

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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1st Sunday of Lent

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Project Compassion

Project Compassion envelopes and money boxes for Lent 2018 are available at the church doors today. Please use yours generously as a way of loving your neighbour as yourself.

St V de P Lenten Appeal

The customary St Pius X Lenten Appeal will be organised again this year by the parish conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. You are asked to contribute the following goods on the named weekends:

24-25 Feb	Spaghetti/Baked Beans
3-4 March	Tinned Fruit
10-11 March	Pasta/Pasta Sauce
17-18 March	Tea/Coffee
24-25 March	Tinned Soup

Parish "Key Register"

At present we are in the process of finding out who has Parish keys for any doors or cupboards of the Church, Hall or Function Room. If you do have any (even if you are not using them) please contact Louise at the parish office so she can include your name on the Key Register. Alternatively, if you have no further use for the key, you could return it to Louise or Father Michael. Thank you for your cooperation.

Social Justice Group

You are invited to join discussions at the next meeting of the Warrnambool Social Justice Group on Tuesday 20 February at St Joseph's Parish Hall from 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Priests' Retreat

The annual diocesan priests' retreat will be held this week. Father Michael hopes to take part in it if he is well enough, but otherwise he will try to spend the week getting better. In either case, there will again be no weekday Masses this week.

Chanel College 60th Anniv.

There will be a reunion for students of The Marist Fathers Era (1958-1970) in April this year. For details send your email address to chanel.geelong@gmail.com or your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218.

Saturday Night Mass Music

The roster for people playing Music at the 6pm Mass on Saturday nights is about to be renewed for 2018.

We would warmly welcome some new people to this group so if you are interested and would like to find out more please ring Pauline Haberfield on 0407 259 619.

Irish Heritage Exhibition

The Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and the Ballarat Diocesan Historical Commission will present an Irish Heritage Exhibition on the St Patrick's Day Weekend 2018 (March 17 & 18) from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. in St Patrick's Hall, Dawson Street South, Ballarat.

Anniversaries

John O'Leary. Wendy Gore.
Kath Griffin. Shirley McFadden

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week:	\$566.20
Planned Giving January:	\$4873.45
Amount Pledged:	\$4642.00



Our Changing Parish

Last Monday night the priests of our diocese received an email from Bishop Paul Bird with a draft proposal for the future arrangement of parishes and the placement of priests. Certain changes are suggested between now and the year 2020 and even more between 2021 and 2023. The Bishop's letter says "I now present the draft to you for your consideration and for discussion throughout our Catholic communities." As the document stands, it is envisaged that by 2020 the present parishes of Warrnambool, West Warrnambool and Dennington would become one parish with 2 priests; Koroit and Port Fairy would become one parish with one priest and East Warrnambool would remain as one parish with one priest. Then, by 2023 Koroit-Port Fairy would join Warrnambool with West Warrnambool and Dennington as one parish with 3 priests and East Warrnambool would continue as one parish with one priest. A copy of the bishop's letter and the proposed changes is displayed on the parish notice board.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m.	P. McGennicken
10 a.m.	L. Ermacora

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m.	C. Reid
10 a.m.	B. Ermacora

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m.	G. McKenzie L. O'Keefe N. Russell Peter Haberfield P. McGennicken
10 a.m.	T. Patterson M. Pickett B. Houlihan J. Beks G. Hughson

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 19:	NO MASS
Tuesday 20:	NO MASS
Wednesday 21:	NO MASS
Thursday 22:	NO MASS
Friday 23:	NO MASS
Saturday 24:	NO MORNING MASS

Confessions

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