

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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16 December 2018 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

End of Year Masses

Today (Sunday) we shall acknowledge the end of the school year for St Pius X School and farewell Grade 6 students who will begin their secondary education in 2019. Tomorrow (Monday) Mass will be offered in St Pius X Church at 11 a.m. with the school community from St John's, Dennington. We shall farewell their Grade 6 students and ask a blessing on the whole school for the year ahead. There will be no other Mass at St Pius X on 17 December.

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.

Bishop's Annual Christmas Appeal

At the Christmas Masses the Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up for people and communities in greater need than ourselves. Last year proceeds were distributed as follows:

Catholic Education in Myanmar	5,000.
St Columban's Mission Society	5,000.
Caritas Australia	5,000.
Catholic Mission	5,000.
Coast FM Mackillop Family Services Christmas Appeal	3,000.
3BA Christmas Appeal	3,000.
Nazareth House Ballarat	3,000.
The Soup Bus (Ontrack Foundation)	3,000.
Opening the Doors Foundation	5,000.
Exodus Community, Wendouree West	2,000.
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans	2,000.
Food Bank Victoria	5,000.
Buy a Bale-Victoria	5,000.
TOTAL DONATIONS MADE IN 2018	\$51,000.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Monday 24th

6 p.m. St Pius X
 8:30 p.m. St Pius X

Christmas Day Tuesday 25th

10 a.m. St Pius X

Community Christmas Lunch

Any individual or family who may have to be alone at Christmas is invited to share the community lunch on Christmas Day from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at St Joseph's parish hall. There is no cost but bookings are essential. Please contact Kylie on 0413 734 595 or Mary on 0409 158 177 by Wednesday 19 December.

Anniversaries

Norman Rowe. Glenys Balchin.
 Robert Roache. Tottie O'Brien.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$599.30
 Giving November: \$4,030.00
 Amount Pledged: \$4,105.00

Gaudete Sunday

When High Mass was celebrated in the days before the Second Vatican Council, the Entrance Antiphon, or Introit, was sung as the priest and other ministers approached the altar. Today, it would have begun "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice" and in Latin (as it always was in those days) the first word of the Antiphon was **Gaudete**, Rejoice. So the third Sunday of Lent was (and is) called *Gaudete Sunday*. With *Laetare Sunday* (the fourth Sunday of Lent) it is a day when the priest wears rose coloured vestments to symbolise the movement away from the sombre violet of Advent towards the bright white colour which he wears at Christmas.

Plenary Council 2020

Our responses to Plenary Council 2020 will be gathered in the New Year when we shall be invited to join some discussions about the future of the Australian Church. We can respond now at www.plenarycouncil.org.au



Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. J. Osborne
 10 a.m. G. Ewing

Prayers of the Faithful

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

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. J. Thornton
 G. McKenzie
 L. O'Keefe
 J. Garner
 P. McGennisken
 10 a.m. F. Garvey
 A. Mills
 B. Ermacora
 L. Ermacora
 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 17:	11 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 18:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 19:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 20:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 21:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 22:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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