

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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3 December 2017 **1st Sunday of Advent**
West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

New Liturgical Year

A new edition of *Break Open the Word* has been put at the back of the church. Please don't forget to take a copy home on the weekend before you are rostered to read.

Columban Calendars & Cards

Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars for 2018 are available in the church foyer.

Xt3 Advent Calendar App

The 2017 Xt3 Advent Calendar App and Website is FREE and available. The first door of the Calendar opens today, the first Sunday of Advent. Go to <http://www.xt3.com/advent/> to download.

Bishop's Annual Christmas Appeal

At the Christmas Masses the Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up for people and communities in greater need than ourselves. Last year proceeds were distributed as follows:

Loreto Vietnam-Australia Programme	5,000
St Columban's Mission Society	5,000
Refugees in the Middle East (through Melkite Catholic Eparchy)	5,000
Catholic Education in Myanmar	5,000
Caritas Australia	5,000
Catholic Mission	5,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	5,000
Opening the Doors Foundation	5,000
3BA Christmas in July Appeal	2,000
Exodus Community, Wendouree West	2,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)	2,000
Edmund Rice Centre	2,000
Villa Maria Catholic Homes	2,000
NET Ministries Australia	2,000
Total donations made in 2017	\$52,000

Year of Youth 2018

2018 is the Year of Youth in Australia starting on the First Sunday of Advent (3 December 2017). The Year of Youth theme is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Parishes and others have been asked to incorporate the Year of Youth in our planning: how might we celebrate locally or in conjunction with neighbours? Year of Youth information is on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/Youth and Young Adult pages, or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au



Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$489.20

Planned Giving October: \$5,414.00

Amount Pledged: \$5,405.00

SJOG Book Stall

The St John of God Hospital Auxiliary is requesting any second-hand novels, biographies or autobiographies to sell at their beach stalls over the January holidays. Please drop them in the collection box provided in the church foyer.

A Christmas Gift

If you would like to give a little extra to those who need it most at Christmas time, Caritas Australia offers Global Gift Cards. Donations go towards empowering the most marginalised members of our One Human Family to eradicate poverty in all its forms <https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts>

Seniors' Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Dinner for senior parishioners will be on Wednesday 6 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. There are invitations in the foyer.



Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. O. O'Keefe
 10 a.m. Gabrielle Ewing

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. J. O'Keefe
 10 a.m. Rachel Brown

Ministers of Communion

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

Local Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday 4:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 5:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 6:	11 a.m. St Pius X
Thursday 7:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 8:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 9:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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