The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool Priest: Father Michael Linehan Phone: 5562 5033 Postal address: c/- Post Office, Dennington Vic 3280. www.ballarat.catholic.org.au **26 February 2017 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Welcome Father Bowd

Father Rupert Bowd has kindly volunteered to offer Mass at St Pius X this weekend because Father Michael's voice has not yet recovered.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is on 1 March this year. Mass and the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at St Pius X Church on Ash Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. It is a day of fast and abstinence: if you have had your 18th birthday but not your 59th, you should not eat between meals that day and if you have had your 14th birthday, you should not eat meat that day. The same applies to Good Friday.

St V de P Lenten Appeal

The customary St Pius X Lenten Appeal will be organised again this year by the parish conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. You are asked to contribute the following goods on the named weekends:

4-5 March	Cereal
11-12 March	Spaghetti/Baked Beans
18-19 March	Tinned Fruit
25-26 March	Pasta/Pasta Sauce
1-2 April	Tea/Coffee
8-9 April	Tinned Soup

Pastoral Leaders Meeting

The next meeting of the parish pastoral leaders group will be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 28 February in the foyer of St Pius X Church.

Bishops on Violence

The Victorian bishops are urging the Catholic community to play a part in preventing and responding to violence in families. They have issued information on the subject at www.css.org.au/dv

Diamond Jubilee

Congratulations to Brother Brian Kelly on his 60 years with the Christian Brothers. Brian was educated at CBC Warrnambool and has now returned to Warrnambool to retire at Lyndoch.

St John of God Auxiliary

St John of God Auxiliary is hosting a movie morning. The movie is *Jackie*, starring Natalie Portman, a portrait of American history seen through the eyes of Jacqueline Kennedy immediately following her husband's assassination. It will be shown at the Capitol Theatre on Thursday 2 March at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$15 which includes morning tea. For further information please phone Pat Starkie on 5562 7200.

World Day of Prayer

The Uniting Church will be hosting a service for World Day of Prayer on Friday 3 March at 1:30 p.m. Christians from the Philippines have chosen the theme *Am I being unfair to you?* from Matthew 20:1-16

Speakers are John & Remy Tan who are associated with Wycliffe Bible Translators. All parishioners are invited to attend and take part. **Anniversaries** Anne Jewell. Gerard Kelly.

Thank You for Giving Presbytery last week: \$779.80

Morning Tea after Mass

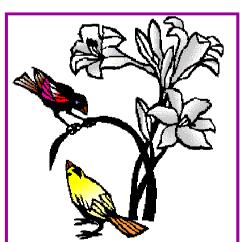
Every third Sunday of each month after Mass there is a gathering of parishioners for morning tea. We are in the process of drawing up a new volunteers' roster and would like to confirm current volunteers and welcome any new ones. If you would like to volunteer please phone Louise at the parish office on 5562 5033.

Australian Catholics Magazine

The latest edition of *Australian Catholics* magazine is free and available in the foyer of the church for you to take home.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion envelopes and money boxes for Lent 2017 are available at the church doors today. Please use yours generously as a way of loving your neighbour as yourself.



Look at the birds. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; and the flowers never have to work or spin. Yet not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. C. Harris 10 a.m. J. Nolan

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. Jenny Dean 10 a.m. C. Nolan

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m.	N. Stapleton J. Dean
	Peter Haberfield C. Murrihy
10 a.m.	D. Pasco B. Hogan L. McElgunn F. Garvey
	M. Murphy A. Webster

Local Sunday Masses

Sat.	6 p.m. 6 p.m.	St Pius X OLHC
1	8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 0:30 a.m. 0:30 a.m.	St Joseph's OLHC St Pius X St Joseph's Allansford
	11 a.m.	(1st, 3rd & 5th: Mass) Purnim (1st, 3rd & 5th lay-led)
	11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Purnim (2nd & 4th Mass) St Joseph's

Weekday Masses

Monday 27:	NO MASS
Tuesday 28	NO MASS
Ash Wed 1:	10 a.m. & 6 p.m. St Pius X
Thursday 2:	NO MASS
Friday 3:	NO MASS
Saturday 4:	NO MORNING MASS

Confessions

Saturday mornings after Mass or when you can find Father Michael: no appointment necessary.