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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

*Co-Pastor & Moderator* Fr John Fitzgerald  
*Co-Pastor* Fr John Corrigan  
*Assistant Priest* Fr Bill Lowry  
*Parish Manager* Tony Herbert  
*Accounts Manager* Louise Dryburgh  
*Secretary* Leanne McElgunn  
*Maintenance* Pat Negri

**SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

*St John's Dennington* Ben van de Camp  
*St Patrick's Koroit* Nick Murrell  
*St Patrick's Port Fairy* Olga Lyons  
*St Joseph's W'bool* Matthew O'Brien  
*St Pius X W'bool West* Stacey Atkins (Interim)  
*OLHC W'bool East* Stephen Madden  
*Emmanuel College* Peter Morgan

**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH**

Star of the Sea Parish adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria. Our policies are on display in each Church, and on our website. Parish Safeguarding Officers:

*Infant Jesus, Koroit* Nick Murrell  
*St Patrick's, Port Fairy* Peter Sanderson  
*St Joseph's, Warrnambool* Anne Maree Mugavin  
*St Pius X, Warrnambool West* Karen Johnson  
*OLHC, Warrnambool East* Dion Bartlett

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We recognise the traditional custodians of parish lands. We acknowledge their ancestors with respect and we are committed to working for justice and reconciliation.

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

**The Presbytery Account**

Last week I wrote about the Parish Account i.e. the Planned Giving program. Today I'll tease out what the Presbytery Account is responsible for. In some places it is called the House Account as this Account is fundamentally for the upkeep of the priest(s). It is the cash taken up on the collection that is **not** in a Planned Giving envelope.

This collection funds:

- The priests' stipend
- Motor vehicle
- Health Insurance
- Retirement allowance (in lieu of superannuation)
- Recurrent travel expenses eg fuel, servicing etc
- Household expenses such as food and drink
- Payment to a cleaner if needed
- Fixed presbytery costs eg telephone, light and power etc
- Levies to the Ballarat Clergy Assistance Fund
- For 'supply' priests when priests take their annual leave
- Support for the Diocesan Bishop in running his home

**NB** If there is a surplus at the end of the year it goes to help the number of parishes who cannot fund the above expenses to maintain a resident priest.

I hope the summary over the past three weeks has been helpful.

Thank you to the many parishioners who care for us priests.

(Fr John Fitzgerald)

**Season of Lent**

Lent commences this Wednesday

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, self-denial and for helping others. In this way the whole Church prepares for the great Feast of Easter

**Please** take home a Project Compassion Box or Envelope today.

Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent 7.30pm (St Joseph's)

Ash Wednesday Masses: Please see opposite page

**Recent Deaths**: Allan 'Sandy' Price

**Anniversaries**: Michael White, Christopher Doyle, Veronica Earls, Tony Lucas, Annie Lindsey, Basil McKinnon, Peter Crowe, Graeme Murrilhy

**Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP)**

Members of our community are involved in the welcoming and resettlement of a refugee family. Supporters are currently raising funds and seeking accommodation for our family who will arrive later in the year. An online fundraising page has been set up to achieve this aim. We are aiming to raise \$12,000 for the support of our family in their first months here. An invitation is extended to all in our community to think about ways to welcome them. For more information or to donate please visit <https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/StaroftheSeaParish> or scan the QR code.



**Parish Rosary Group**: Month of February Monday 7:00pm at OLHC. All welcome.

**Holy Hour**: 10.00am every Monday at OLHC. All welcome.

**Pastoral Leadership Team Community Meeting**: Last week the five Pastoral Leadership Teams of our Parish met along with our priests and staff for a community meeting facilitated by Bernadette Wurlod. Members discussed their experiences of the transition to one Parish over the last two years, and the ongoing strengths and challenges of our current governance model, as well as the possibility of a Parish Pastoral Council made up of PLT representatives for the consideration of Parish pastoral activities and planning into the future. Thank you to all representatives for your involvement and the ongoing advocacy and support you provide in your local church communities.

**World Day of Prayer**: Star of the Sea Parish is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer - 2:00pm Friday 3rd March, at Infant Jesus Church in Koroit. All welcome. For more information, call Fr John Corrigan, 0422 342 499.

**INFANT JESUS COMMUNITY, KOROIT**

The plumbers will be at the church this week to fix the roof and hopefully to stop the birds getting in.

**OLHC COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL EAST**

A Lenten Discussion Group will be held each Thursday in the OLHC meeting room at 10.00am during Lent, commencing Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Form available in the foyer for those interested to register their name.

**ST PIUS X COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL WEST**

**Cup of tea**: All welcome to stay after Mass today

**St Vincent de Paul Society Lenten Appeal**: The customary Lenten Appeal organised by the St Pius X Conference will commence on the First Sunday of Lent. Those who wish to donate are asked to contribute goods which correspond to these weekends in Lent:

- 25-26 February: cereal      4-5 March: spaghetti/baked beans
- 11-12 March: tinned fruit    18-19 March: pasta/pasta sauce
- 25-26 March: tea/coffee      1-2 April: tinned soup

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday Vigil**  
 6:00pm OLHC, Warrnambool East

**Sunday Morning**  
 8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool  
 9:00am Infant Jesus, Koroit  
 9:00am OLHC, Warrnambool East  
 10:00am St Pius X, Warrnambool West  
 10:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool  
 10:30am St Patrick's, Port Fairy  
 11:00am St Anne's, Purnim\*  
 \*Eucharist 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month;  
 Assembly of the Word with Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Sunday Evening**  
 6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

**RECONCILIATION**

*St Pius X* 5pm to 6pm every weekday  
 After 9:30am Saturday Mass

*St Patrick's* After 10:00am Tuesday Mass

*OLHC* After 9:30am Thursday Mass

*Infant Jesus* After 10:00am Friday Mass

*St Joseph's* After 10:00am Friday Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**NB: MASS OF THE DAY IS REPLACED WHEN A FUNERAL IS HELD AT THAT CHURCH.**

*Monday* 9.30am: St Pius X

*Tuesday* 10.00am: St Patrick's  
 1.00pm: Our Lady Help of Christians  
 Requiem Mass: Sandy Price RI

*Wednesday* 9.30am: St Pius X  
 10.00am: St Joseph's  
 10.00am: Infant Jesus  
 6.00pm: St Patrick's  
 6.00pm: Our Lady Help of Christians

*Thursday* 9.30am: Our Lady Help of Christians  
 10.30am: Mercy Place

*Friday* 10.00am: St Joseph's  
 10.00am: Infant Jesus

*Saturday* 9.30am: St Pius X

**The Pope's Intention for February: For Parishes** — We pray that parishes may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**Baptisms**: An information session takes place at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.  
 Next session: Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March