

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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2nd Sunday of Advent

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. This Holy Year will commence on Tuesday 8 December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday November 20 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. There is a Year of Mercy website which can be found at <http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html>

The people of our diocese are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR next Sunday, 13 December at 10.30 a.m. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

Seniors' Christmas Morning Tea

10 a.m. Mass at Mercy Place on Thursday 10 December will be followed by a Christmas morning tea with residents of Mercy Place and other parishioners. All welcome.

Catholic Mission Diaries

There are Catholic Mission Diaries for 2016 in the foyer of the church. Anyone who would like this style of diary is invited to take one home.

Nativity Exhibition

An exhibition of Christmas cribs and Nativity Scenes will be held at St Joseph's Church all day on Sunday 13 December until after the 6 p.m. Mass.

Parish Secretary

Mrs Louise Dryburgh is working as a secretary at St Pius X Parish. She is usually present from 9:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 3:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Free Christmas Day Lunch

This year's Community Christmas Lunch will be held on Christmas Day, Friday 25 December from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Warrnambool Uniting Church, Koroit Street (entrance via rear car park). It has been moved from St Joseph's Hall because of the re-building program going on there. Anyone and everyone will be welcome to take part, but it is important to register and you are asked to express your intention to join in either to Cath on 5561 4120 or to Mary on 0409 158 177 by Friday 18 December. A poster about the event is on the notice board in the foyer of St Pius X Church.

Allansford Service & Carols

An ecumenical community service and carol singing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday 21 December in the Allansford Uniting Church. All are welcome and the event will be followed by a shared picnic tea.

Mass on Wednesday

On Wednesday 9 December, Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St Pius X Church to commemorate the passage from primary school of Dennington's Grade 6 class. For that reason, there will be no Mass at Dennington that day. Dennington Masses will continue to be offered as usual after next Wednesday and throughout the summer.

Recent Deaths

Annie Collins
Sister Maria Goretti
(Principal at St John's Dennington in the 1960s)

Anniversaries

Clem Lourey. Harm Bakker.

Thank You For Giving

Parish: \$880.85
Presbytery: \$699.20

The Face of Mercy

There is available a free online daily Advent resource program. The program has been written around the interrelationship between mercy and the season of Advent. The Jubilee Year of Mercy commences on December 8, 2015. You can sign up to the program by going to the website <http://www.thefaceofmercy.org.au/> More information is available on the noticeboard in the Church foyer.

Columban Calendars & Cards

Columban Calendars for 2016 are still available in the foyer of the church at \$8 each. Christmas cards are \$3 for a packet of 8.

The Advent Wreath



The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolises the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Western church. It is usually an evergreen wreath signifying continuous life. It has four candles, 3 purple ones and a pink one for Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. J. O'Keefe
10 a.m. A. Barker

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. O. O'Keefe
10 a.m. P. McElgunn

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. L. O'Keefe
Peter Haberfield
N. Russell
N. Stapleton
J. Dean
10 a.m. B. Ermacora
S. Malone
M. Healey
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
	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

Monday 7:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 8:	7:30 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 9:	10 a.m. St Pius X
Thursday 10:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 11:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 12:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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