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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

Moderator	Fr John Fitzgerald
Assistant Priest	Fr Bill Lowry
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Parish Manager	Tony Herbert
Accounts Manager	Louise Dryburgh
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Maintenance	Pat Negri

**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	Stacey Atkins (Interim)
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  
 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.

**25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

**The Synod of the Catholic Church**

Pope Francis points to eight characteristics of a synodal Church. We continue to examine one each week.  
**A Synodal Church is a Missionary Church** – it is a terrible sadness that the greatest missionary challenge that emerged during the synodal dialogues was the need to invite our young adults back into the life of the Church. In the western world in particular, the weight of this missionary imperative was reflected in the enormous suffering that tens of thousands of parents expressed over their children's alienation from the Church. There is a vast and unending drift from the Catholic faith of young men and women of quality and character who grew up in Catholic families but now feel estranged.  
**NB:** The word synodality comes from its Greek roots, *syn* and *odus*, which literally means 'Together on the road'. Synodality is about renewal and reform of the Church, in particular by walking together on this journey.

**Season of Creation**

Spring is a time of celebration - a time to welcome new life and new ways of doing things.  
 Pope Francis says ... all of creation is a 'kind of universal family' and everything - the earth, its flora and fauna, and humanity - are interconnected.  
 Here in the southern hemisphere we are privileged that the Season of Creation (1 September-4 October) coincides with Spring and the promise of new growth and life.  
*Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!*  
*Let the sea and everything in it roar!*  
*Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!*  
*Then all the trees of the forest too will shout out joyfully*  
 Psalm 96:11-12

**Recent Deaths:** Nellie Primmer, Daniel O'Connor (Q'ld), Paul Grapsas (Geelong), Rita Patten, Brian McNamara  
**Anniversaries:** Christopher Lenehan, Christopher McKinnon, Susan Turner, Gwendoline Meagher, Des McNamara, Anthony McConnell

**Migrant & Refugee Sunday**

Most Loving God,  
 Grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.  
 Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.  
 Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.  
 Amen

**Our Diocese turns 150**

It was on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1874 that Pope Pius IX issued a decree that marked the beginning of the Ballarat Diocese. Thus on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 the Diocese turns 150.  
 Bishop Paul Bird invites us to mark this significant occasion by using the whole of 2024 as an anniversary year. The Star of the Sea Parish will set aside the 4-5 May as a special weekend in the Parish. We are invited to celebrate our own history and this will vary with our communities who were once parishes in their own right.  
 Bishop Paul hopes to mark the occasion with a personal visit to each parish during 2024.

**Baptism:** Poppy Dews is welcomed into God's Family  
**Clinical Pastoral Education:** Part time course being offered in 2024 (March to October). Further information Bernadette Wurlod 0455 033 321 or BWurlod@mercy.com.au  
**Life in the Spirit:** 6 week course involving catholic teaching, self reflection & prayer ministry. Wednesday 4th October 7.00pm at St Pius X Church. All welcome. Enq Sandra 0400 123 586  
**St Brigid's College Horsham:** Invitation to past pupils of the Classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 & 2013 for the milestone reunion. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2.00pm. RSVP 5382 3545 or via this link: <https://forms.gle/uKfjHb2KMsZ1huXa9>  
**Centenary Celebrations:** St Brendan's Convent Coragulac. Sunday 8th October 11.00am Mass followed by light lunch. Further enquiries: Maureen 0428 329 231

**Parish Rosary Group:** Monday evenings for the month of September at OLHC 7.00pm. All welcome  
**Maintenance:** We wish Pat and his wife, Helen, good wishes and safe travels as they head to see family members in UK and Europe  
**Piety Stall:** Wide range of gifts at St Patrick's Port Fairy. Contact Marita (0402 431 053)  
**Holy Hour:** 10.00am every Monday at OLHC  
**Mothers Pray for their children:** 10.45am Friday's Infant Jesus  
**Meetings:** Wednesday: Parish Finance Committee 12noon  
 St Joseph's Liturgy Committee 4.00pm

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month;  
 Assembly of the Word with Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Sunday Evening**  
 6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

**RECONCILIATION**

St Patrick's After 10:00am Tuesday Mass  
 OLHC After 10:00am Thursday Mass  
 St Joseph's After 10:00am Friday Mass  
 Infant Jesus After 10:00am Friday Mass  
 St Pius X After 10:00am Saturday Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**NB: MASS OF THE DAY IS REPLACED WHEN A FUNERAL IS HELD AT THAT CHURCH.**

Tuesday	10.00am St. Pius X
	10.00am St Patrick's
Wednesday	10.00am St Joseph's
Thursday	10.00am Our Lady Help of Christians
Friday	10.00am St Joseph's
	10.00pm Infant Jesus
Saturday	10.00am St Pius X

**The Pope's Intention for September: For people living on the margins:** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Baptisms:** An information session takes place at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.  
 Next session: Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of October  
 Please phone Parish Office to book in.

