

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**10 December 2017**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

*West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes*



## Christmas Mass at St Pius X

Christmas Masses at St Pius X will be celebrated on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning as follows:

**Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December: 6 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Day, Monday 25 December: 10 a.m.**

The Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be celebrated according to the usual timetable – Saturday 23 December at 6 p.m. and Sunday 24 December at 10 a.m.



## 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. 2018 rosters are also available in the church foyer.

## Seniors' Mass

The senior parishioners' Mass at 10 a.m. on Thursday 14 December at Mercy Place will be followed by a Christmas morning tea. All Welcome.

## Ministers Roster

The 2018 Ministers of Communion roster is now available in the church foyer.

## Columban Calendars & Cards

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

## St Vincent de Paul Mass

On Tuesday 12 December the 10 a.m. Mass at St Pius X will be offered for deceased members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. There will be no evening Mass that day.

## 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>

**A voice cries  
in the  
wilderness:  
Prepare a way  
for the Lord.**



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## Recent Death

Maria Bakker  
(Cynthia Lourey's Sister)

## Anniversaries

Val Creece. Clem Lourey  
Mollie Lourey. Harm Bakker.  
Lachlan Lourey.

## Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$704.40

Planned Giving November: \$4,175.75

Amount Pledged: \$4,642.00

## 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.

## Is It Year A, B or C?

How do you know if the year's readings are from Year A, B or C? It's quite easy! The legal fiction is that the Year 1 AD was year A, the Year 2 AD was Year B and the Year 3 AD, Year C. Then 4 AD was A again, 5 AD, B again and 6 AD Year C again. It follows that the Year C (such as 2016 or 2019) is always exactly divisible by 3, and if it is, the digits of the Year, when added together, are also exactly divisible by 3. So  $2+0+1+6=9$  and  $2+0+1+9=12$  and 9 and 12 are exactly divisible by 3, so the years 2016 and 2019 are Year C. Therefore the liturgical year 2017 was Year A and 2018 will be Year B (always remembering that the liturgical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, which is usually in late November or early December.)

As to weekdays, even years (such as 2018) are Year 2 and odd years (such as 2017) are Year 1.

## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. P. McGennisken  
10 a.m. St Pius X School

## Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. C. Reid  
10 a.m. St Pius X School

## Ministers of Communion

6 p.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

<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.	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
	11 a.m.	
	11 a.m.	
	6 p.m.	

## Weekday Masses

Monday 11:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 12:	10 a.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 13:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 14:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 15:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 16:	10 a.m. St Pius X

## Confessions

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