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## The Feast of the Holy Family

28/29 December



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The Holy Family are much more like us than they are different from us and they have much to teach us about what it means to be fully human. Let's draw close to these good people, who learnt through trials and sufferings and joys how to walk humbly with God and to trust in his provident goodness.

Let the Holy Family encourage us, that as we open the ordinariness of our lives and relationships to his grace, God can bring about his saving plan.

**OLHC:** Holy Hour every Monday morning at 10:00am  
 Men's Breakfast on Saturday 4 January at 8:00am

**Rosary** 7:00pm Mondays at **St Pius X** during January.

**Baptisms:** Emile Chalk and Heusefa Dela Cruz are welcomed into our community this week.

### The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ...and World Day of Peace

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honour Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ.

When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God we are not only honouring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honouring our Lord, who is fully divine and fully human. Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honour we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honours Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honours Mary as the "Queen of Peace."

### Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee Year began with the traditional opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis on December 24.

He calls on Christians to live a life in keeping with their faith, as a witness and an invitation to all to "hope in the Lord."

"May the power of hope fill our days," the Pope says, "as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever."

*Read more about the Jubilee Year 2025 on the Ballarat Diocese website.*

**Anniversaries:** Carmel Maher

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday Vigil

6:00pm Our Lady Help of Christians

#### Sunday

9:00am St Pius X

9:00am Infant Jesus Koroit

10:30am St Joseph's

10:30am St Patrick's Port Fairy

6:00pm St Joseph's

### Weekday Mass Times

Tue 8:00pm St Joseph's  
*New Year's Eve Mass*

Wed 10:00am St Joseph's  
*Mary, the Mother of God  
 World Day of Peace*

Thur 10:00am OLHC

### Baptism Information Sessions

Next Session is at 7:00pm on Tuesday 14 Jan in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.

Please call 5562 2231 to book

