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PARISH PERSONNEL

Co-Pastor & Moderator Fr John Fitzgerald
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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.

1st Sunday of Lent
 25th & 26th February, 2023

The Forty Days of Lent

Last Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) is one of our most sacred days. It's the commencement of our forty (40) days journey to the glory of Easter.

We may think 40 days is a long time ... and it is. But good habits take time and the 40 days also symbolises God's patience with us.

Forty is a most significant number in our biblical tradition:

- * Noah and the Ark: it rained for 40 days and nights and then life returned ... more purified
- * The Israelites, after being freed from Egypt, took 40 years to cross the desert to reach the Promised Land
- * Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness where he was tempted
- * Moses met with God in the cloud on Mount Sinai. He stayed there for 40 days and nights (Exodus 24:18)
- * The prophet Elijah travelled for 40 days until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God ... and he heard God in the sound of a gently breeze (1 Kings 19:8)
- * The people of Nineveh took 40 days to repent of their sins
- * Jesus spent 40 days with his people following his crucifixion and resurrection and prior to his ascension (Acts 1:3)

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

Please take home a Project Compassion Box or Envelope today.

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

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

Recent Deaths: Betty Whitson, Stacey Barnes, Sr Irene Monigatti (Ballarat)

Anniversaries: Patricia McNamara, James Gerard O'Grady, Carmel Lee, Len Hoy, Sharon O'Dwyer, Mary Catherine Lee

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.



This weekend we will hear from speakers at some of our Masses

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

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

Publication: Autumn edition of Australian Catholics is available to take home

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)

Formation Evening: The Parish will be hosting a Formation Evening for Extraordinary Minister's of Holy Communion. It is for those who bring the Sacrament to those who are sick and housebound and for those who administer Holy Communion at Mass. Those who currently distribute Holy Communion in either context or who would like to in the future are strongly urged to attend the Formation Evening

When: Tuesday 21st March at 7.00pm
Where: St Joseph's Hall

Baptism: Xavier Walsh and Matilda Wallace are welcomed into God's Family this weekend

OLHC COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL EAST

A Lenten Discussion Group is being held each Thursday in the OLHC meeting room at 10.00am during Lent. All most welcome to come along

ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL

New Ministry Roster available in the Gathering Space, or please check your email

INFANT JESUS COMMUNITY, KOROIT

Work on the church roof has been completed.... hopefully the bird problem is solved now!

ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY, PORT FAIRY

Cuppa following Mass next Sunday, all welcome

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 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month;
 Assembly of the Word with Communion 1st & 3rd

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.

NO WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday 10.00am: St Joseph's
 Assembly of Word with Communion

Thursday

Friday 10.00am: St Joseph's
 Assembly of Word with Communion

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, 14th March