

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**27 November 2016**      **1st Sunday of Advent**

## Tuesday Mass

A funeral Mass for the late Mrs Mary Williams will be offered on Tuesday 29 November at 11 a.m. There will be no other Mass at St Pius X that day.

## Seniors' Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Dinner for senior parishioners will be on Wednesday 7 December. Once again, it will be at Davidson Oval, Caramut Road. It will follow 11 a.m. Mass and the anointing of the sick at St Pius X Church. All welcome. Invitations are available in the church foyer.

## Columban Calendars & Cards

Christmas cards and Columban Calendars for 2017 are available in the church foyer. Calendars for \$8 and Christmas Cards \$3 for a pack of 8.

## Readers at Mass

New copies of *Break Open the Word* are available at the back of the church for people who proclaim the readings at Sunday Mass (or on Saturday nights). The new copies are for 2017, but please note that they begin with the readings for this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, Year A.

When you are rostered to read on the following weekend, please take home a copy of *Break Open the Word* and use its text and commentary to help prepare the readings. **THANKS** are extended to all who fulfil this important ministry.

## Bingo Helpers Needed

Helpers are needed at our Bingo sessions Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons. The Bingo games are an important source of parish income and we would be very disappointed if the sessions had to be limited or even closed down. If you would be willing to contribute to our parish in this way please contact Louise at the parish office on 5562 5033.

## 30th Anniversary of Visit

Today the Catholic Church in Australia is commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the 1986 visit of Pope Saint John Paul II to Australia. When the Pope addressed the people of South Australia at the lighting of the Advent candle for Peace he prayed that the Advent candle would prove to the whole of Australia and the entire world how much we love Christ and how much we desire peace. He prayed that we might find the strength to work for peace.



## Recent Death

Mary Williams. John Brennan.

## Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$647.80

## The Meaning of Advent Candles

As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Each of the candles represents an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent:

1. The Candle of Hope - Colour: Purple  
Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.

2. The Candle of Peace - Colour: Purple  
During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming.

3. The Candle of Joy - Colour: Pink  
This third candle is pink, symbolizing anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

4. The Candle of Love - Colour: Purple  
During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16-17

## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. C. Harris  
10 a.m. P. Mammone

## Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. J. Yurusic  
10 a.m. J. Sagnol

## Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. P. McGennicken  
Pauline Haberfield  
J. Thornton  
C. Murrhny  
G. McKenzie  
10 a.m. B. Hogan  
L. McElgunn  
F. Garvey  
A. Mills  
B. Ermacora

## Local Sunday Masses

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b> 6 p.m.	<b>St Pius X</b> OLHC
<b>Sun.</b>	8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. <b>10 a.m.</b> 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	St Joseph's OLHC <b>St Pius X</b> St Joseph's Allansford (1st, 3rd & 5th: Mass) Purnim (1st, 3rd & 5th lay-led) Purnim (2nd & 4th Mass) St Joseph's

## Weekday Masses

Monday 28:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tues 29:	Funeral Mass 11 a.m. SPX
Wednesday 30:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 1:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 2:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 3:	10 a.m. St Pius X

## Confessions

Saturday mornings after Mass or when you can find Father Michael: no appointment necessary.