



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 Baptism of the Lord
 11/12 January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

This Sunday concludes the Season of Christmas and Ordinary Time commences. Today a voice from heaven reveals Jesus' identity, not only as the carpenter, the son of Mary and Joseph, but as the Son of God, the Beloved.



We hear that while Jesus was at prayer "heaven opened". In other words, heaven and earth are united and we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Distribution of Holy Communion

With the reintroduction of the Holy Communion under both species we are endeavouring to have some consistency across the three Warrnambool communities.

Would parishioners who desire to receive communion please commence from the outside aisles, beginning from the front, and to walk to the back of the church and proceed down the centre aisle to the ministers of communion. It may take a week or two to adjust... thank you for your support.

Receiving from the Cup

You are reminded once again that those who desire to drink from the cup please do so by receiving the cup from the minister with both hands and consume a small amount of the contents, after which the cup is returned to the minister who wipes the rim. NB: Parishioner are reminded not to 'intinct' (dip) the host in the cup.

Volunteers for Liturgical Ministries

Sign up sheets will be available in St Pius X, St Patrick's and Infant Jesus communities for parishioners, new and old, to sign up for our various ministries. Existing volunteers are encourage to renew their commitment to their church community and new volunteers are encouraged to participate in their community. Formation will be provided to those who would like to assist in our ministries. Thank you to all those who minister in our various communities.

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am
 Columban Calendars will be available to purchase until 19 Jan.

St Joseph's: Roster available in the Gathering Space.
 Mission Mass Sunday 19 January at 6:00pm
 4:00pm—5:15pm Prayer Ministry
 5.15pm - 5.45pm Eucharist Adoration (Sharing Hope)
 6:00pm: Mass/Testimony (Reclaiming Joy)
 7:00pm Prayer Ministry/ Light supper (Building Community)

St Pius X: Cup of tea after Mass next weekend 19 January

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

Baptisms: This weekend Ruben Maloney and Vivienne McDonald will be welcomed into our faith community.

Mary MacKillop Chapel

The chapel will be locked from 7:00pm to 7:00am. Please call the Office to register your email address to receive the new code which will changed every 3 months. A new code will be sent next week.

- To access the chapel between the above hours;
- Press on the screen of the digital lock to access the numbers.
 - Once the code is entered, then press the unlock button in the bottom left of the screen for access.

Christmas Day Lunch at St Joseph's

The meal was a great success and around 100 people were able to enjoy their Christmas meal in company with others. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prior to Christmas and on Christmas Day. Such a large number of people offered their help that it wasn't possible for everyone to be involved. It's inspiring that there are so many generous people who are happy to give their time during the busy Christmas period. Thank you also to our sponsors whose assistance was invaluable. Thank you all! (**Christmas Day Lunch Coordinators**)

Epiphany Blessing

Chalk and instructions for the Epiphany Blessing will be available in each of the churches from this weekend. If you would like your home blessed in the month of January, please contact the Parish Office.



C = Caspar M = Melchior B = Balthasar

Clergy Changes

Fr George Kuruvila Koorumullumpurayidam will take up his new appointment as the Parish Priest of the Parishes of Camperdown, Timboon, Mortlake and Terang on 1 March 2025

Anniversaries: Marie Lynch, Jack Griffin, Joyce Patten, Colin Sommer, Kim Gore, Molly Day, James Day, Maureen Schramm

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
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.

