# The Parish Pump

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes
Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

#### **Mass Online**

St Joseph's Warrnambool www.tiny.cc/joe3280

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

#### Pope Francis's daily Mass

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta. pagelist.html

Mass for You at Home is broadcast on channel 8 at 6 a.m. on Sundays and on Foxtel 173 at various times every day.

#### 'Australian Catholics'

Copies of the latest edition of Australian Catholics magazine have been placed in the Mary MacKillop chapel. They are free to take away.

## **Thank You for Giving**

Planned Giving Sept: \$1,866.00 Pledged: \$3,388.00

#### **Father Michael's Retirement**

We think that everyone at St Pius X and St John's Dennington knows that Bishop Paul Bird has accepted Father Michael's offer to retire following his 75th birthday at the end of this year. Accommodation has been provided for him in a property in St Joseph's Parish that was recently bought by the Ballarat Clergy Support Fund, to which Father Michael will pay a nominal rent. Father John Corrigan will then come to live in St Pius X Presbytery. Although the parishes of Port Fairy, Koroit, West Warrnambool and Warrnambool will be served by only two fully active priests, as soon as it is allowed there will be Mass in each of those parish churches every weekend.

### What's That Collection Basket Doing Over There?

Now that we have been unable to go to Mass for more than half of this year, parish income and presbytery income has fallen right away, though it must be said (1) We are really grateful to those parishioners who have generously continued financially to support our parish and Father Michael's household through planned giving and cash donations and (2) We have been able, to some extent, to manage the parish fairly responsibly, even when, in these COVID times, it has been unusually awkward to do so.

Still, we do need people to continue to support St Pius X and St John's parishes as usual. People who still pick up a paper copy of *The Parish Pump* from the Mary MacKillop Chapel will see in the picture on the opposite page an address they can go to on their computer, smartphone or tablet to keep up their financial support, but people who are seeing this online will see in the same place an invitation to "click here" which will take them to the same site where they too will be able to support the parish financially.

We still cringe a bit when we're talking about money, but you can't run any organisation without it, and we are confident that people understand that.



