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**PARISH PERSONNEL**

Moderator	Fr John Fitzgerald
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Admin Team	Karen Johnson Virginia Martin Trisha McGinness

**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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Whole Parish Celebration**  
**Sunday (today) May 5<sup>th</sup> St Joseph's 10:30am Mass**

After Mass we will gather in St Joseph's Hall for Brunch. Come along and enjoy this first Star of the Sea Parish community celebration. Please bring a 'plate' to share.

**Our Parish Tree of Life**

Star of the Sea Parish 'Tree of Life' commemorative art work to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. Parishioners were asked what it means to be part of our parish community.

The themes on these images represent some of their ideas. The words on the calico strips are part of our inspiration.

You are invited to write your prayers on them, keeping in mind the scripture verse chosen for this special time:

“Be joyful in Hope,  
 Patient in Affliction  
 Faithful in Prayer”

Our hope is the metal infrastructure may be used as a base for all church communities and schools in our parish as they celebrate special events during this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

May this year be a season of renewal for our diocese, our community of communities from the Murray to the Sea.

Fr Tom Brophy RIP died last Sunday at his retirement home (Justin Villa). His funeral is this Monday at 10:00am at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Fr Tom spent time as an assistant priest in St Joseph's Parish. Livestream link for the Funeral Mass is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1XY3pjf9z0>

**Recent Deaths:** Maureen McLaren, Fr Tom Brophy, Joseph Ryan (Terang), Mark Mugavin, Tomas de Costa Belo (East Timor) Judith Holzer, Katherine de Vries

**Anniversaries:** Francesco and Antonina Mammone, Ray King, Frank Paten, David Esam, John Pickett, Bernadette Motteray, Lance Hall, Jack Ryan, Gerry Ryan John Ryan Ron Earl, Mary Clancy

**Mother's Day Concert**  
**Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra**  
 Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's Church 2:30pm  
 Tickets available: Lighthouse Theatre Box Office, at the door or [www.lighthouse theatre.com.au](http://www.lighthouse theatre.com.au) Adult \$35 Conc \$30, under18 Free

It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother's Day during this Marian month of May. As we honour the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honour our earthly mothers and those who are 'mothers' to many.

On Mother's Day, let us pray for all our mothers.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost.

The theme for the Week of Prayer in 2024 was chosen by a working group from Burkina Faso in Africa: "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27).

**Refugee Week - 16 - 22 June**

To help support the Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Pilot, the film Peace by Chocolate will be shown on Thurs June 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the Capitol Cinema Centre. Tickets \$20

<https://www.trybooking.com/CRIPM>

Tickets can be purchased at the link above, or if you'd rather pay by cash, text Katherine, 0459 615 564 (CRISP Coordinator)

**Racing Mass Thank You.**

A big thank you to all who helped with the Racing Mass and morning tea last weekend.

**St Patrick's:** Piety Shop at Port Fairy has a range of gifts for all occasions. Contact Marita 0402 431 053

**Infant Jesus:** The re-scheduled **Anointing Mass** will be this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2:00pm.

**St Pius X:** Bible Studies Wednesday nights at 7:00pm

**OLHC:** Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am

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

The **Annual Diocesan Mass Count** takes place over the four week-ends in May. Would the Collectors take responsibility for this. Thank you

**Kepler/Lava St Roundabout Road Works**

The Warrnambool City Council are rebuilding the Kepler/Lava St roundabout beginning May 13<sup>th</sup>. This will bring the intersection in line with other roundabouts with pedestrian priority and is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. Be aware of possible disruptions to parking and traffic flow over this period.

**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  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (Eucharist)  
 \*All other Sundays  
 Assembly of the Word with Communion

**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.**

Mon	10:30am OLHC Maureen McLaren RIP
Tuesday	10.00am St Pius X 11:00am St Patrick's Kath de Vries RIP
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thur	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's 2:00pm Infant Jesus Anointing Mass
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

**Pope's intention for May**

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

**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, 14th May  
 Please phone the Parish Office to book in.

