

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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The Holy Family

Weekday Masses

This week's Masses will be celebrated at much the same time as usual, with the following exceptions:

Mass on Monday 28th (the additional Public Holiday for Boxing Day) will be celebrated in St Pius X Church at 10 a.m. There will be no Mass at Dennington or at St Pius X on Wednesday 30th. (Father Michael has an appointment in Melbourne with the priests who were ordained with him in 1971).

Priests' Retreat Postponed

In recent years, the annual retreat for priests of the Ballarat Diocese has usually been held in mid-January. This year new arrangements have been made, and the retreat will take place from 29 February to 4 March.

Woodford Races

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

New Year Mass

Mass will be celebrated in St Pius X Church at 10 a.m. on New Year's Day. It will be an opportunity to pray God's blessing on the people and families of our parish for the year - can you believe it? - 2016.

Logo of the Year of Mercy



Take note of the black things at the bottom of the image. I think they are one of the highlights of the image. Take a look at an icon of the resurrection. Jesus is standing on the gates of hell, having defeated sin death and the devil. These gates form a cross, which tells us about the tool through which this work of redemption has been accomplished. This is a pose of both love and victory.

Billy Kangas
at patheos.com

Anniversaries

Elaine O'Brien

Thank You For Giving

Presbytery last week: \$734.90

Kimberley Volunteers

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various voluntary tasks - administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning, etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. For further details, please contact Anneliese Rohr, ph. 08 9192 1060, email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org, web: www.broomedioocese.org or mail PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

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. More information on the notice board.

Why Call it *The Parish Pump*?

In earlier centuries on the other side of the world it was unusual for family homes to have their own running water. In such communities there was often a communal pump provided in a convenient village setting by the local parish. The parish pump was not only the place where people went to draw water; when they gathered there they often learnt from one another what was going on in the lives of their neighbours and the life of their community. This weekly bulletin also offers the opportunity to find out local news and information, and for that reason we call it

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Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. C. Harris
10 a.m. L. Ermacora

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. J. Yurusic
10 a.m. B. Ermacora

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. C. Murrhry
K. Johnson
G. McKenzie
L. O'Keefe
N. Russell
10 a.m. M. Pickett
B. Houlihan
M. McFarlane
B. Hogan
L. McElgunn

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 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
Saturday 2:	10 a.m.	St Pius X

Confessions

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