

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Welcome to Our Bishop

We are privileged today to welcome back to St Pius X and St John's Parishes Bishop Paul Bird of our Diocese of Ballarat. The bishop arrived in West Warrnambool on Thursday night and will be with us until Monday. He has already visited St Pius X School and met members of certain parish groups. After Mass today (Sunday) we hope he will be able to meet a number of parishioners over a cup of tea in the church foyer.

Seniors' Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Dinner for senior parishioners will be on Wednesday 5 December. Once again, it will be at Davidson Oval, Caramut Road. It will follow 11 a.m. Mass and the anointing of the sick at St Pius X Church. Invitations are available in the church foyer; please reply by 28 November. All welcome.

Ministers of Communion

Louise is in the process of updating the roster. Thank you to our current list of volunteers. It would be helpful if you are rostered on and cannot make it that you please organise a replacement. Unfortunately we have lost a couple of Ministers recently and are seeking more volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion there will be a training session on Thursday 29 November at 7:30 p.m. in the church foyer.



*Take the fig tree
as a parable ...*

"Our Diocesan Community"

The October issue of the diocesan news magazine, *Our Diocesan Community*, is available at the church doors today. Please take your FREE copy home after Mass.

Columban Calendars & Cards

Columban Calendars for 2019 are available today in the church foyer at \$8 each. Christmas cards are also available at \$3.50 for a packet of eight.

First Aid at Church

This is the reminder that we hope will never be necessary, but parishioners should be aware that a first aid kit is kept on a shelf in the kitchen in the church foyer and a defibrillator is housed on the north wall of the foyer, adjacent to the cupboard where the folding tables and the vacuum cleaners are kept. They are there in case of necessity.

Pastoral Ministry Formation

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is being offered at St Thomas' Parish Centre Terang in 2019. For further details contact Bernadette Wurlod at bernadette@bernadettewurlod.com.au or phone 0417 573 258.

Anniversaries

Geoff Billington. Molly Eccles.
Joan Healey. Eileen Healey.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$574.80
Giving October: \$4,766.40
Amount Pledged: \$5,405.00

Asbestos Warnings

In a few settings around the parish people may have noticed little stickers warning of the presence of asbestos. The parish recently had a quite rigorous inspection carried out to discover any asbestos in our buildings and several places were found. In every case the risk rating was described as *Low* and we were advised that no short-term remediation works are required. Nevertheless, we have instituted a parish Asbestos Register and an Asbestos Management Plan as we are required to do, and we are confident that our buildings are as physically safe as we can make them. *(Father Michael has long been particularly aware of the damage asbestos can do; his only brother died before his 35th birthday as a result of a disease caused by asbestos and he has no intention of exposing any parishioner to similar danger.)*



Parish Amalgamation

A meeting was held last Wednesday night in St Joseph's Parish to consider the future shape of parishes in the Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy districts. The meeting was addressed by John Hockey from Hamilton where administrative arrangements in several previously independent parishes have been brought together and where worshipping communities remain much as they were before the change. We expect that in our district we shall choose to move carefully and without unnecessary turmoil towards whatever outcome local people desire.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. J. Dean
10 a.m. J. Nolan

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. P. Starkie
10 a.m. C. Nolan

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. L. O'Keefe
N. Russell
Peter Haberfield
N. Stapleton
K. Johnson
10 a.m. M. McFarlane
B. Hogan
G. Hughson
J. Beks
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

Monday 19: 7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 20: 5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 21: 10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 22: 10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 23: 9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 24: 10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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