

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**The Birth of St John the Baptist**

**West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes**

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

## Today's Feast

Today is the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, patron of the Dennington Parish and the parish school. St John's birthday and that of Jesus himself (25 December) and Our Lady (8 September) are the only birthdays celebrated in the Church's calendar. Today (Sunday) St John the Baptist School is invited to take a special part in the Sunday liturgy.

## Seeking Pastoral Leaders

Father Michael and the continuing lady members of the Parish Pastoral Leaders Group need to replace two men from the group who have transferred to other parishes. The role of the Leaders Group is essentially to collaborate with the Parish Priest and fellow parishioners who are doing what they can to offer practical opportunities to all whose baptismal call is to live in our neighbourhood as followers of Jesus Christ. We are seeking practical people of faith to help us along. Could this be you, or someone you know? Please talk to Father Michael, Mary Cain or any member of the group. We need your help!

## Cancer Council Morning Tea

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is being hosted by Karen Guyett today (Sunday) between 10 a.m. and 12 noon at Eastern Park, 56-60 Verdon Street. There will be raffles, door prizes and merchandise available to purchase. \$5 entry.

## The Royal Commission

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse issued its final report with more than 80 recommendations for action. Bishop Paul Bird has written a response concerning some measures already in place in our diocese. They include:

- the review, improvement and implementation of child protection policies and procedures across parishes, schools and Catholic agencies;
- the appointment of a diocesan professional standards coordinator;
- the appointment of safeguarding officers for all parishes, schools and agencies;
- the review of past settlements with survivors to ensure the settlements are fair;
- developing a more professional and holistic approach to supporting survivors;
- implementing a school curriculum that seeks to empower children and young people to have a voice in their education and to enhance their personal safety.

The next stage of responding to the findings of the Royal Commission for the diocese of Ballarat will include:

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## Anniversaries

Kevin Small. Margaret Glennon.  
Marcia McDougall. Ettie McDougall.  
John Griffin. Audrey Esam.  
Sister Margaret O'Brien RSM.

## Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last week: \$544.80  
Planned Giving May: \$4,293.00  
Amount Pledged: \$4,642.00

## The Royal Commission (Cont'd)

- participation as a diocesan community in an audit by Catholic Professional Standards of how we are implementing the safeguarding standards they have established. This audit is likely to be held before the end of 2018.
- engagement with local survivors and their health professionals, seeking their feedback on how we are responding to the Royal Commission Report recommendations;
- trailing of a new approach to the governance of parish schools;
- continuing to explore ways in which we can provide pastoral and practical assistance to survivors and their families.



## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. A. Roache  
10 a.m. L. Lane

## Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. P. Starkie  
10 a.m. M. Woodward

## Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. N. Stapleton  
J. Dean  
K. Johnson  
Pauline Haberfield  
D. Pasco  
10 a.m. M. McFarlane  
B. Hogan  
L. McElgunn  
P. McElgunn  
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 25: 7:30 a.m. St Pius X  
Tuesday 26: 5:45 p.m. St Pius X  
Wednesday 27: 10 a.m. Dennington  
Thursday 28: 10 a.m. Mercy Place  
Friday 29: 9:15 a.m. St Pius X  
Saturday 30: 10 a.m. St Pius X

## Confessions

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