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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

Co-Pastor & Moderator Fr John Fitzgerald  
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 Assistant Priest Fr Bill Lowry  
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 Secretary Leanne McElgunn  
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**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 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.

**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2023

**HOLY WEEK**

2 April: **Passion (Palm) Sunday**  
 The palms symbolise Christ's triumph, while the cross is the symbol by which his triumph is achieved.

3 April: **Mass of Holy Oils** at 6.30pm (St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat). This Mass has special significance for those who will use the Blessed Oils in 2023; the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed.

4 April: **Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness** 7.30pm at St Joseph's  
 Parishioners and visitors are invited:  
 to **hear** the Word of God  
 to **examine** our conscience  
 to **repent** of our sins  
 to **seek** forgiveness of Almighty God

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

6 April: **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 6.30pm Koroit  
 7.00pm St Joseph's & St Pius X

7 April: **Good Friday:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
 3.00pm St Joseph's, St Pius X & Koroit

8 April: **Easter Vigil:**  
 6.00pm St Joseph's  
 6.30pm St Pius X  
 6.30pm Koroit

9 April: **Easter Sunday:**  
 8.30am & 10.30am St Joseph's (NB: No 6.00pm Mass)  
 9.00am Our Lady Help of Christians  
 10.30am Port Fairy

**Stations of the Cross:** 9.00am Good Friday at Koroit  
 10.00am Good Friday at OLHC  
 11.00am Good Friday at Port Fairy  
 11.00am Good Friday at Purnim  
 11.00am Ecumenical Way of the Cross

**St Vincent de Paul Society Lenten Appeal:** Those who wish to donate goods this week: 1-2 April: tinned/packet soup

**Recent Deaths:** Mark Broneur (Ballarat), John Furniss

**Anniversaries:** Noela Whitehead, Mathew Cahir, Anges Williams, David Lenehan, Kevin McDowall, Yolanda Gestopa, Peter Bonnet

**Rites of Reconciliation**

In 1973 the office of the Congregation for Divine Worship revised the way in which the Sacrament of Penance can be celebrated. There are now three (3) options:

- The Rite for Reconciliation of Individual Penitents**
- The Rite for Reconciliation of several Penitents.**  
 This Rite is celebrated within the context of the community and includes the Word of God with readings and hymns, a communal examination of conscience and the opportunity for individual confession. This Rite will be celebrated this Wednesday at St Pius X at 6.00pm. Some students from the schools of St John's Dennington and St Pius X will celebrate the sacrament for the first time. This opportunity is open to the whole parish to attend and celebrate God's mercy as well as to support the students on their journey of faith.
- Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness**  
 Many parishioners would be familiar with this Rite that is celebrated at St Joseph's prior to Christmas and Easter. This Rite is being celebrated on Tuesday at 7.30pm

**Encouraging news:** 4 in 10 Australians would accept an invitation to an Easter Service if invited by a close friend or family member. NCLS Research has some encouraging numbers from the 2022 Australia Community Survey about inviting people to Church for Easter. Read about it at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ncls-research-four-in-10-australians-say-they-would-go-to-an-easter-service-if-invited-by-a-close-friend-or-family-member/>

**Parish Rosary Group:** Monday 7:00pm at St Pius. All welcome

**Stations of the Cross & Holy Hour:** 10.00am every Monday at OLHC. All welcome.

**DOBCEL:** I have accepted Bishop Paul Bird's invitation to be a director of the Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL). **Fr John Fitzgerald**

**OLHC COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL EAST**

Congratulations to the children who celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation this week

Volunteers needed for combined OLHC & St Pius Easter Ceremonies at St Pius. Sign up sheet in Foyer

Roster for Welcomers, Gifts & Eucharist Ministers is available for collection in the foyer

**ST PIUS X COMMUNITY, WARRNAMBOOL WEST**

Volunteers needed for combined OLHC & St Pius Easter Ceremonies at St Pius. Sign up sheet in Foyer

**ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY, PORT FAIRY**

Cuppa following Mass today, all welcome.

The piety shop has an assortment of gifts, medals, statues for sale. Enquiries: Marita (0402 431 053)

**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 Tuesday  
 5pm to 6pm Wednesday  
 5pm to 6pm Holy Thursday  
 5pm to 7pm Good Friday  
 9am to 10am Holy Saturday

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

Monday Mass of Holy Oils (Ballarat0)

Tuesday 10.00am: St Joseph's Requiem John Furniss RIP

Wednesday 10.00am: St Joseph's

Thursday }  
 Friday } SEE OPPOSITE PAGE  
 Saturday }

**The Pope's Intention for April: For a culture of peace and non-violence - We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.**

**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, 11<sup>th</sup> April