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PARISH PERSONNEL

Moderator	Fr John Fitzgerald
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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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 4th & 5th October, 2023

Prayer for Peace

God of Compassion, we turn to you with heavy hearts as we consider the needs of your family. Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by you and called to live in peace and justice. We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of property and loss of human dignity. We are pained by so much suffering. We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place. Help your people find a way forward. Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face. We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home. God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen

Michael McGirr. Caritas Australia

Vicar General

Dear Friends, I write to advise that, because of health concerns, Fr Kevin Maloney will be concluding his responsibilities as Vicar General. Fr Kevin was appointed to this role in April 2018. Since then, he has fulfilled the varied tasks of Vicar General with great generosity. He has served as a member of the College of Consultors, the Personnel Board, the Catholic Development Fund Committee and the Professional Standards Panel, as well as chairing the Diocesan Finance Council and the Pastoral Planning Panel. On my behalf as bishop and on behalf of the diocese, I thank Fr Kevin for his dedicated service as Vicar General through these years.

Paul Bird CSsR

Recent Deaths: Tom Farley, Paul Williams, Siliana Nickes do Santos

Anniversaries: Greg Walsh, Kevin Walsh, Joyce Woodland, May Griffin, Phillip Paten, Harold Cahir, Frank Callaghan, Mary Jane Smith, Nicholas Smith, Nicholas John Smith, Alex Lowne, Zahyn Thnos, Matthew McNeil, Michael Dawson, William & Elizabeth Lawlor, Georgia Spetch, Michael & Mary O'Keefe, Harry Lindsey

Excerpts from General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to the People of God

...As Pope Francis requested two years ago, a long process of listening and discernment was initiated, open to all the People of God, no one being excluded, to 'journey together', under the guidance of the Holy Spirit...

For the first time, men and women have been invited, in virtue of their baptism, to sit at the same table to take part, not only in the discussions, but also in the voting process of this Assembly of the Synod of Bishops...we have humbly shared the wealth and poverty of our communities from every continent, seeking to discern what the Holy Spirit wants to say to the Church today...

Our Assembly took place in the context of a world in crisis, whose wounds and scandalous inequalities resonated painfully in our hearts...We prayed for the victims of deadly violence, without forgetting all those who have been forced by misery and corruption to take the dangerous road of migration.

...the Church absolutely needs to listen to everyone, starting with the poorest...It means listening to those who have been denied the right to speak in society or who feel excluded, even by the Church.

...Above all, the Church of our time has the duty to listen, in a spirit of conversion, to those who have been victims of abuse committed by members of the ecclesial body...The Church also needs to listen to the laity, women and men, to the enthusiasm of youth, to their questions and their pleas...The Church needs to listen to families...She needs to welcome the voice of those who want to be involved in lay ministries and to participate in discernment and decision-making structures...

Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish is looking for nominations of parishioners 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.

Anointing of the Sick: Sunday 12th November 11.00am Mass at St Anne's Purnim. All are welcome

St Patrick's: All welcome to stay for a cuppa following Mass today. The Piety Shop has Columban calendars for sale. Also available are religious items along with the Carmelite nuns range of skin care products Monastique. Enquiries Marita (0402 431 053)

Rosary for World Peace: For the month of November, Praying for world peace will continue Monday to Friday at St Joseph's 7pm

Holy Hour: 10.00am every Monday at OLHC

Food Share: Warrnambool Christian Churches are seeking volunteers to drop off empty bags in designated area Sunday 26th November and collect, hopefully, full bags Saturday 2nd December. If interested or need further information please contact Parish Office.

Community Christmas Day Lunch: Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, although for some this is not possible. You are invited to share Christmas Day lunch (12noon - 1.30pm) Monday 25th December at St Joseph's Church Hall. Bookings essential: Mary 0409158177 or Parish Office 5562 2231

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	2.00pm St Patrick's Requiem Paul Williams RIP
Tuesday	10.00am St. Pius X
Wednesday	10.00am St Joseph's
Thursday	10.00am Our Lady Help of Christians
Friday	10.00am St Joseph's 10.00am Infant Jesus
Saturday	10.00am St Pius X

The Pope's Intention for November: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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 of November
 Please phone Parish Office to book in.

