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PARISH PERSONNEL

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| <i>Moderator</i> | Fr John Fitzgerald |
| <i>Assistant Priest</i> | Fr Bill Lowry |
| <i>Assistant Priest</i> | Fr Abraham Thomas |
| <i>Parish Manager</i> | Tony Herbert |
| <i>Accounts Manager</i> | Louise Dryburgh |
| <i>Secretary</i> | Karen Johnson Virginia Martin Trisha McGinness |
| <i>Maintenance</i> | Pat Negri |

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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| <i>St John's Dennington</i> | Ben van de Camp |
| <i>St Patrick's Koroit</i> | Nick Murrell |
| <i>St Patrick's Port Fairy</i> | Olga Lyons |
| <i>St Joseph's W'bool</i> | Matthew O'Brien |
| <i>St Pius X W'bool West</i> | Stacey Atkins (Interim) |
| <i>OLHC W'bool East</i> | Stephen Madden |
| <i>Emmanuel College</i> | 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:

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| <i>Infant Jesus, Koroit</i> | Nick Murrell |
| <i>St Patrick's, Port Fairy</i> | Peter Sanderson |
| <i>St Joseph's, W'bool</i> | Anne Maree Mugavin |
| <i>St Pius X, W'bool West</i> | Karen Johnson |
| <i>OLHC, W'bool East</i> | 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

9th & 10th Dec, 2023

Season of Advent



Advent can be overwhelmed by the attraction of Christmas. Let's give some space to the Season of Advent. It's our spiritual pre-season training time during which we ready ourselves for the main game of Christmas and the Christmas Season.

St Vincent de Paul

We know that a growing number of local families, some with young children, are finding it very difficult to manage household expenses in today's economic climate. Our members and volunteers assist these families in a quiet and non-judgemental way, because we believe that every person deserves to have the basics, including time for family and fun. Children can't grow and develop properly without these things.

We simply couldn't do our good works without the generosity of our supporters. Items of food will be gladly accepted in each of the communities.

Human Rights Day

This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It was adopted on 10th December 1948 in Paris and is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being.

Community Christmas Day Lunch: 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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mary McKinnon (Wangoom) Harry Rentsch, Les Paten, Betty Lavell, Nell Braybrook, Harry Gore, Jill Kelly, Peter Kelly, Michael Lenehan, Annie Delaney (Nirranda), James Smith, Ray & Jim McNiece, Nic Zahakaynthnos, Val Creece, Barbara Mills, Clem Lourey, Harm Bakker, Rose Atkinson

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday Dec 23rd
 OLHC 6:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday Dec 24th
 Koroit 9:00am
 OLHC 9:00am
 St Joseph's 9:30am
 St Pius X 10:00am

NB: With Christmas Eve being on a Sunday, we have had to re-arrange the Sunday morning Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

St Joseph's - One Morning Mass at 9:30am
 Port Fairy - No Sunday Morning Mass (There is a Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Mass)

Christmas Eve (Vigil) Dec 24th
 St. Joseph's 5:00pm
 Our Lady Help of Christians (Outdoor Mass, Carols at 4:30pm) 5:00pm
 St. Patrick's Port Fairy 6:00pm
 Infant Jesus Koroit 6:30pm
 St. Pius X's 6:30pm
 St. Joseph's 8:00pm
 St. Anne's Purnim 8:00pm



Christmas Day Dec 25th
 Our Lady Help of Christians 9:00am
 St. Patrick's Port Fairy 9:30am
 St. Joseph's 9:30am

Anointing Mass
 Thursday 21st December St Joseph's at 2:00pm

Communal Reconciliation
 Tuesday 19th December St Joseph's at 7:30pm

OLHC: Monday Night Rosary: 7:00pm 11th and 18th Dec
OLHC : Holy Hour 10.00am every Monday
St Pius X: Morning Tea after Mass Sunday 17th Dec
St Joseph's : Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass today
St Patrick's: There will be a Christmas Tree at the back of the Church during Advent, which will have envelopes for donations for St Vincent de Paul.

Christmas Novena Masses

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for 'Night Mass') is a series of nine Masses celebrated in anticipation of Christmas. The Masses will predominantly be celebrated in English by Fr. Bill with some 'special guests' along the way. All parishioners are welcome 7:00pm from the 15th to the 23rd of December at St Joseph's.

RCIA: We welcome Andrew McCombe into the Catechumenate this morning 10:30am St Joseph's

Baptisms: We welcome Oliver Craven, Rex Craven, Hailey David, Poppy Roberts, Mia & Louis Bidmade into our Church community this weekend.

Carols of Compassion Friday 15th Dec at 1:00pm
 Liebig St - outside the Uniting Church Op Shop

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
 10:00am St Patricks

Wednesday 10:00am- St Joseph's

Thursday 10:00am Our Lady Help of Christians

Friday 9:00am St Joseph's (Emmanual Staff)
 10:00am Infant Jesus

Saturday 10.00am St Pius X

The Pope's intention for December – For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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 December Please phone Parish Office to book in.

