

The Parish Pump

The Christmas Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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Alteration to Weekday Masses

Monday 28 December is an additional Public Holiday for Boxing Day, so Mass at St Pius X will be at 10 a.m. There will be no Mass at Dennington or at St Pius X on Wednesday 30 December. Mass will be at 10 a.m. as usual on Thursday 31 December at Mercy Place and on New Year's Day, 1 January 2016, Mass at St Pius X will be at 10 a.m.

Free Christmas Day Lunch

This year's Community Christmas Lunch will be held today at 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Warrnambool Uniting Church, Koroit Street (entrance via rear car park).

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

As usual, there will be a special collection today for people in greater need than ourselves. The proceeds will be distributed by Bishop Paul Bird to people in need both overseas and in Australia. Last year, the money was distributed as follows:

Loreto Vietnam-Australia Program (Sister Trish Franklin IBVM)	2,000
Columban Mission Society work in Peru	8,000
Diocese of Aitape through Franciscan Missionary Union	8,000
Sisters of Nazareth in Fiji	1,000
Archdiocese of Honiara, Solomon Islands	2,000
Diocese of Tonga - Marist Missions	2,000
Diocese of Raratonga - Marist Missions	2,000
Diocese of Auki - Solomon Islands	2,000
Sister Lourdes, East Timor	1,000
National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council	2,550
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans	2,000
Edmund Rice Centre	2,000
Good Samaritan Centre, Kiribati	2,000
Bishops' Appeal for Refugees in the Middle East	7,500
Exodus Community, Wendouree	2,000
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Woodford Races

The annual Woodford race meeting will be held at the Warrnambool race course on Sunday 27 December. The meeting contributes to St John's School, Dennington and your support will help support the school.

Mary MacKillop Anniversary

The Portland community will be celebrating the anniversary of Mary MacKillop's 1866 departure from Portland on the weekend of 30-31 January 2016.



Thank You

My personal thanks are extended to all who, in any way, have contributed to the life and ministry of St Pius X and St John's parishes in 2015. Every blessing to you all for a happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

(BTW it would be churlish of me to fail to offer special thanks to all who helped me acknowledge the 17 December anniversary. Most of it was unexpected - all was warmly appreciated. My particular thanks for the cheque presented to me at Mass last Sunday. Thank you!)

M.J.L.

Columban Calenders

Columban Calenders are on sale in the church foyer for \$8. each.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. J. Osborne
 10 a.m. C. Hughson

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. C. Taggart
 10 a.m. K. Harzmeyer

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. L. O'Keefe
 Peter Haberfield
 N. Russell
 N. Stapleton
 J. Dean
 10 a.m. B. Ermacora
 A. Mills
 S. Malone
 M. Healey
 T. Patterson

Local Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Saturday 26:	10 a.m. St Pius X
Monday 28:	10 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 29:	7:30 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 30:	NO MASS
Thursday 31:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 1:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

After Mass on Saturday mornings or when you can find Father Michael. No appointment necessary.



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 OF MERCY

This picture picks up on Luke 15,5 where Christ compares himself to a good shepherd who seeks a sheep "And when he finds it, sets it on his shoulders with great joy." This is so often what I have needed. I need to be carried, both when I am *being served* and also *when I am serving*. The strength of God in Christ is what we need to do the work of God in Christ. We need to be reminded of that.

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