

The Parish Pump

The Weekly Bulletin for St John's, Dennington and St Pius X, West Warrnambool
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The Holy Family

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Welcome, Bishop Paul Bird

We welcome Bishop Paul Bird, who has returned to West Warrnambool for Father Michael's retirement Mass.

Father Michael particularly welcomes the bishop and gratefully acknowledges the tribute being offered.

Father Michael's Last Mass

Today's 10 a.m. Mass will be Father Michael's last Mass as our parish priest. A light morning tea will be served after Mass in the parish hall. Everyone welcome.

Early January Masses

At least for the first two weekends of January Mass at St Pius X will be at 6 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Please note the change in the Sunday morning Mass time. Further changes are still to be arranged.

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars for 2021 are still available for \$8 each. Thank you to those who have made arrangements to sell them in difficult times.

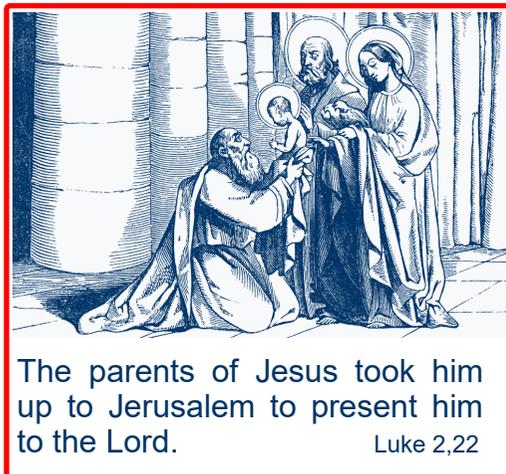
Recent Death

Sister Rose Marie Glennen

Thank You for Giving

Planned Giving November: \$ 3,094.00

Pledged: \$ 4,030.00



The parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2,22



Please click [here](#) to put your money on the plate.

A Message From Father Michael

As most of you know, I shall be with you as your Parish Priest for the last time this Sunday morning. Sometimes it feels as if I have just arrived in West Warrnambool and often it feels as if it has been my home for my whole life. Now, though I am moving on, I am able to stay in Warrnambool and I consider that a blessing.

Over the years, many of the people who love St Pius X Parish began to treat me as one of their own and I owe them a debt that can't be repaid. I hesitate to name any of them, and in any case the list is long, but as they say, "Yez know who yez are" – or perhaps not all of you do, but be assured that your generosity and kindness is not forgotten.

There is a certain sadness in consciously doing anything for the last time – I'm pretty sure everyone knows that – but when the time is right, when it's time to go, it's foolish to hang on and I am convinced that my time has come. I move on with a certain sadness, but with a kind of delight as well, hoping that the future will be as interesting and as enjoyable as so much of the past has been.

My thanks and my gratitude to all who have influenced, supported, challenged, helped and encouraged me. Please remember me sometimes in your prayers. I shall certainly remember you.

Requirements for Mass

*Some of the new requirements for Mass are still in place, though if you **observe social distancing you needn't wear a face mask in the church.** We remind you of the following conditions we must still observe:*

- Please record your name and phone number as you enter the church. You can be signed in on paper or use our QR code with a mobile phone.
- Please use the hand sanitiser as you come in.
- Please sit **ONLY** in a seat marked with blue tape.
- Please sit no closer than a metre and a half from anyone who does not live with you at your house.
- Although we may not pass the collection plate from hand to hand, please contribute what you can afford to the people holding the plates when you leave the church.
- Holy Communion will be distributed only under the form of bread. The chalice will be used only by the priest. Please receive Communion in your hand in the usual way.
- Please do not approach other people inside the church. Hold any conversations (observing social distancing) outside. [Sorry.]