

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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4th Sunday of Lent

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Dennington 100

By now we are all aware that for the time being circumstances have prevented the centenary celebrations at St John's School Dennington from going ahead. We don't know exactly when we'll be able to make them happen (October?) but we're eagerly looking forward to the day.

Project Compassion

If you haven't already managed to pick up envelopes or a money box to help you support Project Compassion this Lent, they are still available at the church doors. Please use yours generously as a form of Lenten almsgiving and a help to keeping the season well.

Mass at Mercy

Parishioners who have visited Mercy Place for Mass on Thursday mornings are not able to do so for the foreseeable future. Anyone who would like to visit residents may see them in their rooms, but not in any group setting. This protocol has to do with the prevailing COVID-19 situation and while we don't know how long it will continue, we hope to return to familiar ways as soon as possible.

Bingo Off

Unfortunately, we have had to suspend our bingo sessions at St Pius X. We, and lots of players, are looking forward to being able to start again!

As you can see, most of this bulletin was prepared before the Victorian bishops' letter of 18 March by which all public Masses and other liturgies in Victoria were suspended for the foreseeable future.

If you have a creative suggestion about what our faith community can do during this literally extraordinary time, please email us at warrnamboolwest@ballarat.catholic.org.au

While we are unable to celebrate public Masses in the church, Father Michael would like to receive invitations to say Mass in parishioners' homes for the people who live there. If you would welcome this opportunity please ring the parish office on 5562 5033 to make an appointment.

Unhappily, because of rapidly changing guidelines, the invitation to host a home Mass has been withdrawn.

Anniversaries

Noela Whitehead. Mathew Cahir.

Thank You for Giving

Presbytery Last Week: \$617.80
Planned Giving February: \$3,539.00
Pledged: \$3,417.00

Mass of the Oils

The Mass of the Oils which is usually celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat on the Monday of Holy Week is unlikely to proceed this year for obvious reasons. We expect that the Holy Oils will be blessed in a small private ceremony and distributed later around the diocese. Locally, it seems likely that the familiar Easter ceremonies may also be abbreviated this year.

Mass Online

Mass can be seen online every day at the following sites:

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Pope Francis's daily Mass
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>

Mass for You at Home is broadcast on channel 8 at 6 a.m. on Sundays and on Foxtel 173 at various times every day.

Laetare Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. The Latin word means *be joyful*. According to an American website it is a day when the Church takes a bit of a breather from Lenten practice in preparation for the Easter Celebrations.



Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6.00 p.m. Pauline Haberfield
10 a.m. Volunteer

Prayers of the Faithful

6.00 p.m. P. McGennicken
10 a.m. Volunteer

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m. Peter Haberfield

10 a.m. M. Pickett

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

No public Masses are being said in Victoria for the foreseeable future. The bishops' letter about the matter can be seen at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au as well as at the doors of St Pius X Church. There is also a link to the letter on the parish website.

Confessions

When you can find Father Michael: No appointment necessary.