

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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2 February 2020 **The Presentation of the Lord**
West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes
Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Bushfire Appeal

A special collection will be taken up today for the bushfire appeal being conducted by the national St Vincent de Paul Society. The Society has welcomed this special collection. National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Claire Victory said, "Every cent of money donated goes to people in need. We do not take a fee for administration or other costs."

Plenary Council Gathering

The next local gathering in preparation for Plenary Council 2020 will be held from 7 p.m. on Thursday 27 February in the foyer of OLHC Church at East Warrnambool. The discussion will consider a Christ-centred Church as a joyful hope-filled and servant community. The following meeting will be at St Pius X Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday 15 March.

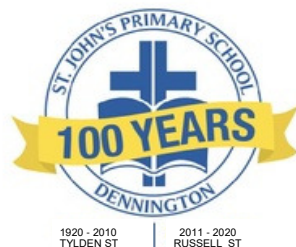
It is confirmed that the first full assembly of the Plenary Council will be in Adelaide from 4th to 11th October 2020 and the second in Sydney from 28th June to 3 July 2021.

Last Mass at Nullawil

All are welcome to take part in the final Mass at St Joseph's Church Nullawil on Sunday 4 April at 12:30 p.m. A light luncheon will follow. For further information please contact Kaylene James on 0428 935 270.



Dennington Centenary



Information about St John's School Dennington is still being welcomed by Sharon Easley at the school. Centenary celebrations will be held on Sunday 22 March beginning with Mass with Bishop Paul Bird in the school stadium at 10 a.m. Other celebrations will follow. If you have any memorabilia or stories, please contact Sharon by text on 0423361914 or email 100years@sdennington.catholic.edu.au.

Anniversary

Joseph Bakker

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$772.50
Planned Giving January: \$3,722.25
Pledged: \$3,653.00

Damascus College Reunions

Alumni of Damascus College Ballarat (including past students or staff from Sacred Heart College, St Paul's College and St Martin's in the Pines) are invited to celebrate a class reunion in 2020. The class of 1970 will have their 50 year reunion on Sunday 19 April; the class of 1980 on Saturday 18 April; the class of 1990 on Saturday 21 March; the class of 2000 on Sunday 3 May; the class of 2010 on Friday 20 March. The college aims to have as many exit year groups as possible attend and participate, including those who may have left at other times but identify best with the above year groups. For details regarding your Class Reunion please contact the Damascus Alumni Officer at 5337 2352, k.hegert@damascus.vic.edu.au or visit the Damascus College Website.

Candlemas or Candle Mass?

Today's Feast of the Purification of the Lord is also referred to as Candlemas; it was the day when candles were blessed in church for use at Mass and in people's homes during the year ahead. Apart from anything else, 2 February (40 days after Christmas) was seen as the end of the Christmas season, but it was also perceived as a Feast of Light because Simeon, in today's Gospel, refers to the Baby Jesus as "a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of [God's] people, Israel." We may be reminded of the opening verses of the Gospel according to John, where Jesus is described as the Word, "a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower" and "the true light that enlightens everyone." So - Happy Candlemas!

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6.00 p.m. Pauline Haberfield
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. L. O'Keefe
Peter Haberfield
N. Stapleton
C. Murrigh
Volunteer
10 a.m. S. Malone
B. Houlihan
M. Pickett
J. Beks
G. Hughson

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 Masses

Monday 3:	7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 4:	5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 5:	10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 6:	10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 7:	9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 8:	10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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