



Star of the Sea Parish South West Coast

★ Infant Jesus, Koroit ★ St Patrick's, Port Fairy ★ St Anne's, Purnim ★ St Joseph's, Warrnambool ★
★ Our Lady Help of Christians, Warrnambool East ★ St Pius X, Warrnambool West ★

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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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7//8 Sept 2024

Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, by people within the Catholic Church.

With this year's theme "Every Conversation Matters", we are reminded that every conversation about safeguarding matters. The Church makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly

Children and adults at risk are more likely to raise concerns and issues in an organisation that empowers and listens to them, and creating space for children and adults to have a say in decisions that affect them is an integral part of every safe organisation.

Parish Safeguarding

Bishop Paul Bird writes:
In April this year, our Professional Standards Office sent Parishes a new safeguarding training module called "Safetrac", requesting that this training be completed by those parishioners who have been nominated by Parishes as having particular ministries in the Parish that require them to do this basic training.

I'm pleased to say that a large number of people have completed this training, either online or on paper, and I thank all those who have done so. However, a small number of people nominated by Parishes have yet to complete the training, even after several reminders!

In view of the importance of this training, I have decided that the time has come to set a deadline for this training to be completed. I ask that all those who have been nominated by their Parishes for this training complete the training by **October 31** this year. If any do not complete the training by that date, they should suspend their ministry in the Parish until they complete the training.

Mr Michael Myers can assist with any questions about how to complete the training online or on paper. Ph. 5337 7121. or email michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Welcome Home

Fr Bill returns this weekend from his break. We hope his time away was refreshing and relaxing.



Baptism Requirements

With an understanding of baptism and of the role of godparents as 'faith mentors' it makes sense that they themselves must be mature Catholic people of faith.

Given the serious responsibilities undertaken, the Church requires a number of things from godparents:

- A child to have at least one godparent
- A godparent to be a fully initiated Catholic; that is they have celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, and lead a life of faith
- A person who is not Catholic may participate as a witness rather than a godparent
- A godparent to be at least 16 years of age

St Joseph's: Morning tea after Mass today
Bible study Wednesday's: 7:00pm

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

St Pius X: Cup of tea after Mass next week

Rosary for September Mondays at 7:00pm at OLHC

Baptisms: This weekend Jonathan Bosi and Nathaniel Lopez will be welcomed into our faith community.

Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot

CRISP New Fundraiser

Star of the Sea CRISP team are at the stage of fundraising to enable matching with a second refugee household. If you are interested in helping either financially or joining others in the parish to help with their resettlement, please see the links below. Tax deductible receipts are provided. Katherine 0459 615 564.



<https://refugeesponsorship.org.au>
<https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/StaroftheSeaParish2>

Roof Replacement at St Joseph's

The slate roof on St Joseph's Church is presently having all the tiles replaced. This is due to the damaged caused over the past few months by the fierce winds.

Collection for Retired Priests

Thanks to those who have already made a contribution and if you are still to give, could you please do so by next weekend.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

The Winter Appeal is now closed. Our local Conferences extend their gratitude and thanks to the community for the donation of \$5,608.00.

Diocesan Finance Council

This diocesan body meets this Thursday at St Joseph's Warrnambool

Recent Deaths: Daniel Clapham, Gerry Dwyer (Warrnambool), Stephen Bruce

Anniversaries: Peter Ryan, Jack Noonan, Ivan Sanderson, Dot Perry, Pat Lawlor, Tom Mahony

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	10:00am St Pius X 10:00am St Patrick's
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thur	10:00am OLHC 11:00am Mercy Place
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's 10:00am Infant Jesus
Sat	10:00am OLHC

Pope's Intention for September

For the cry of the earth: Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. 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 September. Please phone the Parish Office to book.

