

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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28 February 2016 **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Priests' Retreat

The annual retreat for priests of the Ballarat Diocese will be held this year from 29 February to 4 March. Father Michael intends to take part in it and as a result no weekday Masses are planned for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of this week. Mass will be celebrated as usual on Monday morning at 7:30 and on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

24 Hours for the Lord

When Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy, one of the special events he proposed was *24 Hours for the Lord* to be celebrated throughout the world from Friday 4 March to Saturday 5 March. Here at St Pius X we invite you to spend some silent time in our Blessed Sacrament chapel during the 24 hours from 6 p.m. on Friday and to sign up for the time you will be there, whether for 5 or 10 minutes, half an hour or some other prayerful length of time. A roster for your signature is in the foyer of the church.

St Gregory's, Heywood

Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass in St Gregory's Church, Heywood at 5 p.m. on Sunday 6 March to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the church. Dinner will follow at the Heywood Hotel – pay as you go for meals and drinks. Please book for dinner with Bev Keane (5527 1559) or at itisi5@bigpond.com or with Kaye Sullivan (5527 1817).

St V de P Lenten Appeal

The customary St Pius X Lenten Appeal is being 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:

5-6 March	Pasta/Pasta Sauce
12-13 March	Tea/Coffee
19-20 March	Tinned Soup

World Day of Prayer

This year, the ecumenical World Day of Prayer will be observed at OLHC Church, East Warrnambool at 1:30 p.m. on Friday 4 March. The host country is Cuba and the theme is "Receive Children. Receive Me". Everyone is welcome to join in.

Mass of the Oils

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6:30 p.m. on Monday 21 March. At this Mass we celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests of our Diocese in the midst of the entire priestly People of God. The Mass also has special significance for those who will use the holy oils in 2016 - the sick and those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which endeavours to express the unity of the Diocesan Church. Anyone who would like to take a role in the Mass - Ushers, Readers, Oil Bearers, Participants in the Presentation of the Gifts, Musicians etc - is asked to contact Father Michael.

Anniversaries

Graeme Murrihy. Margaret Murtagh
Monsignor Thomas O'Brien

Thank You For Giving

Presbytery last week: \$795.00
Project Compassion: \$365.00



Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy; let the Church be your visible face in the world. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with the Spirit's anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen. (Pope Francis)

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m.	J. O'Keefe
10 a.m.	K. Harzmeyer

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m.	O. O'Keefe
10 a.m.	C. Hughson

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m.	D. Pascoe
	J. Dean
	K. Johnson
	Pauline Haberfield
	J. Thornton
10 a.m.	M. Healey
	T. Patterson
	M. Pickett
	M. McFarlane
	G. Hughson

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 29:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 1:	NO MASS
Wednesday 2:	NO MASS
Thursday 3:	NO MASS
Friday 4:	NO MASS
Saturday 5:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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