

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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The Epiphany

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Happy New Year

At the beginning of another year – and how many of us are surprised that it is 2019 already? – we pray God's blessing on the next 12 months and on all our parishioners' enterprises in family life, employment, business, education, sport, health, friendship, community, faith and all the aspects of daily living that contribute to our well-rounded lives. *May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord let his face shine on us and be gracious to us. May the Lord uncover his face to us and bring us peace.* MJL

Thinking About the Magi

(The article below is extracted from a book written in 1974 by Peter de Rosa. The Magi are the Wise Men who visited the Infant Jesus.)

Wise men came out of the East. They came from where the golden sun was daily born and whence came strange, exotic riches, carried by the traders. The East was the place of mystery, the uncharted region. The wise men came, then, from lands of sunrise and wandering stars and the mists of morning.

They are depicted by Matthew as star-gazers or astrologers. From the unmapped territory they are guided by a star.

The Magi came not simply out of the East but out of paganism. The star indicates something more wonderful than itself: the child. He is the one to be worshipped and not the eternal ever-glowing stars in heaven. The Magi are thus shown to belong symbolically to the very heart of the gospel message: the good news is for everyone, even for the star-gazing pagans. It knows no barriers of space or race. Israel's Messiah is the king and saviour of the Gentiles too.

Without the symbolism of the Magi the nativity is not complete as a gospel story, a story for now.

The Magi stand for the divine meaning of Jesus' birth: the Lord who came for all men's salvation and who is to come in glory, comes now to everyone – be he Jew or Gentile – who accepts him with a joyful and humble heart.



Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$970.00

Planned Giving December: \$5,101.30
Amount Pledged: \$5,945.00

Holiday Bingo at St Pius X

Thursday 10 January

Total Pay Out

\$5,000 ++

Jackpots:

\$2,000 x 1

\$1,000 x 1

\$500 x 1

\$200 x 1

\$50 x 26

If sufficient tickets sold.

Tickets only \$10 for 30 games

+ \$2 for BIG BUCKS.

Eyes down 8 p.m.

Place: St Pius X Hall.

Doors open 6 p.m.

Enquiries: Lorraine, 0409 237 881

Church Closure at Springdallah

A final Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Springdallah on Sunday 27 January at 10:30 a.m. All former parishioners are invited to attend this Mass which will include the formal closure of the red brick Church.

(St Patrick's Church is just north of Cape Clear on the way to Ballarat, about 10 km south of Scarsdale. It was built for £900 and dates from 1897.)

Who Are These People? A Quiz.

Do you know the roles these people have in our Diocese? The answers appear below.

1. Father Kevin Maloney. 2. Ms Audrey Brown. 3. Mr Andrew Jirik. 4. Mr Tony Fitzgerald. 5. Mrs Margaret Rowe. 6. Ms Amanda Smith.

7. Vicar General. 2. Director, Catholic Education Office, Ballarat. 3. Diocesan Finance Administrator. 4. Director, Centacare. 5. Secretary, Diocesan CWL. 6. Pastoral Services Consultant.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. C. Reid
10 a.m. J. Sagnol

Prayers of the Faithful

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

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. P. Eccles
D. Pasco
Pauline Haberfield
J. Thornton
G. McKenzie
10 a.m. M. McFarlane
B. Hogan
F. Harvey
A. Gills
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 Mass

Monday 7:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 8:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 9:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 10:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 11:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 12:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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