

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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4th Sunday of Easter

## Confirmation

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost (14-15 May) certain preparatory events will occur on weekends between now and then, namely:

23-24 April: candidates will be presented to the congregation.

30 April-1 May: the candidates' photos will be displayed in the church.

7-8 May: scrolls will be distributed to members of the congregation, requesting prayers for each of the candidates.

Meanwhile, children at our parish schools will be learning in their religious education program about sacramental confirmation, the Pentecost story and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, while groups of candidates and their parents will be gathering to consider the importance of the sacrament to family and community.

## First Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered in St Pius X Church on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st April. The sacrament will be celebrated with the second rite (that is with a penitential liturgy which includes the opportunity of confessing to one of several priests.) Children from St John's School and St Pius X School will be taking part for the first time, but everyone is invited to make use of the opportunity.



## Readers: Break Open the Word

If you still have at home a copy of *Break Open the Word* that you have finished with for the time being, please return it as soon as possible to the back of the church. Thank you!

## Project Compassion Receipts

People who requested a receipt for their tax-deductible contribution to Project Compassion this year can collect the receipt today from the foyer of the church. Thank you for your support of this important cause.

## 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](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) WYD information is on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry page at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (You can follow the link from the front page.)

## Recent Deaths

Sister Clare Stainsby.  
Jack Jewell.

## Anniversaries

Richard Myers & Patrick Harney

## Thank You For Giving

Presbytery last week: \$581.60  
Project Compassion: \$516.05

## Pope Francis on the Family

Just over a week ago, Pope Francis issued his new document on the family. It is called *Amoris Laetitia*, which can



be translated *The Joy of Love* and it begins "The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church." As papal documents go, it is a very big one - 60,000 words and in the English version, 264 pages. The U.S. Jesuit magazine, *America* said of it, "Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* has been accepted by most Catholics as a breath of fresh air. Its warm encouragement to families to place love at the centre of their lives, its clear invitation to pastors to accompany Catholics in the 'complexity' of their situations and its strong reminder that the church needs to recover an appreciation of the role of conscience have been welcomed by millions of Catholics as a sign that the church wants to meet them where they are." The document can be found if you google *amoris laetitia english*.

## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. P. McGennisken  
10 a.m. J. Nolan

## Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. C. Reid  
10 a.m. C. Nolan

## Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. Pauline Haberfield  
C. Murrhoy  
K. Johnson  
J. Thornton  
G. McKenzie  
10 a.m. B. Houlihan  
M. McFarlane  
B. Hogan  
L. McElgunn  
F. Garvey

## 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
	11 a.m.	Purnim
		(1st, 3rd & 5th: Mass)
		(1st, 3rd & 5th lay-led)
	11 a.m.	Purnim (2nd & 4th Mass)
	6 p.m.	St Joseph's

## Weekday Masses

Monday 18:	7:30 a.m.	St Pius X
Tuesday 19:	7:30 p.m.	St Pius X
Wednesday 20:	10 a.m.	Dennington
Thursday 21:	10 a.m.	Mercy Place
Friday 22:	9:15 a.m.	St Pius X
Saturday 23:	10 a.m.	St Pius X

## Confessions

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