The Parish Pump

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31 December 2017 The Holy Family

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

New Year Mass

On Monday 1 January, Mass at St Pius X will be at 10 o'clock in the morning. New Year Mass times for parishes in the Ballarat Diocese have been published on the diocesan website, www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Diocesan e-News

Diocesan e-News is available to all members of the Diocese and those associated with and with an interest in the life of the Diocese. It is published every two weeks and distributed via email. You can subscribe to receive e-News on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or you are welcome to submit items for to enews@ballarat. publication catholic.org.au News items submitted should have relevance to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the Diocese; include photos where possible.

Have You Seen Our Website?

The Ballarat Diocesan website, www.ballarat.catholic.org.au, includes all sorts of information of interest to Catholics from the west of Victoria and elsewhere. It includes news from the parishes (fill in the parish's name under "Select a parish") as well as the latest from the Church in Australia and overseas.

Woodford Races

The annual Woodford race meeting will be held at the Warrnambool race course today (Sunday). Gates open at 12:30 p.m. and there's plenty of entertainment on-course for families. As usual, children get in without paying. The meeting contributes to St John's School, Dennington and your support will be greatly appreciated.

New Youth Worker Sought

Ballarat Diocese will be employing a Project Worker in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2018, the Year of Youth. This will initially be a 12 month position, fulltime preferred but not essential. A position description will be available on the diocesan website in January or you can contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au to have the position description emailed to you.

Will You Be Alert at Midnight?

New Year's Eve will no doubt be welcomed and celebrated by many, while the New Year will be acknowledged by others only when they wake up on Monday morning. Whichever group our parishioners belong to, we all hope and pray that 2018 will be safe, prosperous and richly blessed for all of us. Happy New Year to parishioners, our other friends and neighbours, and all the visitors to Warrnambool.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$575.60 Presbytery, Christmas: \$1,473.50 Bishop's Appeal: \$1,463.20



Did You Ever Say These Prayers?

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you. Amen.

They were called "aspirations"; they were short, one-sentence prayers that could be said aloud or quietly. In Hinduism and certain other non-Christian religions people are familiar with *mantras* which are sacred utterances believed to have psychological and spiritual powers and though aspirations have no built-in powers, it is nice to make up our own as ways of devotion and prayer.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. J. O'Keefe 10 a.m. D. Webster

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. O. O'Keefe 10 a.m. A. Webster

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. L. O'Keefe

N. Russell

Peter Haberfield

N. Stapleton K. Johnson

10 a.m. S. Malone

M. Healey

B. Houlihan T. Patterson

M. Pickett

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

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(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

Monday 1: 10 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 2: 5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 3: 10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 4: 10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 5: 9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 6: 10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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