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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
<i>Maintenance</i>	Trisha McGinness 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:

<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.

First Sunday of Advent

2nd & 3rd 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.

The Old Testament prophecies of hope and deliverance which we read in Advent, did not come at the hour of Israel's triumph - they were born from defeat and exile. John the Baptist comes from desolation of the desert to proclaim the coming of the Lord. And the Lord of all the earth is born in poverty and obscurity

Ballarat Catholic Development Fund (BCDF)

Bishop Paul Bird has announce that the BCDF and the Melbourne, Sale and Bunbury Catholic Development Fund (CDF) have agreed to merge.

'I sincerely thank all the customers who have made deposits with CDF Ballarat. By doing so they have provided a pool of resources from which parishes, schools and other Catholic organisations can draw, to serve our Catholic and wider community. This support will continue to be important from a larger Fund, as we meet the needs of our Diocese while delivering on the collective mission of the Church'

Bishop Paul Bird

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

School Masses this Week

Monday	9:30am	St Patrick's Port Fairy
"	11:35am	St Patrick's Koroit
Wednesday	12:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians
Friday	10:00am	St Joseph's W'bool

NB: Masses are also being celebrated in our Aged Care Homes

Recent Deaths: John 'Jack' Daffy, Dennis Frazer, Geoff Bagg
Anniversaries: Mary Regan, Nora Forrest, Lew Sommerville, Michael Lanigan

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

OLHC: After the Anointing Mass 2:00pm Thursday, come along to meet Santa (with Chocolates!) and stay for Afternoon Tea. Please bring a plate to share

Monday Night Rosary: OLHC 7:00pm on 4th, 11th and 18th Dec

Holy Hour: OLHC 10.00am every Monday

Carols of Compassion

Friday 15th December at 1:00pm
 Liebig St - outside the Uniting Church Op Shop
 Join us to sing for **Compassion** this Christmas Season
 Our message of **Peace** is for **All People**, including those who come to us seeking Asylum

Carols on the Green:

Civic Green, Friday 15th December at 7.00pm

**International Volunteers Day – December 5, 2023
 Blessing Prayer for Volunteers**

God of glory,
 your beloved Son has shown us that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts.

Bless our volunteers who have responded to the needs of our parish and wish to commit themselves to your service. Grant that their ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

<i>St Patrick's</i>	After 10:00am Tuesday Mass
<i>OLHC</i>	After 10:00am Thursday Mass
<i>St Joseph's</i>	After 10:00am Friday Mass
<i>Infant Jesus</i>	After 10:00am Friday Mass
<i>St Pius X</i>	After 10:00am Saturday Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

<i>Tuesday</i>	10:00am- St. Pius X 12.00pm- St Joseph's Requiem Mass (Dennis Frazer)
<i>Wednesday</i>	10:00am- St Joseph's
<i>Thursday</i>	1:00pm- St Joseph's Requiem Mass (John 'Jack' Daffy) 2:00pm Our Lady Help of Christians Anointing Mass
<i>Friday</i>	10:00am St Joseph's 2:00pm Infant Jesus (Anointing Mass)
<i>Saturday</i>	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.

