

The Parish Pump

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

West Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes



Opening their treasures,
they offered him gifts.

Matthew 2,11

Early January Masses

This weekend and on 9-10 and 16-17 January, Mass at St Pius X will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Arrangements for later will be announced soon.

Masks Back On

It was announced on 31 December that we are again required to wear a face mask indoors in any place except our private homes. It follows that masks are again required to be worn in the church unless you are receiving Holy Communion or proclaiming the Scripture.

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars for 2021 are still available for \$8 each.

Thank You for Giving

Planned Giving November: \$3,094.00
Pledged: \$4,030.00



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the plate.

Welcome to 2021

As of this weekend our Ministry District is without the services of Fr Michael Linehan who, we hope, is now enjoying retirement. We thank him for his 17 years of pastoral care at St Pius X Parish, Warrnambool West.

This retirement will necessitate some change in the Ministry District. To give us time and space to make the required changes, Fr Bill van de Camp will preside at the 6.30pm Koroit Vigil Mass for the following 3 weeks, enabling Fr John Corrigan and Fr John Fitzgerald to celebrate the other 6 Masses in the 4 parishes of the Ministry District.

There is a commitment to celebrate the weekly Sunday Eucharist in each of the 4 parishes. There will be fixed times for the Eucharist. Thus the previous alternate times for the Koroit and Port Fairy Masses have ceased.

The 2 retired priests (Fr Bill and Fr Michael) will not be scheduled on the weekend Mass roster but they have expressed their willingness to assist when needed. It's important we respect their retirement.

A challenge this year is the 'catching up' on the celebration of the children's sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. It wasn't possible to celebrate these sacraments in 2020 due to the coronavirus. It will be important for the 5 Catholic schools to work together in a creative way to achieve this outcome.

We have new principals appointed for St Patrick's, Port Fairy (Olga Lyons) and St John's, Dennington (Ben van de Camp) commencing late January, 2021. We wish them well in their new appointments.

Mass Rosters Next Week Readers

6 p.m.	C. Reid
10:30 a.m.	L. Ermacora

Prayers of the Faithful

6 p.m.	P. McGennicken
10:30 a.m.	M. Cain

Ministers of Communion

6 p.m.	Pauline Eccles
10:30 a.m.	B. Hogan



**The sight of the
star filled them
with delight.**

Matthew 2,10

Parishes would be familiar with the fact that if there is a funeral to be celebrated it replaces the weekday Mass if one is scheduled. This past week we have celebrated 3 funerals in our Ministry District. This week we already have 3 funerals.

The new Ministry District also incorporates 3 Aged-Care Homes which are an important part of parish life.

It's also worth noting that the priests have zone and diocesan commitments from time to time as well as their annual retreat and the priests in-service (plus a holiday)!

May God's blessing be upon us in our pastoral endeavours in this new year.

Frs John Fitzgerald & John Corrigan