

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**13 August 2017      19th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes*

## 15 August: Assumption Day

The Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven is one of the last two Holy Days of Obligation in Australia. (The other is Christmas Day.) The Mass of the Assumption will be celebrated in St Pius X Church on Tuesday 15 August at 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m.

## 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.

## 125th Anniversary in 2018

Are you a former student of Assumption College Kilmore? If so, Alumni Development Officer Maria Cleve would love to hear from you. ACK will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2018 and there are many events being planned for former students. Please phone Maria on (03) 5783 5343 or email: maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

**"PEOPLE ARE SEEKING, AND NOT WITHOUT SUFFERING, SOMETHING OR SOMEONE WHOM THEY SENSE BUT CANNOT NAME".**

– Pope Paul VI

## Bishop's Letter

Bishop Paul Bird recently reminded us that the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has highlighted the need to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered abuse and to do everything possible to ensure that children are safe now and in the future. The bishop has sent us a letter providing updated information about what our diocese is doing in this regard. A copy of his letter appears on the parish notice board in the church foyer.

## From the Sisters of Mercy

The Sisters of Mercy are asking our prayers for their Chapter, a meeting of Sisters from Australia and Papua New Guinea. The meeting from today (Sunday) to 26 August is being held in Sydney. It is a very important gathering, as it is only the second since the reconfiguring of the Congregation in 2011. Your prayerful involvement will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

*Warrnambool Mercies.*

## W'bool Social Justice Group

The next meeting of the Warrnambool Social Justice Group is on Tuesday 15 August in St Joseph's Parish Hall from 7 to 8.30 p.m.

The meetings are open to anyone who wants to explore the power of nonviolence for dealing with the problems of everyday life.

## Anniversaries

Phill McDonough. Rene Murtagh.  
Father Tom Kiniry. Edna Hall.  
Sylvia Esam.

## Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$711.30  
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

## Youth Synod Questionnaire

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5337 7125.

## Catholic Youth Festival 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9 to 30-year-old. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please email Amanda if you are interested at [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 0427 748 867.

More information: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) / Youth and Young Adult pages.

## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. St Pius X School  
10 a.m. St John's School

## Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. St John's School  
10 a.m. St Pius X School

## Ministers of Communion

6p.m. J. Dean  
D. Pasco  
Pauline Haberfield  
J. Thornton  
G. McKenzie  
10 a.m. M. McFarlane  
B. Hogan  
L. McElgunn  
F. Garvey  
A. Mills

## 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 14: 7:30 a.m. St Pius X  
Tuesday 15: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. St Pius X  
Wednesday 16: 10 a.m. Dennington  
Thursday 17: 10 a.m. Mercy Place  
Friday 18: 9:15 a.m. St Pius X  
Saturday 19: 10 a.m. St Pius X

## Confessions

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