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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

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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.

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 3rd & 4th February 2024

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Early last year an invitation was extended by Bishop Paul Bird to all the parishes of the Diocese to establish a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Within Star of the Sea Parish we have successfully established five Parish Leadership Teams (PLT's), who along with our existing Parish Finance Council (PFC) have represented their local communities and addressed particular pastoral needs and funding.

A clear need has arisen within our community, for a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) to act as a consultative body for the parish priest on pastoral needs effecting the whole parish community. This Council would also engage in long term strategic planning and pastoral goal setting.

The process of finding and electing members for this body began last year in August with our Communal Discernment Weekend for parish leaders in Apollo Bay.

This event ignited the desire to find passionate and discerning leaders for our PPC. Last November we began the process of asking for nominations from both the PLT's and the broader parish community.

In January our elected members were notified and will now take up their roles beginning with the Council's first meeting on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. Meetings will be every two months at each of the church communities and nominations for the Council will take place every two years. Along with the priests, the members of the new Parish Pastoral Council are listed here below:

Finance Council Representative (tbc)	Gabrielle Ewing	
Olga Lyons	Rebecca James	Roger Cussen
Crissie Clarke	Maryanne Evans	Timothy Keane

Star of the Sea Parish would like to thank most sincerely those who accepted nomination for the PPC whether elected or not. It takes great courage and generosity to put up your hand for a position of responsibility within the life of the Parish.

If you would like to see a copy of the PPC charter or ask any further questions about its role or function please contact the Parish Office.

**Recent Deaths:** Anne Lynch, Shane Kirchner, Fr Kevin Bates, Maree (Goonan) Lyons and Therese Ryan

**Anniversaries:** Kevin (KM) Lynch, Peter Hilliard, Paul Hilliard, Lucy O'Toole, Jean O'Keefe, Nora Girolestone, Kevin McGrath, Tom Skinner, Ivy Blair, Norm Paton, Wendy Gore, Mary Healey, Brian Junck, Adele Henderson and Jack Douglas

**Lenten Prayer and Devotion**

**Holy Hour For Reconciliation and Peace**

OLHC: Each Sunday at 7:00pm. Commences 18th Feb  
 This will involve exposition of the blessed sacrament, Taizé chant, readings, reflections and the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Join in prayerful solidarity this Lent with those deprived of peace and allow the true prince of peace to reign in your life as well.

**Stations of the Cross**

Each Friday evening during Lent at 7:30pm at St Joseph's and Infant Jesus. Please join us.

*Check the church notice board for more information on these programs*

**Lenten Scripture Groups**

This year there are two Lenten programs to choose from:

**The Resurrected Life:** Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm at St Pius X Church, beginning Web 14<sup>th</sup>. This group will be reflecting on the Sunday readings of Lent.

Please purchase your copy for \$6 at the parish office and RSVP for the group by Mon February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Living in Harmony:** This Lenten resource, is looking at the growing need for harmony in our world. The program can be used as a group resource or for individuals. If you wish to purchase a book (\$8) for individual reflection or be part of a group, please contact the Parish Office

**Mothers who Pray for their Children**

Mothers who Pray for their Children will be hosting their first National Conference on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> in East Melbourne. Mrs. Marita Flanagan, our local chapter leader, is helping coordinate local mothers who wish to attend.

RSVP by Tue, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 at, [mothersconferenceaus@gmail.com](mailto:mothersconferenceaus@gmail.com) or contact Marita on 0402 431 053

**Baptisms:** This weekend we welcome Fletcher Rea, Harry Lane and Kayla Cuevas into our community.

**Weddings:** Congratulations to Kayla Dooley & Jake Psaila on their Wedding this weekend.

**St Joseph's:** Rosary Mondays at 7:00pm

**Holy Water**

The Bishop has given his blessing for Holy Water to be used in Churches from now on.

Any parishioner who has concerns, need not use the Water from the font.

**Opening School Masses: SAVE THE DATE!**

Wed February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am St. Pius X Church *St. John's Dennington*  
 Fri February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm St. Patrick's *Port Fairy*

**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	10:00am St Pius X
	10:00am St Patricks
	11.00am St Joseph's Therese Ryan RIP
Wednesday	10:00am St Joseph's
Thursday	10:00am Our Lady Help of Christians
Friday	10:00am St Joseph's 10:00am Infant Jesus
Saturday	10.00am St Pius X

**Pope's intention for February**

**For the terminally ill:** Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

**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

