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PARISH PERSONNEL

<i>Moderator</i>	Fr John Fitzgerald
<i>Assistant Priest</i>	Fr Bill Lowry
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<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

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

Third Sunday of Advent

16th & 17th Dec, 2023

Season of Advent

On this Third Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist features. He makes it clear that his is a preparatory role. He is the one who makes the ground ready for the seed of faith to be sown. John sees himself as the preparer of the soil where Jesus will sow the seed of God's Word and make it become flesh through his own life and ministry.

Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness

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

We are invited: to listen to the Word of God
 to examine our conscience
 to repent of our sins
 to seek forgiveness of Almighty God

This is an excellent way to prepare for the upcoming feast of Christmas.

OLHC: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7:00pm Tues 21st Dec

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul are looking for volunteers to help in the Fairy Street Shop Please contact the Manager Danili on 55625274

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

Ordination

On Saturday morning, Cay Xuan Trinh was ordained a Deacon at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird. We ask God's blessing on Cay's ministry as a Deacon. He will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood in 2024

Recent Deaths: Dr Martin Koo (Adelaide) Joan O'Sullivan

Anniversaries: Patricia Beks, Des Munday, Bill Dunne (Snr), Rose Atkinson, Glenys Balchin, Leon Greene, Robert Roache, Norman Rowe, Patricia Smith, Karen & Thomas Scott, Vin Dalrymple

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 rearrange 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 5:00pm (Outdoor Mass, Carols at 4:30pm)
 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

OLHC: Monday Night Rosary: 7:00pm on 18th Dec
OLHC: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7:00pm Thurs 21st Dec

St Pius X: Morning Tea after Mass Sunday 17th Dec

St Joseph's: Thank you to all the Family Group volunteers for all your assistance with the monthly cuppa throughout the year. These will resume on the 2nd Sunday of February. (Geraldine Ryan)

St Brigid's Crossley: Sun 17th Dec BBQ at 5:30pm Carols at 6:30pm

Christmas Novena Masses

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for 'Night Mass') is a series of nine Masses celebrated in anticipation of Christmas. The Masses will 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.
 NB: Mass on Tuesday 19th will be at OLHC

Our Diocesan Community

In the latest issue of this publication there are articles by Fr Bill van de Camp, Fr Lawrence O'Toole and Fr Bill Lowry—a good read.

A gentle reminder for parishioners to write the amount on the outside of the Planned Giving Envelopes. Thank you.

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 Patrick's
Wednesday 10:00am- St Joseph's
Thursday 10:00am Our Lady Help of Christians
 2:00pm St Joseph's Anointing Mass
Friday 10:00am St Joseph's
 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.

