

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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2nd Sunday of Lent

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Project Compassion

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help people in need to build a just future and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity. There are still Project Compassion envelopes and money boxes at the entrances of the church. Please take yours if you have not already done so.

St V de P Lenten Appeal

You are asked to contribute the following goods to the St Vincent de Paul Lenten Appeal on the named weekends:

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

World Day of Prayer

This year the World Day of Prayer will be held at St Pius X Church at 1:30 p.m. on Friday 2 March. The theme, *All God's Creation is Very Good*, was chosen by women from Suriname in north-eastern South America. Afternoon tea provided by parents from St Pius X School will follow the prayers and parishioners' support will be welcome.

Parish Leaders Meeting

The Parish Leaders group will meet at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 27 February in the St Pius X Church foyer.

Irish Heritage Exhibition

Please Note: This exhibition has been postponed. New date to be advised.

First Reconciliation

Children who are to take part in the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time this year, and their parents, are to meet in St Pius X Church foyer at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 28 February and Thursday 1st March for an introductory gathering. At least one parent should attend with their child, but if circumstances make that impossible, a grandparent, uncle, aunt or adult neighbour should come instead. The families concerned include people from the school communities of St Pius X School and St John's, Dennington.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery last week:	\$600.00
Project Compassion:	\$180.00
Planned Giving January:	\$4873.45
Amount Pledged:	\$4642.00

Mass of the Oils

All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in the Mass of the Oils in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6:30 p.m. on Monday 26 March. This Mass celebrates the unity of the priestly people of God.

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.

Anniversaries

Graeme Murrphy. Patricia McNamara.
Anne Jewell.

Can You Help?

The St Vincent de Paul Society's After-School Tutoring Programme for primary school-aged students which began last year at St Pius X Primary School was a great success due to the wonderful team of volunteer tutors who took part. This year it is intended to expand the project to include students from other schools and so more volunteers are needed.. You do NOT need to be a teacher. More information is available on a flyer in the parish foyer. Alternatively you can contact Christina Worrall on 0447 156 690, or christina.worrall@svdp-vic.org.au

Our Changing Parish

As we said last week, the priests of our diocese recently 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. Starkie
10 a.m. G. Ewing

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. J. Osborne
10 a.m. R. Brown

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. N. Stapleton
J. Dean
K. Johnson
Pauline Haberfield
D. Pasco
10 a.m. M. McFarlane
B. Hogan
L. McEglunn
P. McEglunn
M. Murphy

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 26:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 27:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 28:	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.