

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Mass on Monday

On Monday 29 January Mass at St Pius X will be celebrated at 9 o'clock in the morning with staff members from district schools as they begin their new academic year. There will be no earlier Mass that morning.

Back to School

We congratulate all pupils and school staff who are getting ready to start the 2018 school year. We especially wish every blessing to the children who will be starting school for the first time and the new secondary school students who, having completed their primary education, are moving to a new stage of life at a new school. (And if you're leaving school and starting in the work force, every blessing to you too!)

Finance Committee

A meeting of the parish finance committee will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday 1st February at 7 Kermond Court.

Your Notices

Please remember that people wishing information to be published in *The Parish Pump* (such as anniversary notices) need to sign any written request for publication. Notices should be received no later than *midday* on Thursdays. Thank you.

Catholic Mission Diaries - 2018

Catholic Mission has sent us a number of free diaries for 2018. Anyone who would like one is welcome to take it from the foyer of the church.



Diocesan Appointments

Ballarat Diocesan Vicar-General, **Father Justin Driscoll**, is approaching the end of his five-year term in that role. We understand that Bishop Paul Bird hopes to announce the name of a new Vicar-General about mid-February of this year. We have also learnt that Father Driscoll will remain as Rev. Administrator of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish in Ballarat and will be responsible too for the parishes of Linton and Beaufort.

Bishop Paul Bird has also confirmed the appointment of **Mr Andrew Jirik** as Diocesan Business Manager in succession to Mr Mark Bromley. Mr Jirik's appointment will continue at least until May 2022.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week: \$632.00
Planned Giving December: \$5,435.05
Amount Pledged: \$6,465.00

Palms Encounters 2018

Share meals, share games, share life stories. Have the back-to-work blues got you thinking about your next trip overseas? If so, why not join an intimate, authentic tour of Timor-Leste this March. Palms Encounters are ethically run group tours that provide participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences. The tours have been carefully designed to give you an insight into the daily life of people of another culture, an understanding of sustainable approaches to reducing poverty, and an insight into the life and work of Palms development volunteers. Palms Australia Encounters in 2018:

11 – 23 March Timor Leste

18 – 30 May Samoa

20 May – 1 June Timor Leste

2 – 14 September Timor Leste

Limited places still available on the March Encounter to Timor Leste

If you'd like to join this experience, please contact Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/encounters

Grief to Grace Retreat in Tasmania

Healing pathways Tas. Inc., of which Archbishop Porteous of Hobart is the patron, is conducting its second Grief to Grace retreat from April 8 -13, 2018. Grief to Grace is a Catholic based retreat dealing with the effects and consequences of abuse. It aims to support victims of physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse, including domestic violence, in childhood, adolescence or as an adult on a journey of psychological and spiritual healing and reconciliation within a therapeutic, safe, compassionate, respectful and professional environment. The retreat has the support of the Diocese of Ballarat. For more details flyers are available in the church foyer.

Mass Rosters Next Week

Readers

6 p.m. R. Farrar
10 a.m. K. Prendergast

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. J. Farrar
10 a.m. P. McElgunn

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. L. O'Keefe
Peter Haberfield
N. Russell
N. Stapleton
J. Dean
10 a.m. J. Beks
A. Mills
S. Malone
M. Healey
T. Patterson

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 29:	9 a.m.	St Pius X
Tuesday 30:	5:45 p.m.	St Pius X
Wednesday 31:	10 a.m.	Dennington
Thursday 1	10 a.m.	Mercy Place
Friday 2:	9:15 a.m.	St Pius X
Saturday 3:	10 a.m.	St Pius X

Confessions

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