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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	
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.

**First Sunday of Lent**  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Lenten Prayer and Devotion**

On Wednesday it was pleasing to see many parishioners, including children, gathered to celebrate Ash Wednesday. It is not a stand-alone day, it is part of a process. It marks the beginning of Lent, which in turn prepares for the central Christian remembrance of Jesus' death and rising from the dead at Easter. Belief in Jesus, who died and rose for our salvation, lies at the heart of Christian faith.

**Project Compassion**

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness - raising Appeal. Caritas works with people living in the most vulnerable situations around the world and helps to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Please take home a Project Compassion box or envelope with you.

**Stations of the Cross**

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

**OLHC:** Holy Hour for Reconciliation and Peace during Lent. Sundays at 7:00pm.

**World Day of Prayer**  
2024 Palestine

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2:00pm at the Uniting Church Warrnambool.  
This year the women of **Palestine** have put together the Service.

There are over 5 million Palestinians living today in Palestine and Israel. Of these only 2% are Christian, among a majority of Muslims.

There is a perception/belief around the world that the women in the Middle East region are passive, silent and non-influential. However, both historically and in modern time they are active in tilling the land. With many men killed, Palestinian women have become sole providers, protecting their children and homes.

Many Palestinian women have become prominent figures in society.

**Recent Deaths:** Les Fitzgerald (Shepparton), Michael O'Leary, David Matthews, Michael Keane (Ireland) and Judy O'Keefe (nee Condon)

**Anniversaries:** Annie Lindsey, Robert McDougall, Gordon Esam, Clarice Robinson, Peter Crowe, Graeme Murrphy, Marie Woonton and Christopher Doyle.

**Commemorative Artwork**

An invitation to interested members of our Parish, of all ages and skills, to co-create an artwork to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Meeting on Thursday 22nd Feb in St Joseph's Gathering Space at 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Contact Merran Koren Ph: 0438 872 510  
Email: c.m.koren@bigpond.com or Anna Schlooz Ph: 0407 569 147

**Mission: Transforming Lives**

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives. Bishop Paul has written a letter of endorsement for the work of Palms Australia. Learn more at <https://palms.org.au/> or ph. 02 9560 5333,

Join the Mission Webinar on March 5, 2024, from 6.00pm – 6.30pm <https://palms.org.au/event/global-development-webinar/>

Join the two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 <https://palms.org.au/encounters/timor-leste-cultural-encounter/>

See Poster and Bishop's Letter on the Bulletin Board

**Zone Meeting;** This Tuesday - Priests and Pastoral Associates

**Baptisms:** Remy Quinlan and Harley Sheridan are welcomed into our community this weekend.

**Rosary** - St Joseph's Mondays at 7:00pm. All welcome.

**OLHC:** Men's Breakfast March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30am  
Guest Speaker: Dedy Friebe. Talking about Music Ministry

**St Patricks:** The Piety Shop is open after Mass for religious items and cards. Enquiries Marita 0402 431 053

**Infant Jesus:** 'Mothers who pray for their Children' on Fridays at 10:45pm. All most welcome.

**St Pius X:** Confessions Tuesday 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
Morning Tea after Mass today.

**St Vincent de Paul Lenten Appeal**

17/18 Feb - Cereal	24/25 Feb -Spaghetti/ Baked Beans
2/3 March - Tinned Fruit	9/10 March -Pasta/ Pasta Sauce
16/17 March -Tea/ Coffee	23/24 March -Tinned Soup

**Looking for Volunteers**

**OLHC:** Sacristans, OH&S representative  
Please contact a member of the PLT or Paul Torpy 0402 351 059

**St Joseph's & OLHC**  
Choir singers for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. Contact Parish Office

**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> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month

**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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

Tuesday	10:00am	St Pius X
Wed	10:00am	St Joseph's
Thursday	10:00am	OLHC
	10:00am	Infant Jesus
Friday	10:00am	St Joseph's
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, 12th March  
Please phone the Parish Office to book in.

