



**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
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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.

Third Sunday of Advent  
 14/15 Dec 2024

**The Third Sunday of Advent**



Advent wreaths have four candles that remind us that Christ is the light of the world. We light the pink or rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent, to represent joy and in anticipation of Christmas. We are invited to reflect on the joy of our faith in Jesus. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from that great joy.

**Communal Celebration of Reconciliation**

Thursday 19 December St Joseph's at 7:00pm  
 We are invited:

- to listen to the Word of God
- to examine our conscience
- to repent of our sins
- to seek forgiveness of Almighty God

This is an excellent way to prepare for the upcoming feast of Christmas.

**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



**Christmas Day Lunch**

If you would like to share Christmas Day Lunch with others please contact Mary 0409 158 177

**Recent Deaths:** Annette Bourke, Margie Storer, Terry Dobson  
**Anniversaries:** Les Paten, Betty Lavell, Harry Rentsch, Harry Gore, Lance Carter, Noel Greene, Leon Greene, Robert Roache, Peter Kelly, Mary O'Rourke, Bill Dunne Snr

**Anointing Mass**

This Advent Season an **Anointing Mass** will be held at **Infant Jesus** on Friday 20 Dec at 10:00am (Please bring a 'plate' to share)

**Baptisms:** We welcome Philippa Keegan and Amelia Fary into our faith community this week.

**Wedding:** Congratulations to Chad Ryan and Thi My Hien Huynh on their wedding this weekend.

**OLHC:** This Sat at 10:00am Mass will be said for the Unborn Child/ren on Holy Innocents Day.

Singing practice for Christmas on Sat 21 Dec at 3:30pm  
**Infant Jesus:** 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' Christmas Break up this Friday. Will resume meeting in early February

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

**Parish Finance Council:** St Joseph's this Wednesday at 4:00pm

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

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.

**Christmas/ New Year Office Closure**

Close 1:00pm Tuesday 24 December  
 Reopen 9:00am Thursday 2 January  
 For urgent matters during this time please leave a message on the answering machine.

**St Mary MacKillop Chapel - St Pius X**

The St Mary MacKillop Adoration Chapel will be reopened and rededicated this Sunday (15 Dec) after renovations. A new lock has been fitted to the door of the chapel due to historical vandalism. The chapel will be open from 8am-6pm each day but from 6pm-8am a code will be required for entry (201194 - *this will be changed in 2 weeks, then every three months*). Parishioners who would like to use the chapel between 8am-6pm are required to register with the Parish Office by providing their full name and email address. The new code will be emailed to those who register. (Fr Bill)

**Christmas Novena Masses (Simbang Gabi)**

From Sunday 15 Dec to Monday 23 Dec Christmas Novena Masses will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church from 7pm. Simbang Gabi is a traditional Filipino devotion over a period of nine days in anticipation of Christmas, a light supper will provided after each Mass and ALL parishioners are invited to attend.

**Maintenance around the Parish Communities**

We are aware that all the churches are in need of a deep clean and are looking at a regular cleaning maintenance program in the future. (Bruce Keeley: Business Manager)

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

**RECONCILIATION**

OLHC After 10:00am Saturday Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Mon	9:15am Infant Jesus St Patrick's Koroit end of year Mass 11:00am St Joseph's Annette Bourke RIP
Tues	9:00am St Joseph's Emmanuel Staff Mass
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's 10:00am St Pius X St John's Dennington end of year Mass
Thurs	10:00am OLHC Lay-led Assembly with Communion 11:00am Mercy Place 7:00pm St Joseph's Communal Celebration of Reconciliation
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's 10:00am Infant Jesus Anointing Mass
Sat	10:00am OLHC

**Pope's Intention for December**

**For Christians in areas of conflict:**  
 Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. 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:**  
 Tuesday 14 January  
 Please phone the Parish Office to book.

