

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**The Epiphany**

**West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes**

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

*We wish you all a Happy New Year, confident that nothing will happen in 2020 that together (and with heavenly blessings) we shall be unable to deal with happily and successfully.*

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## Plenary Council

The next gathering in preparation for Plenary Council 2020 will be in OLHC Church at East Warrnambool in February. The discussion will consider the Church as a joyful, hope-filled servant community. We shall publish a date for the gathering as soon as we know it.

## Mercy Place

There will be no Mass at Mercy Place this week. Mass will be celebrated in St Pius X Church at 10 a.m. on Thursday 9th. We shall return to Mercy at 10 a.m. on the following Thursday, 16 January.

## Louise Away

Mrs Louise Dryburgh is on holidays. The parish office is not regularly attended at the moment. It will return to normal when Louise comes back on 14 January. Then, as usual, Louise will be looking after the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

## What Do You Mean, "Magi"?

In the Gospel according to Matthew, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, seeking to honour a newborn king. The Gospel's author calls them "Magi", which is commonly translated "wise men". The English word is connected with the word "magic"; dictionaries refer to astrologers, magicians and Zoroastrian priests. (Zoroastrianism is an ancient Persian religion. Modern Parsees in India are probably connected to it.) It is usual to refer to the three wise men, though the Gospel mentions no number. It is supposed that they came to the Holy Land by following a star. The Gospel says they saw a star rising and saw it again only at the end of their journey. There is a legend that the wise men were called Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. (The main interest for us in that is that Pope St Pius X, who was born Giuseppe Sarto, had the middle name Melchiorre, the Italian version of Melchior.) Another tradition identifies the magi as kings, though once again the Gospel says nothing of that. Perhaps the idea behind the tradition was to present these foreign kings doing honour to – or even worshipping – the king of kings. The traditional date of the Epiphany, 6 January, has long been referred to as "Twelfth Night"; in some places it is the day for taking down Christmas decorations (and in some places it isn't!)

## Anniversary

Justin Henriksen

## Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$496.90  
Planned Giving December: \$2,875.35

## Student Seeking Board

A young woman from Burundi who is coming to Deakin University this year is seeking board. She is the first from her family to go to university and her parents are anxious about her being far from home. If you can help, please contact Rev. Robyn Shackell on 0419 365 824 or drshackell@bigpond.com



After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage."

## 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. Cain

## Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. Pauline Eccles  
D. Pasco  
Pauline Haberfield  
J. Thornton  
L. O'Keefe  
10 a.m. M. McFarlane  
B. Hogan  
F. Garvey  
B. Ermacora  
L. Ermacora

## Local Sunday Masses

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>St Pius X</b>
	6 p.m.	OLHC
<b>Sun.</b>	8:30 a.m.	St Joseph's
	9 a.m.	OLHC
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>St Pius X</b>
	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 6:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 7:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 8:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 9:	10 a.m. St Pius X
Friday 10:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 11:	10 a.m. St Pius X

## Confessions

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