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Secretary

Karen Johnson

Virginia Martin

Trisha McGinness

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, W'bool

Anne Maree Mugavin

St Pius X, W'bool West

Karen Johnson

OLHC, W'bool 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

23rd & 24th Dec, 2023

Season of Advent

It's still Advent! But it's still not too late to capture the true spirit of this feast. Who better to guide us in our quest than Mary who is at the very heart of the Christmas story?
"I am the servant of the Lord: may His will for me be done"

May the Christmas blessings
of
love, peace and joy
remain always
within
your heart and home

Christmas is a time of joy and inspiration, celebrating the birth of Jesus, a symbol of love and hope. As we exchange gifts and enjoy festivities, let's remember the true spirit, Christ's message of kindness, compassion and selflessness. During our celebrations, why not extend a helping hand to those in need, for that generosity transforms those moments into opportunities for shared warmth and solidarity, fostering a sense of unity that transcends the joy of the season.

Let this Christmas strengthen our faith and values and guide us towards a purposeful life. May the coming year inspire us to see the beauty in every moment, find joy in the smallest gestures and embrace all situations with optimism.

St Pius X: Columban calendars are available in the Foyer

St Pius X: Rosary - Mondays during January at 7:00pm

St Patrick's: The Piety Shop calendars, cards and religious items for sale. Enquiries Marita (0402 431 053)

Baptisms:
We welcome into our community this weekend Michael & Sarina Hollingsworth

2023 Bishop's Christmas Appeal
6th & 7th January 2024

This Appeal is a way the Diocese can respond to some communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. I thank the people of the diocese for their support of last year's Appeal. The money was distributed as follows:

Catholic Mission Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine	\$10,000
Caritas Humanitarian Aid for Gaza	\$10,000
St Columban's Mission "Shared Table" Peru	\$5,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	\$5,000
St Vincent de Paul	\$5,000
CatholicCare Victoria	\$5,000
Aid to the Church in Need	\$2,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against in Humans (ACRATH)	\$2,000
	\$44,000

Bishop Paul Bird

Praying each month - 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Star of the Sea Office Hours

The Office will be closed from Friday 23rd at 12.00pm and reopen Tuesday 2nd January 9:00 am

Recent Deaths: Maree Stonehouse, Carmel Brown, Judith O'Connor, Br Ted Walker (Brisbane), Lexie McMurrick, Doreen O'Grady

Anniversaries: Desmond Munday, Lyn van Rooy, Marie Kelly, Mary Mugavin (Purnim), Aurora Canuda, Patrick Smith, Kate Sommerville

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 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.

Thursday 10:00am Infant Jesus

Requiem: Doreen O'Grady RIP

Thursday 10:00am Our Lady Help of Christians

Friday 10:00am St Joseph's

Saturday 10.00am St Pius X

NB: The priest's will have a couple of days off this week

The Pope's intention for December – For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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, 9th January
Please phone Parish Office to book in.

