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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

Moderator	Fr John Fitzgerald
Assistant Priest	Fr Bill Lowry
Assistant Priest	Fr Abraham Thomas
Business Manager	Tony Herbert
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Maintenance	Pat Negri
Admin Team	Karen Johnson Virginia Martin Trisha McGinness

**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

**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.

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 6th & 7th January, 2024

**Epiphany Blessings**

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Blessings, otherwise known as *Chalking the Door*, have been around since Medieval times, where Christians following the Biblical precedent of the ancient Israelites chalking their doors with the initials of the three wise men. Parishioners are invited to take home blessed chalk and Epiphany water from the churches (this weekend and next) and bless their homes. Alternatively, Fr Bill will be available for Epiphany blessings through the month of January by appointment through the Parish Office.

**Prayer of Blessing**

Let us pray. Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We will praise you for the gift of Jesus your Son, the Light of the world. May your blessing be upon us as we carry this chalk to our homes. May its mark on our doorposts be a sign of your protection and of the presence of the Light of Christ in our homes. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen



C = Caspar M = Melchior B = Balthasar

**Recent Deaths:** Barry Shaw, Yvonne McGinness, Peter Murray, Lamberto Espiritu, Fr Albert Yelds, Sr Mary Hickey (Eunice) S.G.S,

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Ryan, Cyril McNamara, Lance Carter, Michelle Gleeson-Hand, Greg Liddy, Betty Thompson

**Thank You: Volunteers and Staff**

It's important for us to appreciate the people involved in keeping this community of faith vibrant and flourishing. On behalf of the priests and the whole parish community we thank most sincerely all who assisted and supported the mission and outreach of the parish throughout 2023. Without the commitment and generosity of so many volunteers in a broad variety of ministries and roles, our parish could not function.  
 N.B If you wish to be personally involved in any of our various ministries then please contact the Parish Office.

**Bishop's Christmas Appeal**

**This weekend**

'This Appeal is a way the Diocese can respond to some communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. I thank the people of the diocese for their support of last year's Appeal.' Bishop Paul Bird

**What's On in the South-West Coast**

The new *What's On* handout and Calendar are now available in the church gathering spaces. This three-month calendar and outline of events provides information on the various happenings within the parish. This will be published every three months and will act as a 'compliment' to the parish bulletin.  
 If you would like any future events or functions to feature in April's *What's On* please contact the Parish Office

**St Pius X:**  
 Rosary - Mondays during January at 7:00pm  
 Volunteers are needed and most welcome to help with Church cleaning. Please contact the Office 5562 2231

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

**Baptisms:**  
 We welcome into our community this weekend Jagger Moyne

**St Joseph's:**  
 New Card players welcome to come to play Euchre, Solo and other card games in St Joseph's Hall. Commencing again on Tuesday 9th January at 1:00pm

**Rite of Election 2024:**  
 Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

**Mass of the Oils 2024:**  
 Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month;  
 Assembly of the Word with Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

**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	10:00 St Pius X 10:00 St Patricks
Wednesday	10:00 St Joseph's 11:00 St Patricks (Peter Murray) RIP
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 January**  
**For the gift of diversity:**  
 Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gifts of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**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, 9th January  
 Please phone Parish Office to book in.