



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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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	
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.

Second Sunday of Advent
 7/8 Dec 2024

Correspondence from Bishop Paul

Dear People of the Diocese,

You may have seen media coverage following a recent judgement of the High Court of Australia that involved the Diocese of Ballarat. This judgement has prompted renewed discussion about liability.

I appreciate people's concern for those who have suffered abuse and people's questions about organisations accepting responsibility. I offer the following notes in response to people's concern and questions.

In cases where there is evidence that the Diocese of Ballarat has been negligent in the duty of safeguarding children, the Diocese accepts liability and provides compensation to victims.

In the case considered by the High Court, Victorian courts had found that the Diocese of Ballarat was not negligent but still held that the Diocese was liable – vicariously. The High Court set aside this decision of the Victorian courts.

I would like to make it clear that the Diocese of Ballarat will continue to accept liability and provide compensation in cases where there is evidence that the Diocese has been negligent in safeguarding.

In addition, the Diocese will continue to provide compensation through the Federal Government's Redress Scheme and through the state-wide Church process called Pathways Victoria. As well as providing compensation in these ways, the Diocese will continue to provide assistance to those who have suffered abuse by funding counselling and other pastoral help.

God bless you all.

Fr Terry Bowman MSC RIP

Fr Terry from Koroit (Southern Cross) died suddenly on Sunday 24 Nov in Sydney. He was a much loved, admired and respected priest. Fr Terry's funeral: Wednesday 11 Dec at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kensington (Sydney.) NB. Memorial Mass in Koroit this Friday 13 Dec at 11:00am

Recent Deaths: Anne Nevill, Alan Frazer, Caroline Osborne
Anniversaries: Mary McKinnon (Wangoom), Val Creece

Christmas Mass Times 2024

Christmas Eve -Tuesday 24 December
 5:00pm- St Joseph's
 5:30pm- Our Lady Help of Christians (Outdoors)
 5:00pm Carols before Outdoor Mass
 6:30pm- Infant Jesus, Koroit
 7:00pm- St Pius X
 7:30pm- St Patrick's, Port Fairy
 8:00pm- St Joseph's
 8:00pm- St Anne's, Purnim
Christmas Day -Wed, 25 December
 9:00am- St Patrick's, Port Fairy
 9:00am- Our Lady Help of Christians
 9:30am- St Joseph's
 9:30am- Infant Jesus, Koroit



Communal Celebration of Reconciliation
 Thursday 19 Dec at 7:00pm at St Joseph's

This Christmas Season **Anointing Masses** will be at:
OLHC Thursday 12 Dec 2:00pm (bring a 'plate' to share)
Infant Jesus Friday 20 Dec at 10:00am (bring a 'plate' to share)

Christmas Day Lunch

Christmas Day Lunch on Wednesday 25 Dec 12noon to 1.30pm. (St Joseph's Hall) Please contact Mary 0409 158 177 or Parish Office 5562 2231

Baptisms: We welcome Arnica Del Mar and Bonnie Cassidy into our faith community this week.

RCIC: Hatty Morris, Myla & Elias Barbetti, Florenz & Rufheo Labadan, Fraser Kelson and Wyatt Brian

OLHC: Singing practice for Christmas on Sat 21 Dec at 3:30pm
 Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am
 Advent discussion group on Thurs at 10:30am. Terry 0400 511 102
 Ukraine Project Information Session this Thursday at 7.30pm.

St Pius X: Morning Tea after Mass next week

St Joseph's: Spirit of Mission Mass 5.15pm - 5.45pm: Exposition, Prayer and Praise. 6:00pm: Mass. 7:00pm Shared food.

Pastoral/Liturgy Team 4.00pm this Wednesday 11th December

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

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Your support for this Appeal is greatly appreciated and will benefit recipients by helping to address poverty and disadvantage in our communities. Envelopes for cash donations, and non-perishable grocery items can be left in baskets where provided.

Receiving Communion

Bishop Paul has reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice Thus at weekend Masses all communities in the Star of the Sea Parish will be given the opportunity to "take and eat" and "take and drink." May the revival of this practice enrich our celebration of communion with Christ and with one another. NB. Intinction, ie. the dipping of the host into the chalice, is definitely not encouraged.

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

OLHC After 10:00am Saturday Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	8:00am St Pius X <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>
Tues	10:00am St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thurs	11:00am Mercy Place 6:00pm St Joseph's <i>St Joseph's Grade 6 Graduation</i>
Fri	11:00am Infant Jesus <i>Memorial Mass (Fr Terry)</i> 12:30pm St Patrick's <i>End of year School Mass</i>
Sat	10:00am OLHC

Pope's Intention for December

For Pilgrims of Hope
 We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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:
 Tuesday 10 December
 Please phone the Parish Office to book.