

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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Project Compassion

Project Compassion envelopes and money boxes for Lent 2017 are available at the church doors today. Please use yours generously: it is a form of Lenten almsgiving which enables us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

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:

11-12 March	Spaghetti/Baked Beans
18-19 March	Tinned Fruit
25-26 March	Pasta/Pasta Sauce
1-2 April	Tea/Coffee
8-9 April	Tinned Soup

First Reconciliation

Children who are to take part in the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time this year, and their parents, are to gather in St Pius X Church foyer at 7 p.m. On Wednesday 8 or Thursday 9 March for an introductory gathering. At least one parent should attend with their child, but if circumstances make that impossible, a grandparent, uncle, aunt or adult neighbour should come instead. The families concerned include people from the school communities of St Pius X School and St John's, Dennington.

Weekday Masses

Because Father Michael's voice is still recovering, no weekday Masses are planned this week. We hope that he may recover soon in order that we may be encouraged to make a weekday Mass part of our Lenten observance.

Bishops on Violence

The Victorian bishops are urging the Catholic community to play a part in preventing and responding to violence in families. They have issued information on the subject at www.css.org.au/dv

Australian Catholics Magazine

There are still some free copies of the latest *Australian Catholics* magazine at the door of the church. If you haven't already done so, please take your copy home after Mass.

Readers Roster

New reader rosters are available in the church foyer. If you haven't already collected yours please take it home after Mass today.

Morning Tea after Mass

Every third Sunday of each month after Mass there is a gathering of parishioners for morning tea. We are in the process of drawing up a new volunteers' roster and would like to confirm current volunteers and welcome any new ones. If you would like to volunteer please phone Louise at the parish office on 5562 5033.

Anniversaries

Paul Couch. Patricia McNamara.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$652.30



Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came...

What Happened to Our Alleluia?

Alleluia means Praise God. It is said that pious minds used to think of it as the word used by the angels when they worshipped God in heaven. For us, it might be a reminder that aspects of the heavenly Kingdom are sometimes found in the Church on earth and that our participation in the Mass is an invitation to take part in heavenly things. In Lent, though, we emphasise the coming Reign of God, not his Reign already here; instead of singing with the angels now, we look forward to joining our voices to theirs once more at Easter. Our custom is to suspend the use of Alleluia at Lenten Masses until we joyfully bring it back at the Easter Vigil.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. R. Farrar
10 a.m. A. Barker

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. J. Farrar
10 a.m. P. McElgunn

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. K. Johnson
G. McKenzie
L. O'Keefe
N. Russell
P. McGennicken
10 a.m. B. Ermacora
L. Ermacora
D. Webster
A. Mills
S. Malone

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 6:	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:	NO MASS
Wednesday 8:	NO MASS
Thursday 9:	NO MASS
Friday 10:	NO MASS
Saturday 11:	NO MORNING MASS

Confessions

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