

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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10 March 2019 **1st Sunday of Lent**

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Project Compassion

Project Compassion envelopes and money boxes for Lent 2019 are available at the church doors today. Please use yours generously: it is a form of Lenten almsgiving which enables us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

St V de Paul Lenten Appeal

The customary St Pius X Lenten Appeal will be organised again this year by the parish conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. You are asked to contribute the following goods on the named weekends:

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| 16-17 March | Spaghetti/Baked Beans |
| 23-24 March | Tinned Fruit |
| 30-31 March | Pasta/Pasta Sauce |
| 6-7 April | Tea/Coffee |
| 13-14 April | Tinned Soup |

Parish Amalgamation

In November last year *The Parish Pump* reported a meeting that had been held to consider the future shape of parishes in the Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy district. That meeting was addressed by John Hockey, business manager at Hamilton for the new Western Border Parish. It was attended by three representatives from each of the parishes in Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy including the four priests. A second meeting is to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 12 March at St Joseph's. St Pius X representatives are Karen Johnson from the parish pastoral leaders group, Gary Hughson from the parish finance committee and Father Michael.

Finance Committee

A meeting of the parish finance committee will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday 14 March at 7 Kermond Court.

Monday Mass

Monday 11 March is the Public Holiday for Labour Day. Mass at St Pius X will be celebrated at 10 a.m. that morning.

Seniors' Mass

The next Senior Parishioners' Mass will be at Mercy Place on Thursday 14 March at 10 a.m. It will be followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Pope Francis on Lent

Pope Francis recently had this to say about fasting, prayer and almsgiving: *Fasting*, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus, to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Anniversary

Minnira Dodson

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$619.90
Planned Giving February: \$3,815.95
Amount Pledged: \$4,175.00



Jesus answered... "It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test."

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time. Luke 4,12-13

Damascus Reunions

Past students and staff of Damascus College, Ballarat and its foundation colleges, Sacred Heart, St Paul's and St Martin's in the Pines are invited to celebrate the following reunions:

Class of 1989 Saturday 16 March 2pm

Class of 1999 Friday 15 March 6.30pm

Full details and booking information

www.damascus.vic.edu.au/past-students-reunions-events

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m. J. Farrar
10 a.m. A. Webster

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m. R. Farrar
10 a.m. D. Webster

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. Pauline Haberfield
C. Murrhly
K. Johnson
J. Thornton
D. Pasco
10 a.m. S. Malone
J. Beks
B. Hogan
D. Webster
B. Houlihan

Local Sunday Masses

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| 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

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| Monday 11: | 10 a.m. St Pius X |
| Tuesday 12: | 5:45 p.m. St Pius X |
| Wednesday 13: | 10 a.m. Dennington |
| Thursday 14: | 10 a.m. Mercy Place |
| Friday 15: | 9:15 a.m. St Pius X |
| Saturday 16: | 10 a.m. St Pius X |

Confessions

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