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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

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| Moderator        | Fr John Fitzgerald |
| Assistant Priest | Fr Bill Lowry      |
| Assistant Priest | Fr Abraham Thomas  |
| Parish Manager   | Tony Herbert       |
| Accounts Manager | Louise Dryburgh    |
| Secretary        | Leanne McElgunn    |
| Maintenance      | Pat Negri          |

**SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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.

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023

**The Synod of the Catholic Church**

Pope Francis points to eight characteristics of a synodal church. We will examine one each week.

*Journeying Together:*  
Synodality points to the reality that the whole of People of God are journeying together. This means that we cannot operate from a mindset that concentrates on the differences amongst the baptised. Rather, we must view ourselves as a people united in faith and in the knowledge that God is calling us to a common pilgrimage on this earth.

**Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound**

The manner of acquiring Holy Communion during mass for distribution to the sick and housebound has been standardised across the church communities

Could ministers please bring their pyx into the sacristy and place it on the tray provided, putting the required number of altar breads for consecration into the pyx.

After the distribution of Holy Communion during mass the priest will invite ministers to the foot of the bottom step of the sanctuary to retrieve their pyx and receive a blessing.

For those who have mobility issues your pyx will be available for collection in the sacristy at the conclusion of mass.

**OH&S Compliance for Star of the Sea Parish**

On Wednesday the 9th of August members of our PLT's attended an OH&S compliance seminar at St. Joseph's. Mr. Steve Laidlaw the facilitator, emphasised the importance of all our volunteers being familiar and compliant with the OH&S procedures of their respective church communities.

Copies of each of the churches OH&S procedures are available in their respective gathering spaces, as well as the Parish Office.

Could all our volunteers please view these policies, signing and dating the Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) provided with the documentation. Take home copies of the policies are available at the office. Thank you to our all our volunteers for your ongoing commitment to personal safety.

**Recent Deaths:** Kevin O'Brien.

**Anniversaries:** Phill McDonough, Kevin Mugavin, Dawn Murnane, Max Paten, Vincent Griffin, Alex Smith, Thomas O'Keefe, John O'Keefe, Patricia (Pat) Conheady.

**Communal Discernment Weekend:** On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August members our Parish Pastoral Leadership Teams from each of the church communities will be travelling to Apollo Bay for a weekend of prayer and discernment.

Facilitated by Fr. Michael Smith S.J. at Star of the Sea Mercy Retreat Centre. Our community leaders will be engaged in strategic planning, discussing and reflecting on the long term pastoral goals and aspirations of the new Star of the Sea Parish. Parishioners can assist our leaders in this important task, through conveying to them their own goals and aspirations in the coming week ahead. Please pray for our PLT members and the success of the weekend.

**First Eucharist:** Students from St. Patrick's Port Fairy, St. Patrick's Koroit, St. John the Baptist's Dennington and St. Pius X West Warrnambool as well as other regional schools will be receiving first Eucharist next weekend. We congratulate our first communicants on taking this important step in their faith journey.

**Bishop's Visit:** On Friday the 11th of August Bishop Paul Bird CSsR visited Star of the Sea Parish to bless three buildings at St. Patrick's School Port Fairy, St. Patrick's School Koroit and Infant Jesus Church Koroit. A wonderful day was had by all and we thank Bishop Paul for his continued support of our parish and school communities.

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Three masses will be offered for the occasion:  
Mon, 14th at 6:00pm- St. Joseph's (Vigil)  
Tue, 15th at 10:00am-St. Pius X (School Mass)  
Tue, 15th at 10:00am- St. Patrick's Port Fairy  
May Our Lady of the Assumption pray for us.

**Baptism Sponsors:** Baptisms are a joyful occasion within the life of both our baptism families and our parish community.

Parish sponsors assist our baptism families by connecting with them prior to the baptism date, assisting them on the day of the baptism and supporting them through the process.

This is an important ministry in the life of our parish. If you are interested in being a baptism sponsor for your local community please contact the Parish Office.

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

**Parish Rosary Group:** Monday evenings for the month of August at St Joseph's 7.00pm. All welcome

**Prayer Group:** Tuesday's 1.00pm at St Pius X followed by Prayer Group meeting. Further information Parish Office

**Mothers Who Pray for their Children:** Please note our new meeting time of 10.45am each Friday at Infant Jesus Church Koroit.

**Life In The Spirit Seminar:** Discover a new way to invite the Holy Spirit into your life through Catholic teaching, self-reflection and prayer ministry. Beginning Monday 14th August, over 6 consecutive weeks 10.00am-11.30am at St Pius X. All welcome. Enq: Sandra Laird (0400 123 586)

**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**

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| St Patrick's | After 10:00am Tuesday Mass                        |
| OLHC         | After 10:00am Thursday Mass                       |
| St Joseph's  | After 10:00am Friday Mass                         |
| Infant Jesus | After 10:00am Friday Mass                         |
| St Pius X    | 5:00-6:00pm Friday<br>After 10:00am Saturday Mass |

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

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| Monday    | 6.00pm St. Joseph's<br>(Vigil of the Assumption)                            |
| Tuesday   | 10.00am St Pius X<br>(School Mass, all are welcome)<br>10.00am St Patrick's |
| Wednesday | 10.00am St Joseph's   |
| Thursday  | 10.00am Our Lady Help of Christians   |
| Friday    | 10.00am St Joseph's<br>10.00am Infant Jesus                                 |
| Saturday  | 10.00am St Pius X   |

**The Pope's Intention for August: For World Youth Day:** We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives

**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, 12<sup>th</sup> of September

