

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Mass Online

In addition to the Masses we have been advertising here in recent months, you may be interested to know that by googling *Mass Online* you can find Masses in English and other languages from all over the world.

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

St Joseph's Warrnambool

www.tiny.cc/joe3280

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>

Father Michael's Proposed Retirement

In the Church's Code of Canon Law it says: *When a pastor has completed seventy five years of age, he is requested to submit his resignation from office to the diocesan bishop who is to decide to accept or defer it after he has considered all the circumstances of the person and place. Attentive to the norms established by the conference of bishops, the diocesan bishop must provide suitable support and housing for a retired pastor.* (Canon 538 # 3)

Bishop Paul Bird has granted Father Michael's request to retire from his role as parish priest at the end of 2020. By then he will have reached the age of 75. The bishop has endorsed 31 December as the official retirement date. From 2021 it appears that West Warrnambool and Dennington will be treated as part of a single ministry district with St Joseph's Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy. That district will be served by two priests; it seems likely that one of them will live in St Pius X Presbytery. Father Michael hopes to live elsewhere in Warrnambool.

Thank You for Giving

Planned Giving June: \$2,082.00
Pledged: \$4,612.00

A Message From Mercy Place

We are advised that when we are once again able to celebrate Thursday morning Masses at Mercy Place both the celebrant and visiting members of the congregation must have provided evidence that they have been vaccinated against influenza this year.

Did You Know?

Father Michael has been writing weekly homilies, even though no one is in the church to hear them. They are still being published on the parish website: *Warrnambool West and Dennington* at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.



He said, "Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

Matthew 13,1-23