

# The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool  
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**8 March 2020      2nd Sunday of Lent**

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

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

## Mass on Labour Day

Because Monday 9 March is a Public Holiday for Labour Day, Mass at St Pius X will be at 10 o'clock in the morning instead of the usual earlier time. (The holiday is **Labour** Day, not **Labor** Day: it is not named after the ALP. Labour Day has its origins in the eight hour day movement which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation and eight hours for rest.)

## Project Compassion

Project Compassion is already well under way. Envelopes and money boxes for Lent are available at the church doors today. Please use yours generously as a form of Lenten almsgiving and a help to keeping the season well.

## Emmanuel 2021 Information

The Year 7 2021 Information Evening will be on Wednesday 11 March at 7.30 p.m. and the Expo on Sunday 15 March from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: both will be at the Emmanuel Centre.

## St V de Paul Lenten Appeal

The St Pius X St Vincent de Paul Society annual appeal for imperishable food will continue as usual throughout Lent. You are asked to contribute the following goods on the named weekends:

14-15 March	Tinned Fruit
21-22 March	Pasta/Pasta Sauce
28-29 March	Tea/Coffee
4-5 April	Tinned Soup

## Directives re Coronavirus

In view of the spread of the virus, COVID-19, we are required to implement, at least for the time being, the following changes at Mass:

- Only the celebrant may receive Communion from the chalice.
- Communion will be received in the hand, not on the tongue.
- Anyone who wishes to avoid exchanging the sign of peace with a handshake may choose to offer a smile or a bow instead.
- Ministers of Holy Communion (priests and others) are to use a hand sanitiser before distributing Holy Communion. Should they be asked for a blessing they are not to touch anyone.
- Holy water fonts are to be emptied or removed.

A pastoral statement from the Vicar General concerning these matters is on the notice board in the foyer of the church. It explains these requirements in much greater detail.

See also <https://www.health.gov.au/healthtopics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

## Plenary Council Gathering

The next meeting in preparation for the Plenary Council will be at St Pius X Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday 15 March. The discussion will be on a Christ-centred Church which is open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform. If you can possibly take part, you are encouraged to be there.

## Anniversary

Herman Bakker

## Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week:      \$548.10  
Planned Giving February:      \$3,539.00  
Pledged:      \$3,417.00

## When Father Michael Retires

When Father Michael retires as our Parish Priest at the end of this year we already know that no other priest will be available to replace him. The St Pius X community will, of course, continue and Sunday Mass will still be celebrated as usual in St Pius X Church every weekend. A decision still has to be made at parish level about the future of the presbytery building. Members of the parish finance committee and the parish pastoral leaders group will be entrusted with the decision, but any of them would be interested to hear wise advice from other parishioners. Watch this space for more information – and if you have any questions, we shall try to answer them as clearly as possible.

## St Pius X School Footy Tipping

All parishioners are welcome to take part in the St Pius X School Footy Tipping Competition this year. An awesome sporting prize will be awarded to the first placegetter. To enter, pay \$10 for an individual or \$20 for a family at the school office prior to the first round. Then follow this link: [www.footytips.com.au/comps/StPius2020](http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/StPius2020) or search for St Pius Footy Tipping Comp 2020 @ [www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au)

**You've gotta be in it to win it!!!**

## AND ALSO:

**Seniors' Mass** and morning tea at Mercy Place: 10 a.m. on Thursday 12th.

The **World Day of Prayer** is at the Seventh-day Adventist Church at 1 p.m. on Friday 20 March.

**Palms Australia** is seeking professionals and tradespeople for overseas service: 0422 472 567.

## Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6.00 p.m.      J. Farrar  
10 a.m.      J. Nolan

## Prayers of the Faithful

6.00 p.m.      R. Farrar  
10 a.m.      C. Nolan

## Ministers of Communion

6 p.m.      C. Murrighy

10 a.m.      S. Malone

## 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 Masses

Monday 9:	10 a.m.	St Pius X
Tuesday 10:	5:45 p.m.	St Pius X
Wednesday 11:	10 a.m.	Dennington
Thursday 12:	10 a.m.	Mercy Place
Friday 13:	9:15 a.m.	St Pius X
Saturday 14:	10 a.m.	St Pius X

## Confessions

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