

The Parish Pump

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

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes

Child Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rachel Brown. 0402 009 785

Christmas Masses at St Pius X

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December: 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Friday 25 December: 10 a.m.

Because of the COVID Emergency you are asked to BOOK IN if you wish to attend a Christmas Mass. Please ring Louise on 0488 180 819.

We sincerely regret that we cannot guarantee you a place in the church at Christmas this year if you do not book.

Father Michael's Last Mass

The 10 a.m. Mass at St Pius X on Sunday 27 December will be Father Michael's last Mass as our parish priest. A light morning tea will be served after that Mass. If you would like to share in the occasion, please notify Karen Johnson on 0447 838 747 so that we can cater for appropriate numbers.

Anniversaries

Patricia Beks. Norman Rowe.
Glenys Balchin.

Thank You for Giving

Planned Giving November: \$ 3,094.00

Pledged: \$ 4,030.00

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars for 2021 can be bought at the Parish office for \$8 each. Christmas cards are also available at \$3.00 for five.

If you forgot to bring to Mass your money for the collection, you can still contribute quite easily online by using the information in the picture of the collection basket here.



New 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 your 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.]

Christmas Collection

Bishop Paul Bird has asked us to take up the usual Christmas Collection so that we can share our seasonal giving with others who have needs in Australia and elsewhere. The collection will occur at each of our Christmas Masses. The following use was made of last year's donations.

St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal	5,000
Catholic Mission	5,000
Caritas Australia	5,000
Taal Volcano Appeal (Philippines)	5,000
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal (Ballarat)	5,000
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal (Mildura)	5,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	4,000
3BA Christmas Appeal	4,000
Exodus Community, Wendouree West	2,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans	2,000
Total donations made in 2020	45,000