele Braham (London), Paul Wilmot (Perth)

Anniversaries: Phill McDonough, Dawn Murnane, Max Paten, Vincent Griffin, Alex Smith, Madeline Carroll, Kevin Mugavin (Purnim), Alf Pasco, Kevin & Joan Morris

Family Rosary Group: This Monday at OLHC at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Tuesday Cards: Euchre & Solo. This week at OLHC. All welcome

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

Thank You: The Koroit & Port Fairy Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society thanks parishioners for their generosity. The recent collection for the Winter Appeal raised \$775.

Planned Giving Envelopes: Some parishioners will have noticed a difference in the envelopes e.g. one 'pocket' instead of two. This change has made the counting more streamlined for the counters. Money for the Presbytery giving is placed separately on the plate.

Social Justice: *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse.* The Parish is hosting a hub with participation in an online forum. Saturday 1st October 10.00am to noon at St Joseph's Hall. Phone the Parish Office if you wish to attend or further information.

New Piety Shop in Port Fairy: A new piety stall at the back of St Patrick's Church stocks rosary beads, medals, spiritual books and other items which are especially suited as First Communion gifts. It is open after Mass on Sundays and Tuesdays and other times by appointment. If you are interested in ordering an item or booking a time to browse, please call the Parish Office.

Plenary Council

Eight major themes have emerged from the 17,000 submissions to the Plenary Council. At a recent Assembly in Sydney that Bishop Paul Bird attended he made the following notes. We will highlight one theme each week:

Recognition of Aboriginal & the Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Each Catholic school, parish, diocese and organisation will:

- ◆ acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which their buildings stand
- ◆ Include the online Cultural Competency course in formation of staff and volunteers
- ◆ Ensure that any retreats and other formation activities offered are culturally appropriate
- ◆ Work to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People on committees and decision-making bodies

The Pope's Monthly Intention. *We pray for small and medium sized businesses;* in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL

All are welcome to stay for refreshments following 10.30am Mass (today) hosted by St Joseph's Family Groups.

OLHC COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL EAST

The National Coordinating Team of the Passionist Family Group Movement congratulate Our Lady Help of Christians as they celebrate 35 years of Family Groups. Special thanks and acknowledgement to Jan & John Mahony and Teresa & Richard Treffry for their commitment to and care of the Family Group members at Our Lady Help of Christians.

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	5:00pm to 6:00pm daily
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	Feast of the Assumption 9.30am: Our Lady Help of Christians 11.00am: St Pius X <i>Requiem Mass: Kevin Ryan RIP</i> 5.30pm: St Joseph's
Tuesday	9.30am: Our Lady Help of Christians 10.00am: St Patrick's, Port Fairy
Wednesday	10:00am: St Joseph's St Pius X (No Mass)
Thursday	9:30am: Our Lady Help of Christians 10:30am: Mercy Place 3:30pm: Belfast House
Friday	10:00am: St Joseph's 10:00am: Infant Jesus, Koroit

Prayer for Justice & Peace in Ukraine

God of justice and peace, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.