

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**9 April 2017**      **Palm Sunday**

## The Mass of Palm Sunday

The Roman Missal refers to the "main Mass" today as opposed to other Masses celebrated for Palm Sunday. Here at St Pius X we treat the Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. as the "main Mass" and we begin the day's liturgy outside, where palms are blessed and the Gospel story is read about Our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The missal also refers to the "procession" from the setting outside to the church itself, where we begin with the Collect or Opening Prayer of the Palm Sunday Mass itself.

It is interesting that, while we are used to referring to "Palm Sunday", only the Gospel according to Mark refers to the palm branches carried by the people who went out to meet Jesus; today Matthew refers to branches people cut from the trees. That Gospel story is read only in preparation for the "main Mass"; otherwise, the emphasis is on the reading of the Passion story, so the day was also referred to as Passion Sunday. The new missal calls this Sunday "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord".

## Holy Oils

Anyone who is planning to go to Ballarat on Monday for the Mass of the Holy Oils and who would be willing to collect the Oils for our parish is invited to see Father Michael after Mass today. Thank you in anticipation!

## Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday the annual collection will be taken up for the support of the Church in the Holy Land. The money collected is intended for the Holy Places and the pastoral and social works which the Church supports for the Christian people and the wider communities.

## Friday Abstinence

Catholics who have had their 14th birthday should not eat meat on Good Friday, 14 April. If you have had your 18th birthday but not your 59th you should treat Good Friday as a fast day – no food between meals.

## Communion Ministers - Roster

The 2017 roster for Ministers of Communion is available in the church foyer today. Please take your copy home after Mass.

## Easter Ceremonies 2017

Monday 10 April	6:30 p.m.	Mass of the Holy Oils	St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat
Tuesday 11 April	7:30 p.m.	Mass at St Pius X Church	
Wednesday 12 April	10 a.m.	Mass at Dennington	
Thursday 13 April	7 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Pius X Church	
Friday 14 April	3 p.m.	Good Friday Ceremonies at St Pius X Church	
Saturday 15 April	7 p.m.	Easter Vigil at St Pius X Church	
Sunday 16 April	10 a.m.	Easter Mass at St Pius X Church	

## Anniversaries

Phillip Williams. Edward Murtagh.

## Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$598.90



## Flowers for Holy Thursday

If you have flowers you could donate for the decoration of the altar of repose on Holy Thursday night, please bring them to the church by 9:30 a.m. on Holy Thursday morning. The flowers will also be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter Masses. After the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the opportunity to watch at the altar of repose will be available until 10 o'clock at night.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Devotions in honour of the Divine Mercy will take place in St Pius X Church on Sunday 23 April from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring a small plate for afternoon tea. For any more information please call Maureen on 0438 613 212.

## Project Compassion Boxes

Please remember to return your project compassion boxes to the church on Holy Thursday night or as soon afterwards as possible. Many thanks.

## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

7 p.m. Volunteer  
10 a.m. Volunteer

## Prayers of the Faithful

7 p.m. Volunteer  
10 a.m. Volunteer

## Ministers of Communion

7 p.m. L. O'Keefe  
N. Russell  
Peter Haberfield  
N. Stapleton  
Volunteer  
10 a.m. S. Malone  
M. Healey  
B. Houlihan  
T. Patterson  
M. Pickett

## Local Sunday Masses

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>St Pius X</b>
	6 p.m.	OLHC
<b>Sun.</b>	8:30 a.m.	St Joseph's
	9 a.m.	OLHC
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>St Pius X</b>
	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 ( <b>Not on Easter Sunday</b> )

## Weekday Masses

Mon.10: 6:30 pm Mass of Oils Ballarat  
Tuesday 11: 7:30 p.m. St Pius X  
Wednesday 12: 10 a.m. Dennington  
Thursday 13: 7 p.m. St Pius X  
Friday 14: 3 p.m. Ceremonies St Pius X  
Saturday 15: NO MORNING MASS

## Confessions

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