

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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30 September 2018 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Bishop Connors Returns

This is Father Michael's last holiday weekend; he is expected back for next Saturday night's Mass. Meanwhile, we are honoured to be able to welcome back Bishop Peter Connors who will once again preside at our Masses this weekend.

Social Justice Sunday

Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is entitled: *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.* This is a response to the growing problem of homelessness in Australia. The latest Census figures show that more than 116,000 Australians are homeless—something unacceptable for a rich and well-resourced nation like ours. We are reminded that safe and secure housing is a human right, asserted both by the Church's social teaching and international rights organisations. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

Social Justice Meeting

The next meeting for the Social Justice Group will be held on Tuesday 16 October from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St Joseph's Hall (Old church behind main church)

Plenary Council Preparations

We are invited to attend one of the gatherings in preparation for Plenary Council 2020 in St Joseph's Parish Hall on Tuesday 9 October at 7 p.m. or Wednesday 10 October at 10 a.m. The Gatherings will be an opportunity to hear from and meet Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team. Lana will speak about the overall 3-year process of preparing for the Plenary Council 2020 and answer any questions. Queries phone 5337 7125.

You are encouraged to begin doing *Listening and Dialogue* Encounters together with people in your communities. Groups in parishes, schools, other organisations, as well as individuals are all invited to respond. Responses to the three questions are being received by Plenary Council 2020 until Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019.

Have you been thinking about

- **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**
- **What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?**
- **Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church that you would like to share?**

Recent Deaths

Doreen Ryan. Mary Giblin.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$561.90
Giving August 2018: \$4,188.75
Amount Pledged: \$4,105.00

Bingo Volunteers Needed

Lorraine and our St Pius X Bingo team is in desperate need for helpers to scrutineer on either Thursday night or Saturday afternoon. With three new volunteers we would only need them to donate 2 hours a month of their time. Tea ladies are also needed to help on Saturdays only for approximately 1 hour from 1:30 to 2:30. If you are in a position to help out in any way please contact Lorraine on 5562 7015, your support would be very much appreciated.



I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.'

Matthew 25:35-38

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. P. McGennicken
10 a.m. K. Prendergast

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. C. Reid
10 a.m. G. Ewing

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. J. Thornton
G. McKenzie
L. O'Keefe
J. Garner
P. McGennicken
10 a.m. M. McFarlane
B. Hogan
F. Garvey
A. Mills
Volunteer

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

While Father Michael is on holidays no weekday Masses are planned. If anyone needs to organise a funeral Mass either firm of Warrnambool funeral directors will know what to do.

Confessions

Saturday morning confessions (and confession at any other convenient time) will resume when Father Michael returns from his holidays.