

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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3rd Sunday of Easter

Death of Bishop Mulkearns

Following the death of Bishop R.A. Mulkearns at age 85 last Monday, the present diocesan bishop, Paul Bird issued a statement in which he said among other things "Bishop Mulkearns was the bishop of Ballarat from 1971 till 1997. Those who knew him personally will remember a man who was dedicated in his service over those years and, indeed, over the sixty years he served as a priest. At the same time, Bishop Mulkearns himself acknowledged that he had made some tragic mistakes during his time as bishop. He expressed his sorrow for these mistakes in the evidence he gave to the Royal Commission in February."

Senior Parishioners' Mass

The next Mass for senior parishioners will be at Mercy Place on Thursday 14 April at 10 a.m. followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Confirmation Meetings

On Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 April there will be gatherings for this year's confirmation candidates and their parents at St Pius X Church. Only one of those nights should be attended, but it is important that at least one parent is present with the child on either the Wednesday or the Thursday. Should circumstances make that impossible, the child should be accompanied by a grandparent, an uncle or aunt, or a close family friend. Confirmation this year will be at the Pentecost Masses on 14-15 May.

Readers: *Break Open the Word*

Copies of *Break Open the Word* are placed at the back of the church to help readers prepare the following Sunday's readings at home. They are meant to be returned when the reader comes to church to proclaim the Word. If you have a copy of *Break Open the Word* at home, please return it quietly as soon as possible. As we go to print, there is no copy left in the church.

Back to School

The new school term begins on Monday 11 April and we wish all students and staff members a happy and successful Second Term. During this school term we shall be celebrating the sacraments of first reconciliation and confirmation; liturgical highlights include the feasts of Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi and there will be holidays for Anzac Day and the Warrnambool Cup (for some). The Dennington school and parish will be celebrating our patronal feast, the Birth of St John the Baptist on 24 June, the last day of term.

World Youth Day Krakow 2016

There are still places available on the World Youth Day Pilgrimage from Victoria to Krakow, Poland in July 2016. Contact Amanda on 0427 748 867 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au WYD information is on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry page at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (You can follow the link from the front page.)

Recent Deaths

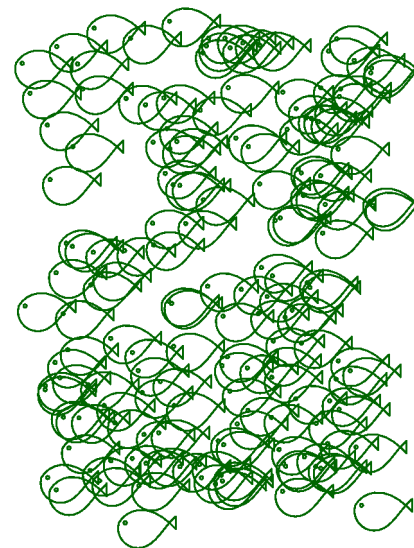
Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.
Kathryn Bushell

Anniversaries

Hazel Gore. Adele Griffin.
Norma Hall. Dawn Clancey.

Thank You For Giving

Presbytery last week:\$702.40
Easter Offerings:\$140.00
Project Compassion:\$336.00
Planned Giving March:\$5535.45
Pledged:\$6071.00



153 Fish

We don't think you can count them... but we wonder why the author of today's Gospel said that Peter caught 153 fish. 153 is the sum of the numbers from 1 to 17. Also, $1^3+5^3+3^3=153$. But here at St Pius X we don't think either of those interesting facts matters much. Maybe the Gospel says that Peter caught 153 fish because that's how many he caught! Have you a better idea?

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. O. O'Keefe
10 a.m. J. Guinan

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. J. O'Keefe
10 a.m. L. Dooley

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

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| 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

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| Monday 11: | 7:30 a.m. | St Pius X |
| Tuesday 12: | 7:30 p.m. | St Pius X |
| Wednesday 13: | 10 a.m. | Dennington |
| Thursday 14: | 10 a.m. | Mercy Place |
| Friday 15: | 9:15 a.m. | St Pius X |
| Saturday 16: | 10 a.m. | St Pius X |

Confessions

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