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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	Tegan McDonald
St Patrick's Port Fairy	Olga Lyons
St Joseph's W'bool	Matthew O'Brien
St Pius X W'bool West	Nick Murrell
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, 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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 27th & 28th January 2024

Why do Catholics Genuflect when they enter a Church?
From time to time we shall highlight some of our rituals and where and how they commenced. These are common questions that adults ask when enquiring about being initiated into the Church

Historically speaking, the act of genuflecting on one knee comes from court etiquette and was done while in the presence of a medieval king or noble. It was a sign of respect as well as a pledge of service.

Christians adopted this custom over time, and it became fully integrated into the liturgy of the Roman Rite by the 16th century. The left knee was always used to give reverence to a king and so to distinguish the Christian usage of the custom, Christians would genuflect in Church on the right knee to God.

God has always been known to Jews and Christians as a king who is rich in mercy and boundless in love. To give honor to that 'King of Love,' Christians thought it fitting to pay respect and honor to him by genuflecting every time they entered his 'court.'

Lenten Program
'Living in Harmony': This Lenten resource is looking at the growing need for harmony in our world. The authors open up the Sunday readings and provide us with probing questions – to build a vital and dynamic response of Christian harmony. The program can be used as a group resource or for individuals. If you wish to be part of a group or purchase a book for individual reflection, please contact Parish Office (5562 2231).
 Book \$8

Recent Deaths: Beverly Turner (nee O'Donnell), Ray Jackman, Trevor Conlan, Lorraine Purcell, Brigid McArdle, Adam Bennett, Des Barker

Anniversaries: Kevin Lynch, Irvine Guy, Des Delaney, Jack Kane, Peter Hilliard, Paul Hilliard, Frank Keegan, Brian Crichton, Joe Harney, Barry Kelly and Joe Harney

Feast Day of St. Brigid of Kildare at St. Brigid's Crossley
 On Thursday the 1st of February at 5:30pm the Friends of St. Brigid's will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass in honour of the many dedicated volunteers who help in support of the great local events at St. Brigid's and the upkeep of the Hall and Church.

Everyone is welcome to join in and celebrate the heritage and legacy of this cultural icon, with the Mass (with live music) and the subsequent dinner. Please bring a 'plate' to share, for the celebrations to be had following Mass.

St Pius X: Rosary Group Mondays at 7:00pm. All welcome.

Healthy School Lunch Program: Would you like to help? Our aim is to prepare and deliver 60 lunches per week across three primary schools in Warrnambool.

Lunches to be prepared at St Pius X Hall kitchen, delivered to the schools by the team of volunteers and distributed to children in need through the school wellbeing centres.

We have several generous sponsors including donations of fruit, bread, cheese and butter and a small community grant to cover additional needs. We now need a team of people willing to make sandwiches! Thank you in anticipation.

The program is due to start the second week of the school term.
 Contact Katrina at: admin@wncc.org.au or manager@wncc.org.au
 Warrnambool Neighbourhood Community Centre. Ph: 55 614 624

OLHC: Men's Breakfast on 3rd Feb at 7:30am. No need to book, all welcome.

Infant Jesus: 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' resumes on Fridays at 10:45am in the Church Hall. All most welcome

St Patrick's: The Piety Shop calendars, cards and religious items for sale. Enquiries Marita 0402 431 053

Baptisms: This weekend we welcome Lucia Pinto into our community.

Weddings: Congratulations to Joaquina Da Jesus Barreto & Alcina Pinto on their Wedding this weekend.

Thank You
 St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Koroit/Port Fairy would like to thank the parishioners of Koroit and Port Fairy who generously donated \$845.00 to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal.

Opening School Masses: SAVE THE DATE!

Mon, January 29 th at 9.00am-	School Network Opening Mass Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Fri, February 2 nd at 10.00am-	St. Pius X
Wed, February 7 th at 10.00am-	St. John's St. Pius X Church
Fri, February 9 th at 12:30pm-	St. Patrick's (Port Fairy)
Wed, February 14 th at 9:30am-	Our Lady Help of Christians
Wed, February 14 th at 10.00am-	St. Patrick's (Koroit)

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	9:00am Our Lady Help of Christians School Network Opening Mass 10:00am St Joseph's Requiem Mass: Lorraine Purcell RIP
Tuesday	10:00am St Pius X 11:00am St Joseph's Requiem Mass: Brigid McArdle RIP 1:00pm St Patrick's Funeral Liturgy: Trevor Conlan RIP
Wednesday	10:00am St Joseph's
Thursday	10:00am Our Lady Help of Christians 5:30pm St Brigid's Crossley Friends of St Brigid's Volunteers Mass
Friday	10:00am St Joseph's 10:00am St Pius X Opening School Mass 1:00pm St Patrick's Port Fairy Requiem Mass: Desmond Barker RIP
Saturday	10.00am St Pius X

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, 13th February
 Please phone the Parish Office to book in.

