

THE PARISH PUMP

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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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



A WEEK OF COVID LOCKDOWN

By now you have probably heard that there is to be a week of COVID lockdown throughout Victoria from midnight tonight (Thursday May 27).

This will require adjustments in various areas of our lives, with limited reasons for leaving home and the need to wear masks everywhere when we do leave home.

It is sad that, for the next week, we will not be able to gather in our parish churches as we usually would. I pray that the week's lockdown will be effective in curbing the spread of the virus and that we will soon be able to resume our gatherings as parish communities. In the meantime, I encourage you in your personal and family prayer at home. I also thank our priests and parish teams for all they have done and all they will do to keep in touch with parishioners and to keep parishioners in touch with one another. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our care for one another.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Recent deaths:

Kevin Haberfield, Cooper Onyett.

Anniversaries:

Margaret Cahir, Rolf Fischer,
Lance Hall, Alice Motteram, Jack Verdonck.

FR MICHAEL SAYS THANKS

Father Michael Linehan has asked us to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the commemoration last Sunday of the 50th anniversary of his ordination. He was moved and honoured by the occasion and grateful that it was possible to hold the celebration in St Pius X Parish.

MARY MACKILLOP BUS TOUR

Join Fr John Corrigan on an **11 Day Footsteps of Mary MacKillop** pilgrimage from Melbourne to Adelaide. The trip includes a 2 night stay in Penola, an Opening Mass with Archbishop Comensoli, and visits to Hamilton, Portland, Victor Harbour, and Seven Hills winery. The journey departs Tuesday 3rd August 2021 and bookings are now open, although space will be limited. Visit www.harvestjourneys.com or phone 1800 819 156 (toll free).

WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION

Fri 4th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's 7:00pm Mass, Our Lady's
Sat 5th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Fri 4th	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Sat 5th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X

PRAYING WITH THE BLESSED TRINITY

Fr Francis Fernandez

The Blessed Trinity dwells in the Christian soul as in a temple. Saint Paul explains that *God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.* [Rom 5:5] And there, in the inner recesses of the soul, we learn to be intimate with God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the intimacy of prayer, we can say *You, O Eternal Trinity, are a deep ocean, into which the more I penetrate, the more I discover, and the more I discover, the more I seek you.* [Saint Catherine of Siena, *Dialogue*, 167]

Sister Elizabeth of the Trinity, a Carmelite mystic and spiritual writer who died in 1906, whom Pope Francis canonised in 2016, provides food for our prayer today: "My God, Blessed Trinity! Draw from my poor being what most contributes to your glory, and do with me what you wish both now and in eternity. May I no longer place between us any voluntary hindrance to your transforming action ...

"Second by second, with a forever 'actual' intention, I desire to offer you all that I am and all that I have. Make my poor life, in intimate union with the Word Incarnate, an unceasing sacrifice of glory to the Blessed Trinity ...

"My God, how I wish to glorify you! O, if only in exchange for my complete immolation, or for any other condition, it were in my power to enkindle the hearts

NEXT SUNDAY, 10:30am MASS

6th JUNE: CORPUS CHRISTI

First & Second Readings: J. Farrar

Prayer of the Faithful: R. Farrar

Holy Communion: Diane Pasco

Counters: Brian & Glenice Porra

of all your creatures and the whole of creation in the flames of your love, how I would desire to do so! May at least my poor heart belong to you completely, may I keep nothing for myself nor for creatures, not even a single heartbeat. May I have a burning love for all mankind, but only with you, through you and for you ... I desire above all to love you with the heart of Saint Joseph, with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and with the adorable Heart of Jesus; and, finally, to submerge myself in that infinite ocean, that abyss of fire that consumes the Father and the Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, and love you with your own infinite love.

"O Eternal Father, beginning and end of all things! Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary I offer you Jesus, your Word Incarnate, and through him, with him and in him, I want to repeat ceaselessly this cry that rises from the bottom of my soul: *Father, glorify continually your Son, that your Son may glorify you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.* (John 17:1)

"O Jesus, who said: *'No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him'* (Matt 11:27), *'Show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied!'* (John 14:8)

"And you, O Spirit of Love! *'Teach us all things'* (John 14:26) and *'form Jesus with Mary in us'* (Gal 4:19) until we *'become perfectly one'* (John 17:23). Amen."