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PARISH PERSONNEL

Parish Priest	Fr John Fitzgerald
Assistant Priest	Fr Bill Lowry
Business Manager	Dennis Farley (Interim)
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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	Leisa McCosh
St Patrick's, Port Fairy	Peter Sanderson
St Joseph's, W'bool	Matthew O'Brien
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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

24/25 August 2024

Formation Day (today) for Leaders within our Faith Communities

We welcome members from the various parishes of the south west coast region to the Star of the Sea, Parish.

We also welcome **Fr Justin Driscoll** who will facilitate today's workshop on Leadership and Governance.

Schedule

- 10:30am Mass followed by refreshments in St Joseph's Hall
- 12:15pm Welcome and first session
- 1:15pm Lunch
- 1:45pm Second session
- 3:00pm Break
- 3:15pm Final session with closing prayer

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Collection for Retired Priests

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US
The Church Community's Responsibility
Sunday, 1st September

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. This Annual Collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support **seventeen** of our retired priests, including Frs Michael Linehan, Lawrie O'Toole and Bill van de Camp...

Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available. Please place on collection plate over the next couple of weeks. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Receipts will be issued to those who give \$10.00 or more.

Reception of Communion

Bishop Paul says: '... a number of people have asked about arrangements for the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue and sharing the chalice. Covid infections are still a concern and we can reduce the risk of infections by continuing the present provisions regarding Holy Communion.

In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising risks and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.'

Baptism

For people of faith, baptism is about welcoming, belonging and beginning a new life as a child of God. It is the first step in a life-long journey as a child of God, a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of a Christian community of faith, the Church.



When a baby is baptised, parents undertake to raise their daughter or son in the practice of the Christian faith within a Catholic community.

St Joseph's: Bible study Wednesday's: 7:00pm at St Joseph's

St Patrick's: The Piety Shop has gifts of all sorts for your spiritual needs. Contact 0402 431 053

Infant Jesus: 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' Fridays at 10.45am. South West Co-ordinator Marita 0402 431 053

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am

Men's Breakfast Saturday 7th Sept at OLHC 7:00am

Rosary for September Mondays at 7:00pm at OLHC

Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4 each year. Resources for the celebration of the season are available from the diocesan website.

Our Diocesan Community

ODC is available to take home and read. Please pick up a copy in the Church Foyers.

CRISP Fundraiser

The CRISP team are at the stage of fundraising to enable matching with a second refugee household. Anyone wishing to donate can do so via the link or QR code. Tax deductible receipts are provided.



<https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/StaroftheSeaParish2>

Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day

The launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" will be launched on Sept 7 at Ss Michael and John's Horsesham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr.

The New Website

Now available for viewing at www.southwestcoastparish.com.au. If you wish to receive the bulletin via email, please open the website, scroll to the bottom of the front page and submit your email details.

Recent Deaths: Margaret Pickett, Fernando Freitas, Veronica McGifford, Ailsa Donohue

Anniversaries: Anne McKenna, Bridie Ritchie, Gerry O'Brien, Tom Smith, Michael Pye, Richard Lourey, Patrick Lourey, Margaret Reid nee Lourey, Manuel Da Costa Cab Do Rosario, Laurinda Dos Santos

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

6:00pm OLHC, Warrnambool East

Sunday Morning

- 9:00am Infant Jesus, Koroit
- 9:00am St Pius X, Warrnambool West
- 10:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
- 10:30am St Patrick's, Port Fairy
- 6:00pm St Joseph's Warrnambool
- *11:00am St Anne's, Purnim
2nd Sunday of the month (Eucharist)
*All other Sundays
Assembly of the Word with Communion

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

- Tues 10:30am St Pius X
(Veronica McGifford RIP)
- Wed 10:00am St Joseph's
- Thur 11:00am St Patrick's
(Ailsa Donohue RIP)
- Fri 10:00am St Joseph's

Pope's Intention for August

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor. Lord, hear us.

Baptisms

An information session takes place at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.

Next session: Tues 10th Sept
Please phone the Parish Office to book.

