

The Parish Pump

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

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

St Vincent de Paul Mass

On Tuesday 3 December Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. in St Pius X Church for deceased members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. There will be no evening Mass that day.

Plenary Council

We are invited to take part in a gathering on Tuesday 3 December at 7:30 p.m. in St Joseph's Parish meeting room. This time we shall consider how God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising. Anyone who is free at that time is warmly invited to take part.

Seniors' Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Dinner for senior parishioners will be on Wednesday 4 December. Once again, it will be at Davidson Oval, Caramut Road. It will follow 11 a.m. Mass and the anointing of the sick at St Pius X Church.

Christmas Masses 2019

There will be 15 Christmas Masses in the Warrnambool-Koroit-Port Fairy district this year. Times are available on the Diocesan website and will be published in *The Standard* on Saturday 21 December. At St Pius X, Mass times will be:

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December:
6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25 December:
10 a.m.

Finance Committee

The next meeting of the parish finance committee will be held at 7 Kermond Court on Thursday 5 December at 2 p.m.

Can You Donate Some Books?

The St John of God Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a book sale in January to raise funds for the hospital. Anyone who has second-hand novels or young adult fiction to donate is asked to deliver them to the church. They will be passed on to the Auxiliary for the sale.

Ministry – New Rosters

The 2020 rosters are available in the foyer of the church for our Readers, Ministers of Communion and Counters. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Columban Calendars & Cards

Columban Calendars for 2020 are available in the church foyer at \$8. each. Christmas cards are also available at \$3.50 for a packet of eight.

Anniversaries

Rosemary Claffey. Tom Esam.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$537.90
Planned Giving October: \$3,313.45
Amount Pledged: \$3,653.00



Advent in Wikipedia

The following article appears in Wikipedia under *Advent*:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the readings of Mass on the Sundays of Advent have distinct themes:

1. On the First Sunday (Advent Sunday), they look forward to the Second Coming of Christ.
2. On the Second Sunday, the Gospel reading recalls the preaching of John the Baptist, who came to "prepare the way of the Lord"; the other readings have associated themes.
3. On the Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday), the Gospel reading is again about John the Baptist, the other readings about the joy associated with the coming of the Saviour.
4. On the Fourth Sunday, the Gospel reading is about the events involving Mary and Joseph that led directly to the birth of Jesus, while the other readings are related to these.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6.00 p.m. O. O'Keefe
10 a.m. A. Webster

Prayers of the Faithful

6.00 p.m. J. O'Keefe
10 a.m. D. Webster

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. L. O'Keefe
Peter Haberfield
N. Russell
N. Stapleton
Pauline Eccles
10 a.m. S. Malone
J. Beks
B. Ermacora
L. Ermacora
B. Hogan

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 2:	7:30 a.m.	St Pius X
Tuesday 3:	11 a.m.	St Pius X
Wednesday 4:	11 a.m.	St Pius X
Thursday 5:	10 a.m.	Mercy Place
Friday 6:	9:15 a.m.	St Pius X
Saturday 7:	10 a.m.	St Pius X

Confessions

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