



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

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Assistant Priest Fr Bill Lowry
Business Manager Bruce Keeley
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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 21/22 Dec 2024



"Let us celebrate the birth of Jesus with joy and thanksgiving."

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The candle lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes the peace that Jesus Christ brought into the world with His birth. As we light this candle, we are reminded of the promise of peace that surpasses all understanding.

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/ New Year Office Closure

Closes: 1:00pm Tuesday 24 December
Reopens: 9:00am Thursday 2 January
 Please leave a message on the answering machine if it's urgent.

Baptisms: We welcome Mia Rethus, Joseph Plozza, and Annabelle White into our faith community.

Wedding: Congratulations to Alex McKeag and David Slater on their wedding this week.

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am
 Mass on Sat 28 Dec at 10:00am will be said for the Unborn Child/ren on Holy Innocents Day.
 Men's Breakfast 4 January at 8:00am at OLHC

St Joseph's: Ministry Roster available in the Gathering Space.

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

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

The Bishop's 2024 Christmas Appeal

The 2024 Bishops Christmas Appeal will be taken up on the weekend of 4/5 January 2025. Our Christmas Appeal is one way the Diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. I thank the people of the diocese for their support of last year's appeal. The money was distributed as follows:

Caritas Lebanon Appeal	\$5000
Catholic Mission Myanmar Appeal	\$5000
St Columban's Mission Peru	\$5000
Aust. Catholic Religious Against Trafficking In Humans (ACRATH)	\$2000
St Vincent de Paul	\$5000
CatholicCare Victoria	\$5000
Nazareth House Ballarat	\$5000
Total Donations made in 2024	\$32,000

Christmas Day Lunch

It's not too late if you would like to share Christmas Day Lunch with others. Please contact Mary 0409 158 177

Business News

The Star of the Sea Finance Council is dealing with several interested parties in relation to the 'Canterbury Road' site. The Finance Council is considering all options for the site and when there is an outcome from this process, the parishioners will be updated. (Fr John)

Christmas Message 2024

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message can be found on the Notice Boards or on the Ballarat Diocese website.

Recent Deaths: Patrick 'Paddy' Houlihan

Anniversaries: Patricia Beks, Norman Rowe, Lyn Van Rooy, John 'Jock' McDonald, Mary Mugavin, Glenys Balchin, Norm Brooks, Patricia Thomson, Karen (Ryan) & Thomas Scott, Vin Dalrymple, Sue Sicely, Mary Quinlan, Bill Murrhy, Peter McNamara

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
 Tues 10:00am St Pius X
 Tues } See Christmas Mass times
 Wed }
 Sat 10:00am OLHC
 Holy Innocents Day

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.