

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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15 March 2020 **3rd Sunday of Lent**

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Everyone is reminded that the 10 a.m. Mass next Sunday, 22 March, will be offered in the stadium at St John's School, Dennington. The 6 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday 21st will be celebrated as usual in St Pius X Church, but there will be no morning Mass on Sunday 22nd at St Pius X.

On Sunday 22nd at Dennington we shall be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of St John's School in 1920 and everyone is invited to take part.

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.

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:

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

Directives re Coronavirus

The information communicated last weekend about our liturgical practice during the coronavirus episode is still current. A directive from Father Kevin Maloney, the Diocesan Vicar General, is displayed on the parish notice board.

Plenary Council Gathering

The next meeting in preparation for Plenary Council 2020 will be at St Pius X Church at 3 p.m. TODAY (Sunday) This will be the final gathering in this series of discussions, so anyone who can possibly manage to take part is encouraged to come and have their say. No opinion is without value.

Anniversary

Bernie Shaw

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$566.80
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.

Parish Leaders & Finance

A meeting of parish pastoral leaders and the parish finance committee will be held at 7 Kermond Court on Tuesday 17 March at 6 p.m. to discuss parish management following Father Michael's retirement.

World Day of Prayer

The annual World Day of Prayer will be held this year at 1 p.m. on Friday 20 March in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at 101 Lava Street.

Priests' Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird has announced that when Father Michael McKinnon leaves Mildura after Easter to return to work with the Columbans in Peru, he will be succeeded by Father Matthew Thomas. Father Matthew will be Parish Priest of Mildura, Red Cliffs and Merbein. At the same time, Father Anthony Nagothu will leave his present appointment as assistant in St Mary MacKillop Parish, Western Border, to become Rev. Administrator of the parishes of Robinvale and Ouyen.

From afar, we wish the three of them and their new parishioners every blessing.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6.00 p.m. P. Starkie
10 a.m. St John's School

Prayers of the Faithful

6.00 p.m. A. Roache
10 a.m. St John's School

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. L. O'Keefe

10 a.m. No extra Ministers of Communion will be needed next week at Dennington.

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 16: 7:30 a.m. St Pius X
Tuesday 17: 5:45 p.m. St Pius X
Wednesday 18: 10 a.m. Dennington
Thursday 19: 10 a.m. Mercy Place
Friday 20: 9:15 a.m. St Pius X
Saturday 21: 10 a.m. St Pius X

Confessions

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