

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

*West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes*

## Principal Appointed

Following last Monday's interviews of candidates seeking appointment as Principal of St Pius X School, Bishop Paul Bird has approved the interviewers' recommendation that the position be offered to Mr Joseph Ewing. The school staff and many parents have welcomed the appointment as we are confident other members of St Pius X Parish will also do. Our congratulations are gladly extended to Joe.

## St John of God Communion

Ministers of Communion who attend St John of God Hospital are invited to a gathering with Dr Jenny Conrick, Director of Mission, at the hospital on Thursday 17 August from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Afternoon tea will be provided.

## Mass on Tuesday

Tuesday 8 August is the Solemn Feast of St Mary MacKillop. For that reason, on this Tuesday Mass will be offered in St Pius X Church at 10 a.m. with the participation of students and teachers from St Pius X and St John's Schools. All other parishioners, of course, will be welcome to take part as well.

## Seniors' Mass

The next Mass for senior parishioners will be offered at Mercy Place on Thursday 10 August. It will be followed by morning tea. All welcome.

## First Holy Communion

Preparations are in hand for children from St Pius X and St John's Schools to receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time. The celebrations will take place on the weekend of 19-20 August. After Mass today the children will hand out bookmarks they have prepared in commemoration of the Sacrament and will be requesting the congregation's prayers at this significant time in their lives.



## Anniversaries

John McKenzie

## Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$625.80  
Planned Giving July: \$4,735.20  
Amount Pledged: \$5,405.00

Financial Year 2016 - 2017

Amount Pledged: \$71,321.00  
Amount Given: \$65,127.70

## Did You Know..?

It is planned to hold a Synod of the whole of the Catholic Church in Australia in 2020. (You may not remember the last time this happened – it took place in 1937!) The intention is that the Synod will plan for the future of the Catholic Church in Australia, taking note of all the complexities of our age. An Executive Committee of 14 members has recently been chosen to prepare for the Synod. Only one is from Victoria: Dr Gemma Cruz, senior lecturer in theology at the Australian Catholic University. We can expect to hear more about the Synod in the coming months and as we more closely approach the year 2020.

## Odd Spot

According to the Weather Bureau, daytime temperatures during July were above to very much above average over almost all of mainland Australia. The mean maximum temperature for Australia as a whole was clearly **the highest on record** for July, at 2.62 °C above average **and** 0.66 °C **above the previous record set in 1975.**

According to your Parish Priest, daytime temperatures during July in Morriss Road were so cold that he felt like leaving the refrigerator door open to warm up the room!



## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. O. O'Keefe  
10 a.m. C. Hughson

## Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. J. O'Keefe  
10 a.m. K. Harzmeyer

## Ministers of Communion

6p.m. L. O'Keefe  
N. Russell  
Peter Haberfield  
N. Stapleton  
K. Johnson  
10 a.m. S. Malone  
M. Healey  
B. Houlihan  
T. Patterson  
M. Pickett

## 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 7:    | 7:30 a.m. St Pius X |
| Tuesday 8:   | 10 a.m. St Pius X   |
| Wednesday 9: | 10 a.m. Dennington  |
| Thursday 10: | 10 a.m. Mercy Place |
| Friday 11:   | 9:15 a.m. St Pius X |
| Saturday 12: | 10 a.m. St Pius X   |

## Confessions

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