

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

Confirmation Candidates

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on the weekend of 15-16 June, the solemn feast of the Blessed Trinity. Today, candidates at Mass will receive a blessing as they continue their preparation for the sacrament.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week begins in our Diocese of Ballarat today (Sunday). The week's theme is *Listen With the Ear of Your Heart*. The Catholic Education Office says "This theme aligns well with the preparation for the Plenary Council 2020 which has called on the Catholic Church to use 2019 as a year of prayer, discernment and dialogue – to truly listen with the ear of the heart." On Friday 31st at 10 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in St Pius X Church with the participation of our parish school communities. The usual 9:15 a.m. Mass will not take place that day but everyone is invited to join in at 10.

Mass Count

The annual count of members of the congregation at Mass will conclude this weekend. So far, the numbers at Mass on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings have added up to a few more than 190 people altogether. Ten years ago, in 2009, the numbers topped 300. Congregations in most parishes have declined in that period, but the implications are nevertheless thought provoking.

Parish Audit

An audit of St Pius X Parish was carried out last Tuesday morning. The question was whether our policies and practices about child safety are adequate and up to date. Tania Stegemann and Jhu Manalili from Catholic Professional Standards Ltd were the auditors. They came from Melbourne to spend two hours with Father Michael and parish secretary, Louise Dryburgh. Rachel Brown, our Child Safeguarding Officer, was unable to attend because of a commitment in Ballarat, but the work that she and Louise had done over a period of months and years before the audit turned out to be invaluable. We are confident we passed with flying colours, but of course we all need to continue to do our part to ensure that **West Warrnambool and Dennington are child-safe parishes.**

Dennington Centenary News

At the Parish Pastoral Leaders meeting last Tuesday night, Father Michael mentioned that he has agreed that when, on 22 March 2020, St John's School celebrates the achievement of 100 years of Catholic Education in Dennington, the Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated at the school and not in St Pius X Church. (But that's a long way off.) Meanwhile, Mrs Sharon Easley and the rest of the school staff are very pleased with the memorabilia that parishioners have made available and the memories that former students from those long 100 years have provided.

Anniversaries

David Rowan. Marg Cahir.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$596.90
Project Compassion: \$4,011.60
Planned Giving April: \$4,068.20
Amount Pledged: \$4,175.00

Free Magazines

The Winter edition of *Australian Catholics* magazine and the latest copy of *Our Diocesan Community* are available at the door of the church today. On the cover of *Australian Catholics* there is a suggestion that you should offer a gold coin donation for it, but here at St Pius X both publications are FREE. Please don't forget to take yours home after Mass.

Next Sunday's Feast

Some of us remember that the feast of the Lord's Ascension was celebrated on a Thursday and was a Holy Day of Obligation. It's not on Thursday any more. We now keep it on a Sunday and this year, in fact, next weekend.



Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

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

Prayers of the Faithful

6.00 p.m. P. McGennicken
10 a.m. M. Woodward

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. Pauline Haberfield
C. Murrighy
K. Johnson
J. Thornton
G. McKenzie
10 a.m. B. Houlihan
M. McFarlane
B. Hogan
F. Garvey
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 27:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 28:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 29:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 30:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 31:	10 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 1:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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