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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

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| Moderator        | Fr John Fitzgerald                                   |
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| Accounts Manager | Louise Dryburgh                                      |
| Maintenance      | Pat Negri  |
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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:

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| 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.

**Easter Sunday**  
 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**The Easter Triduum**

**REFLECTIONS OF THE EASTER SYMBOLS**

“We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ for he is our salvation, our life and resurrection; through him we are saved”

**MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Washing of the feet/hands:** Humility, Love and Service  
**Eucharist:** Christ’s Gift to us

**THE LORD’S PASSION**

**Veneration of the Cross:** Embracing the Mystery of the Cross

**THE EASTER VIGIL**

**Pascal Candle:** Christ, the Light of the World  
**Word of God:** God’s activity throughout History  
**Baptism:** New Life in Christ  
**Eucharist:** The ultimate Sign of our Belonging to the Church

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

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|--------------|------------------|
| St Joseph’s  | 8:30am & 10:30am |
| Infant Jesus | 9:00am           |
| St Pius X    | 10:00am          |
| St Anne’s    | 10:00am          |

**NB:** No 6:00pm Mass at St Joseph’s

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Andrew McCombe** who was welcomed into our Catholic faith community during the Easter Vigil at St Joseph’s. You are invited to stay for refreshments following Mass to welcome Andrew into our faith community.

**Recent Deaths:** Lawrence Purcell (Ballarat), Margaret Kane, Truusje Keane

**Anniversaries:** Monica Lucas, David Lenahan, Denis McKimmie, Joseph Pye, George Coffey, Philomena Coffey, Noela Whitehead, Matthew Cahir, Patrick O’Toole, Kevin McDowall, Peter Carey

**An Easter with a Special Anniversary**  
 (Part of Bishop Paul’s Easter Message)

This Easter, our diocese will be marking a special anniversary. It was on March 30 1874, that Pope Pius IX issued a decree establishing the Diocese of Ballarat.

The 150th anniversary will occur on March 30, which in 2024 happens to be Holy Saturday. When we celebrate the Easter Vigil this year, we might well remember that the risen Jesus has been with us as a diocesan community for the past 150 years. He has been with us through the joys and struggles of these years and he promises to remain with us always.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

This year Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on Sunday 7 April at 10:00am at the regular Mass at St Pius X Church  
 2:00pm Holy Hour (with rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet)  
 3:00pm Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image followed by Solemn Benediction. Confessions from 2:00 to 3:00pm

**Baptisms:** Milly Buchanan, Olivia Dwyer, Daniel Dwyer and Junior Males are welcomed into our community this week.

**Rosary** for April on Monday evenings at St Pius X at 7:00pm

**St John of God Ladies Auxiliary Market Day**  
 Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am to 1:00pm Rear Car Park, Wentworth Street. All proceeds go to refurbishing the Palliative Care Rooms.

**The Paschal Candle**

The Paschal Candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the Candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of his Mother. The wick signifies his humanity, the flame his Divine Nature. During the Easter Vigil the minister carries the Candle in procession into the darkened Church. Then the peoples’ tapers are lit and the Church is suddenly full of light. The Candle is lit during the 50 days of the Easter Season.



During the year the Candle is lit for baptism and funeral services; it is placed next to the coffin during the funeral Mass. In this way it symbolizes baptism as a death and resurrection in Christ, and also testifies to Christian hope in the resurrection. The Easter Candle is lit each day during Mass throughout the Paschal Season. After Pentecost it is left next to the baptismal font.

*My intention, in the symbolism on the Candle, is to show how the Resurrection of Christ triumphs over suffering and death. The colour of purple recedes and gives way to the vibrant reds and gold symbolism of the Resurrection. (Mareta – the artist)*

**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> Sunday 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  
 St Pius X After 10:00am Saturday Mass  
 5:00pm- 6:00pm Tuesday

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

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| Tuesday | 10.00am St Pius X  |
| Wed     | 1:00pm St Joseph’s<br>Margaret Kane RIP                    |
| Thur    | 10:00am OLHC<br>10:00am St Joseph’s<br>Bernard Purcell RIP |
| Fri     | 10:00am St Joseph’s<br>10:00am Infant Jesus                |
| Sat     | 10:00 St Pius X  |

**Pope’s intention for March**

**March – for new Martyrs:** Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. Lord, hear us.

**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 April  
 Please phone the Parish Office to book in.

