

THE PARISH PUMP

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

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SUNDAY 2nd MAY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Safety Officer: Karen Johnson **Warrnambool and Dennington are Child-Safe Parishes**

Engaging your faith: online formation

This series of short sessions explores the Catholic faith through seven topics:

- Reflective practice in ministry & life
- St John Henry Newman & his friends
- The historical context of Vatican II
- Eucharist as a mode of being
- Spirituality and wisdom
- Women in the early Church
- Can a scientist believe in God?

All topics are presented by lecturers of Melbourne's Catholic Theological College. Choose one; choose all. Choose what interests you. Sessions will be delivered via Zoom and will be held from 11– 31 May 2021 at \$20 per session. Registration is essential.

Visit www.ctc.edu.au.

Morning Tea on the third Sunday

is resuming as normal. Extra volunteers are encouraged to sign up.



To put your money on the plate, please visit bit.ly/CDFpayWarrnamboolWest.

Stewardship (Parish Account)

Weekly average contributions for the month of March: \$4,281.80
Pledged Amount (weekly): \$5,608.00

Recent deaths: Veronica Barker, Reg Cox, Barry Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Gwenda Thornton, Robert Williams. **Anniversaries:** Vincent Brown, Peter Jewell.

Time and Talent

Forms are available in the church foyer inviting parishioners to indicate their availability for a myriad of public ministries. Our parish is remarkable for its volunteer-base, which we want to maintain and expand into the future.

Pope dedicates the month of May to a global Rosary 'marathon'

Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray the Rosary through the month of May for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, more than 3 million people have died from coronavirus, with many countries experiencing their worst wave yet. India is presently afflicted with over 300,000 new infections each day.

Each day this month, the rosary will be broadcast from one of thirty Marian Shrines from across the world. St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney will represent the Church in Australia. The daily rosary will be broadcast live at 6pm Rome time — that's 2am our time. You don't have to interrupt your sleep to join the Holy Father's prayer campaign. Pray a daily Rosary at a time of your own choosing.

COVID-19 Contact Tracing

The State Government recommends people check in using QR codes connected to its database. These are provided at our church entrances.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION

Mon 3rd	9:30am Mass, St Pius X 11:30am Mass, Our Lady's (Gwenda Thornton's funeral)
Tue 4th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, Infant Jesus
Wed 5th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Lay-led, St Joseph's 1:00pm Mass, St Pius X (Kevin Ryan's funeral)
Thu 6th <i>* Residents only</i>	10:00am, Mass, St Patrick's 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 3:30pm Mass, Moyneyana*
Fri 7th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's
Sat 8th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

SAINT JOSEPH: IN THE SHADOWS

Today let us pray for all those men and women who during this pandemic are serving in the shadows like Joseph to protect, care, heal and support the vulnerable.

Pope Francis: *'The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus. Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust.'*

Throughout Jesus' life he was constantly aware of the nurturing, protective and loving presence of Abba, Father. Joseph became for Jesus this earthly presence and so is often spoken of as 'Father in

NEXT SUNDAY, 10:30am MASS

9th MAY: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First & Second Readings: Jan Nolan

Prayer of the Faithful: Chris Nolan

Holy Communion: Pauline Haberfield

Counters: Mick Sully

A new parish time capsule will be sealed in August. Ideas are welcome! Speak to anyone on the leadership team.

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Mon 3rd	None
Tue 4th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Wed 5th	None
Thu 6th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Fri 7th	After 9:30 Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Sat 8th	10am to 11am, St Pius X

the Shadows.' Today he becomes a wonderful inspiration for all those men and women who generously 'take on the responsibility for the life of another' as if they were the parents.

St Mary of the Cross: *'Joseph's noble heart never faltered, never was deterred by the most trying obstacles.'*

► **In what ways does the witness of Joseph who ministered in the shadows challenge you to reflect the Presence of Love and the gift of self?**

Let us pray:

Joseph, we turn in prayer to you. Enable us to heed God's call to raise 'our consciousness of love and to seek new possibilities wherever we are that will heal, include and untether.' Gift us with humility of heart and the wisdom of silence. Amen.