

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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17 February 2019 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Weekday Masses

No Mass is planned at St Pius X on Tuesday 19 February. Priests and pastoral associates from the Southern Zone of our diocese are meeting that day in Hamilton. On Wednesday 20th, the 10 a.m. Mass will be in St Pius X Church with the participation of the community from St John's School who are commemorating the opening of the 2019 school year.

First Reconciliation

Children who are to take part in the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time this year, and their parents, are to meet in St Pius X Church foyer at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 20 February or Thursday 21 February for an introductory gathering. At least one parent should attend with their child, but if circumstances make that impossible, a grandparent, uncle, aunt or adult neighbour should come instead. The families concerned include people from the school communities of St Pius X School and St John's, Dennington.

Did You Spot the Mistake?

It was brought to our attention last weekend that there was a mistake on the coloured page of *The Parish Pump*. Every week, as you will see on the other side of this page (if you are reading the paper copy, not the on-line version), there is a reference to the Scripture readings for *Today* and *Next Week*. Last week we were told that today would be the 1st Sunday of Lent and were directed to the readings for that day. It was, of course, a mistake.

This Week at Mercy

We were unable to have Mass last week at Mercy Place because they were still suffering from an outbreak of influenza. Until we have further information from Mercy Place, Mass on Thursdays will be at 10 a.m. in St Pius X Church.

Plenary Council 2020

Following last Wednesday's parish gathering concerning the 2020 Plenary Council, results of the discussion have been sent to the people in Sydney who are preparing an agenda. A copy of that document is on the parish noticeboard. Other responses that were placed in the box in the foyer have also been sent off, but we have not copied them because we have no permission to make them public. Any parishioner can still send a personal response by mail or email to Plenary Council, P.O. Box 747, North Sydney NSW 2059 or www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Retirement Rumours

Father Michael is as surprised as anyone to hear that he is expected to retire as Parish Priest within a few weeks or months. The Code of Canon Law says that a priest who has turned 75 is requested to offer his resignation to his bishop who may accept or defer it. Father Michael will be 75 at the end of 2020 when he and the bishop will presumably discuss the matter.

Anniversaries

Patricia McNamara. Wendy Gore.
Kath Grffin. Shirley McFadden.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$629.40
Planned Giving January: \$4,503.00
Amount Pledged: \$4,175.00

Church Closures

In consultation with the people of Hawkesdale, Orford and Yambuk it has been decided to close their churches. The last of the closing Masses will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. today (Sunday) at St John's Church, Orford. All former parishioners and friends are most welcome to attend the Mass and gathering. For further information please contact Father Bill – 5565 8505



Jesus said "How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh."

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. P. McGennicken
10 a.m. L. Ermacora

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. C. Reid
10 a.m. B. Ermacora

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. G. McKenzie
L. O'Keefe
N. Russell
Peter Haberfield
P. McGennicken
10 a.m. M. Pickett
B. Houlihan
J. Beks
G. Hughson
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 Mass

Monday 18: 7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 19: NO MASS
Wednesday 20: 10 a.m. St Pius X
Thursday 21: 10 a.m. St Pius X
Friday 22: 9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 23: 10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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