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PARISH PERSONNEL

Moderator	Fr John Fitzgerald
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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 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.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 2nd & 3rd September, 2023

The Synod of the Catholic Church
 Pope Francis points to eight characteristics of a synodal Church. We continue to examine one each week.
A Humble and Honest Church – A synodal Church acknowledges and seeks to atone for the wounds it has brought to others. It seeks to shatter the culture of clericalism that has wrought grievous harm by distorting the beautiful gift of priesthood into a possession or a caste, with all the sinfulness that such a sense of privilege brings with it. To be a trustworthy Church, transparency is going to need to be an essential component in every level and aspect.

Jubilee: We congratulate Fr Lawrie O'Toole and Fr Bill van de Camp who celebrate their 50 years of ordination to the priesthood this week. We thank them for their many years of fruitful ministry and hope they are enjoying their much deserved retirement.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests (Frs Barry Ryan, Michael Linehan, Bill van de Camp, Lawrie O'Toole). This annual collection allows the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. You can contribute using the **special envelope** provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

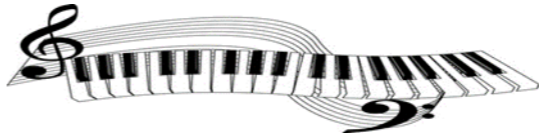
First Eucharist: Please remember the children and their families of Our Lady Help of Christians school who are celebrating the sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend.

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 baptism, assisting them on the day of the baptism and supporting them through the process. This is an important ministry in the parish. If you are interested in being a baptism sponsor for your local community please contact the Parish Office.

Meeting: Tuesday & Wednesday: DOBCEL (Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited) meet this week in Koroit. Fr John Fitzgerald is a Director of DOBCEL along with parishioner Terry Harney

Recent Deaths: Jeffrey Hare, John Conheady (Noorat), Mary Anderson

Anniversaries: Des Jackman, Peter Lenehan, Annie Peach



WARRNAMBOOL ORGAN FESTIVAL
 8th - 10th September
 Friday 7.30pm: Mozart Hall
 Paul Williamson, Hammond Combo supported by the Russian Osmonov Quintet
 Saturday 7.30pm: St Joseph's Church
 Faure's Requiem featuring organ and community choir
 Sunday 3.00pm: St Joseph's Church
 Rhys Boak Organ Recital
 Tickets through trybooking or at the door

Prayer for Fathers Day
 God of kindness and compassion, we are your children and you are Father to us all.
 We pray for all men who reflect your fatherly example:
 Those who are dads and grandads;
 step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;
 those who embrace their role as father;
 those who struggle with being fathers;
 those who are distanced from their children;
 those who have passed from this world;
 those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;
 those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.
 Give them all strength, comfort and peace. Amen

MacKillop Family Services: Throughout the region there continues to be a high demand for foster carers who can provide nurturing care and support for children in their local community full-time, short-term, or on weekends or school holidays. MacKillop supports foster carers with comprehensive training, ongoing advice, respite care and an around the clock helpline. If you think this is a role that you are ready for or for further information call 1300 791 677 or www.mackillop.org.au/fostercare



The Australian Boys Choir: The choir is embarking on its 2023 tour to Western Victoria and is thrilled to be singing at St Joseph's Church Tuesday 19th September 4.00-5.00pm. General admission \$35, Conc \$25 child (under 12) free. Tickets available at the door or book at www.australianboyschoir.com.au

Social Justice Statement: Listen, Learn, Love: A new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. For a copy of the Statement issued by the Australian Catholic Bishops please contact Parish Office

Anointing Mass: Thursday 7th September 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea at OLHC. This is for the whole parish. Please bring a plate. All are welcome.

Parish Rosary Group: Monday evenings for the month of September at OLHC 7.00pm. All welcome

Food Share: Seeking volunteers to drop off empty bags in designated areas and to collect, hopefully, full bags the following week. Organised by Warrnambool Christian Churches, for a date to be finalised in October/November, volunteers work in teams. Please contact Parish Office if interested or need further information

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 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	After 10:00am Saturday Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Tuesday	10.00am St. Pius X
Wednesday	10.00am St Joseph's Lay-led Assembly
Thursday	2.00pm Our Lady Help of Christians Anointing Mass
Friday	10.00am St Joseph's 10.00am Infant Jesus
Saturday	10.00am St Pius X

The Pope's Intention for September: For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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, 12th of September