



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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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.

The Epiphany of the Lord
 4/5 January 2025

The Epiphany Blessing

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Blessings, otherwise known as *Chalking the Door*, have been around since Medieval times, where Christians following the Biblical precedent of the ancient Israelites chalked their doors with the initials of the three wise men.

Parishioners are invited to take home blessed chalk and Epiphany water from the churches (this weekend and next) and bless their homes.

Alternatively, Fr Bill will be available for Epiphany blessings through the month of January by appointment through the Parish Office.



Prayer of Blessing

Let us pray.

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the gift of Jesus, your Son, the Light of the World.

May your blessing be upon us as we carry this chalk to our homes.

May its mark on our doorposts be a sign of your protection and of the presence of the Light of Christ in our homes.

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am
St Joseph's: Blessing of Chalk at 10:30am Mass today. Roster available in the Gathering Space
St Pius X: Blessing of Chalk at 9:00am Mass today.
St Patrick's: Piety Shop has beautiful gifts of all sorts for your spiritual needs. Contact Marita 0402 431 053
Rosary for January: Mondays at 7:00pm at St Pius X

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

Today you are welcome to 'The Convent', Anzac Avenue, Koroit Musical entertainment in the Gardens from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Entrance \$20 to support and celebrate the mission of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan to our needy neighbours in the Philippines, Australia, Kiribati, Timor Leste and Japan. Bring friends/chair/rug. Music will be Country, Celtic, Timor Leste, Solo, Choral. 'The Hills are alive with the sound of music'. Fr Lawrie

Baptisms: This weekend Joey Beks, Daniel Sargeant, Juana Mon Medley and Isla Cunningham will be welcomed into our faith community.

Wedding: Congratulations to Daniel Roache and Sarah Richards on their wedding this weekend.

Business News

In January 2025 the Parish will be doing works around the St Pius X Church to stop water from getting in and causing structural damage. This will include the removal of the gardens around the building. Once completed we will consult with the St Pius X Parish Leadership Team to decide how to replace the gardens and improve the aesthetics.

The Bishop's 2024 Christmas Appeal

The 2024 Bishops Christmas Appeal will be taken up this weekend. The Christmas Appeal is one way the Diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. **N.B.** Envelopes are available for this Appeal. Please place your gift in the envelope and place on the Collection plate.

Thank You: Volunteers and Staff

It's important for us to appreciate the people involved in keeping this community of faith vibrant and flourishing. On behalf of the priests and the whole parish community we thank most sincerely all who assisted and supported the mission and outreach of the parish throughout 2024. Without the commitment and generosity of so many volunteers in a broad variety of ministries and roles, our parish could not function.

N.B. If you wish to be personally involved in any of our various ministries then please contact the Parish Office.

Recent Deaths: Daniel Madden, Ivan Carrucan, Margaret Doolan
Anniversaries: Sr Mary Eunice Hickey sgs, Greg Liddy, Claire Haylock, Peter Morrissey

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

Tues	10:00am St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's 1:30pm St Joseph's Ivan Carrucan RIP Funeral Liturgy
Thurs	10:00am OLHC 11:00am Mercy Place
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am OLHC

Pope's Intention for January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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.