

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is on 10 February this year. Mass and the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at St. Pius X Church on Ash Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and in the evening at 5:40 p.m. It is a day of fast and abstinence: if you have had your 18th birthday but not your 59th, you should not eat between meals that day and if you have had your 14th birthday, you should not eat meat that day. The same applies to Good Friday.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available today at the church doors.

St V de P Lenten Appeal

The customary St Pius X Lenten Appeal will be organised again this year by the parish conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. You are asked to contribute the following goods on the named weekends:

13-14 February	Cereal
20-21 February	Spaghetti/Baked Beans
27-28 February	Tinned Fruit
5-6 March	Pasta/Pasta Sauce
12-13 March	Tea/Coffee
19-20 March	Tinned Soup

School Opening Mass

The 10 a.m. Mass at St Pius X Church on Sunday 14 February will be offered with people from St Pius X School for the opening of the 2016 school year.

Logo of the Year of Mercy



I just like it and you can too. The reason I wrote this article is because I feared that people who read the articles teasing the image might not want to use it. I hope this is not the end result. I think the image is one of the coolest logos I have seen in a long time... I hope that you all can understand more of why I like it and can see the beauty in it, every time you see it.

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Senior Parishioners' Mass

The next Mass for senior parishioners will be at Mercy Place on Thursday 11 February at 10 a.m. It will be followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Thank You For Giving

Parish Stewardship Month of January:

\$6728.85 (Promised \$6071.00)

Presbytery last week: \$711.

Bishop Seeks Justice Members

Bishop Paul Bird wishes to appoint members to the Diocesan Social Justice Commission which was established in 2011. He is seeking expressions of interest from parishioners with an interest in and a passion for Social Justice, appropriate expertise and experience and the available time to be an effective member of the Commission. This year, the Commission will meet in Ballarat on 5 March, 14 May, 27 August and 12 November. There is a link to the Expression of Interest form at <http://tinyurl.com/bdjsc2016> Anyone interested is requested to complete and submit the form by 15 February.

World Day of the Sick

St John Paul II designated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11 February, as World Day of the Sick, when the aged and the ill, their families and friends, are encouraged to reflect on the Christian meaning of suffering and to recall God's life-giving presence. As Christians celebrate the Day, we are asked to pray for those who are sick and elderly and for those who extend care to them.

Film at the Capitol

The Lady in the Van will be screened at the Capitol Cinema on Wednesday 10 March at 6:30 p.m. in aid of South Sudan residents displaced by war. Tickets \$15 from Jim Hanrahan 5562 4869 or 0408 624 869, or Kay Riordon 5562 7024.

Australian Catholics Magazine

The latest edition of *Australian Catholics* is available at the church door today. Please take home your FREE copy after Mass.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m.	J. Yurusic
10 a.m.	St Pius X School

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m.	C. Harris
10 a.m.	St Pius X School

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m.	N., Russell N. Stapleton J. Dean L. O'Keefe P. McGennisken
10 a.m.	M. Pickett B. Houlihan M. McFarlane G. Hughson P. 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 8:	7:30 a.m.	St Pius X
Tuesday 9:	7:30 p.m.	St Pius X
Ash Wednesday 10:	9:30 am & 5:40 pm	
Thursday 11:	10 a.m.	Mercy Place
Friday 12:	9:15 a.m.	St Pius X
Saturday 13:	10 a.m.	St Pius X

Confessions

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