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PARISH PERSONNEL

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

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.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7th & 8th October, 2023

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Star of the Sea Parish is looking for nominations for our soon to be formed, Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The purpose of a Parish Pastoral Council is to advise the parish priest on pastoral matters pertaining to the Parish.

This role involves, but is not limited to, representing the interests of one's own local church community, long term strategic planning and goal setting at the parish level and advising the parish priest on the particular pastoral needs within the parish. This role is different from membership within our present local Pastoral Leadership Teams (PLT) whose scope pertains mainly to one's particular church community.

The Parish is looking for PPC members who can work effectively within a team, who are innovative and enthusiastic about making a difference, flexible, open-minded and Christ-centred. If you know of parishioners who may fit this description, please fill out a Nomination Form and place it in the box located in your local Church foyer by Friday, 10th November. Thank you



Recent Deaths: Anna Hollingsworth, Mary Bagg
Anniversaries: Margaret Stainsby, Ted & Clare Gleeson, Jeannie Howland, Mary Lawlor, Graeme Mayne

Holy Water: Parishioners have been enquiring about the blessing with holy water on entering the Church. We made contact with the Bishop's Office during the week. As there has been no new directive from the Bishop on the matter, we should still be operating in line with previous directive of **no** Holy Water to be used in church fonts until further notice.

St Joseph's: All welcome to stay for a cuppa following 10.30am Mass today

St Pius X: Cuppa following Mass next Sunday



Clinical Pastoral Education: Part-time course being offered in 2024 (March to October). Further information Bernadette Wurlod 0455 033 321 or BWurlod@mercy.com.au

Parish Rosary Group: Monday evenings for the month of October at St Pius X 7.00pm. All welcome

Piety Stall: Wide range of gifts available, including Monastique range of skin care products from the Carmelite Sisters at St Patrick's Port Fairy. Contact Marita (0402 431 053)

Holy Hour: 10.00am every Monday at OLHC

Mothers Pray for their Children: 10.45am Friday's Infant Jesus

Meetings: Tuesday: Baptism Preparation 7.00pm (St Joseph's)
 Wednesday: Port Fairy PLT 7.00pm

Parish Vacancy

I write to inform you that our Parish Secretary for the past 13 years, Leanne McElgunn, has advised of her intending retirement on Friday 24th November.

Would there be anyone who may feel they could fill this vacancy? You may call at the Office to collect a role description. This is a full time role (9.00am - 4.00pm) but this could be negotiable.

There is also a part-time administrative position as well. The work load has increased for our administrative staff due to our larger Parish. The latter position would be a 0.4 or 0.5 position. (Fr John)

Reflection

For a Christian, love is the greatest and the most important virtue of all. Without it, all my words, no matter how wise and clever they may be, are just so much noise.

Without it, even if I had faith strong enough to work a miracle, that faith would be worthless.

Without it, all my deeds, even if they were the greatest ever done on this earth, would not do me the slightest bit of good.

Love means being patient and kind. It means never being jealous or boastful. It means never being rude or selfish. It means that I do not take offence easily. It means that I am not resentful. It means that I rejoice in the goodness of others and take no delight in their sins.

Love is not hard though it is tough. It means that I am always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love.

Love is the greatest of these.

Fr F McCarthy S.D.B



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.

Monday	10.00am St Joseph's Requiem Anna Hollingsworth RIP
Tuesday	10.00am St Pius X 10.00am St Patrick's
Wednesday	10.00am St Joseph's
Thursday	10.00am Our Lady Help of Christians
Friday	9.30am St Joseph's (Emmanuel Coll) 1.30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Requiem Mary Bagg RIP
Saturday	10.00am St Pius X

The Pope's Intention for October: For the Synod: We pray for the church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards peripheries of the world.

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, 10th of October
 Please phone Parish Office to book in.