

The Parish Pump

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

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

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Plenary Council 2020

Last week we mentioned the six themes for discernment taken from the responses to the question "What do you think God is asking us in Australia at this time?" The first theme calls on the Church to be *Missionary and Evangelising*. A comprehensive report on what people said will be released on 28 July. Meanwhile, we know that the first theme sought new ways of living and proclaiming the Gospel, stronger leadership in parishes and schools and effective leadership training. Some people called for a married priesthood, a greater focus on Jesus Christ, a greater role for women and more effective listening to the Holy Spirit and to one another. More information is available at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Bring a Friend to Bingo

St Pius X Bingo games have been great fundraisers for the parish for many years, but the bingo community is losing numbers and instead of bingo supporting the parish, the parish is beginning to support bingo! There's no profit in it any more, so if you want bingo to keep going *please bring a friend*. Otherwise, we shall soon be making a decision to close our bingo hall!

Last Week of Term Two

This week marks the last week of the second term for our parish schools. We wish students and staff a restful and richly deserved holiday.

St V's Winter Appeal

The annual winter appeal for the parish conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be taken up this weekend as a leaving collection. Your generous response is warmly invited.

St John's Feast Day

Monday 24 June is the solemn feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist. St John is the patron saint of our parish school at Dennington and every year 24 June is kept as the school's feast.



**...when the scraps
remaining were
collected they filled
twelve baskets.**

Anniversaries

Peg Keats. Terry Patterson.
Marcia McDougall. Audrey Esam.
Margaret Glennon. Ettie McDougall.
John Griffin.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$729.30
Planned Giving May: \$3,757.20
Amount Pledged: \$4,105.00



Do We Want More Priests?

Today's Feast of Corpus Christi is a special day to reflect on the meaning of the Blessed Eucharist and the role of priests in celebrating Mass in the company of their parishioners. If people want priests, they should perhaps ask God to send them priests. This prayer for vocations to the priesthood might be a suitable way to begin:

Jesus our Shepherd, Christ our High Priest,
you taught us that to be great in this world is to be a servant.

Lord, call priests to your Church
who do not wish to be served, but to serve.

Provide for your Church, Lord, priests of
mercy and healing.

May they be alert to the wonders of the
universe,
sensitive to the sufferings of the world and
servants of the banquet of your Body and
Blood.

Lord Jesus, call forth priests for us
who will nurture the call of all disciples
to follow you with love and gladness
toward the kingdom that you promised,
where you intercede for us still,
Priest and Lord,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6.00 p.m. A. Roache
10 a.m. L. Lane

Prayers of the Faithful

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

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. N. Stapleton
Pauline Eccles
K. Johnson
Pauline Haberfield
D. Pasco
10 a.m. M. McFarlane
B. Hogan
D. Webster
S. Malone
A. Mills

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 24:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 25:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 26:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 27:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 28:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 29:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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