



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
Assistant Priest	Fr Bill Lowry
Business Manager	Bruce Keeley
Accounts Manager	Louise Dryburgh
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Admin Team	Karen Johnson Virginia Martin Trisha McGinness

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 Presentation of the Lord
 1/2 February 2025

Clergy Appointments

This week parishes were notified of a number of clergy changes. It affects the Star of the Sea Parish as **Fr Bill Lowry** has been appointed by Bishop Paul Bird to minister in the Sunraysia, Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes. The appointment takes effect on 1st May. This gives us plenty of time to acknowledge, with gratitude, Fr Bill's term of ministry with us.

Fr Matt Restall, who was ordained at the same time as Fr Bill will commence with us on 1st May

Fr Cay Xuan Trinh - Assistant Priest in the Western Border Parish.

Fr Matthew Thomas - currently Parish Priest of the Sunraysia Parish, will also be Parish Priest of the Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes.

Fr William Lowry - Assistant Priest in the Sunraysia, Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes.

Fr Matthew Restall - Assistant Priest in the South-West Coast Parish.

Fr Shaiju Mathew appointed to the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes. Fr Shaiju Mathew will be Co-Pastor of these parishes, in collaboration with Fr Justin Driscoll, who will be the Co-Pastor and Moderator of these parishes.

An Invitation to Spiritual Direction

Would you like to explore your sense of God's presence and relationship in your everyday life? Spiritual direction is a gentle practice where a trained spiritual director listens with an open heart, accompanying you to reflect on your faith. Spiritual Direction will soon be available to support you in deepening your relationship with God through listening, prayer and reflection. If this feels like an experience you desire to explore please consider it. Sessions are \$85 (a \$40 subsidy is available for parishioners). If you'd like more information Anna Schlooz would be delighted to hear from you at ecomvriad@gmail.com

Recent Deaths: Sr Denise Moloney SSJG, David Nelson
Anniversaries: Lucy O'Toole, Kevin Lynch (KM), Irvine Guy, Jack Kane, Mark Paten, Norm Paten, Tom Skinner, Jack Brown, Valmai Paten, Peter Hilliard, Paul Hilliard, Carmel Lee, Brian Crichton, Mary Healey, Kevin Mansbridge, Joe Harney, Kath Savage, Sybil O'Callaghan

On-going Support

Fr Bill is away this week with the priests who have been ordained in the past five years.

Thank You

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the parishioners who purchased Christmas cards, calendars and donated so generously to the Christmas Appeal again this year.

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am
Infant Jesus: 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' will resume meeting on Friday 7 February at 10:45am

Rosary for February: Mondays at 7:00pm at OLHC

Baptisms: This weekend Essie and Hendrix O'Flaherty will be welcomed into our faith community.

Pastoral Leadership Teams

The Business Manager of the Parish, **Bruce Keeley**, will meet all the PLT groups over the next few weeks to introduce himself and ensure we are servicing the needs of the wider parish community.

Part-Time Job Opportunity

Star of the Sea Parish is currently seeking a reliable and skilled general and grounds maintenance person to join the Parish Staff. The position is for three days a week, with flexible hours to suit the right person. You don't have to be a parishioner to apply. Tasks include general upkeep, small repairs and ground maintenance of the Parish communities. Contact the Parish Office or send your resume to businessmanager@sjpw.org.au

Planned Giving Envelopes

This year the Planned Giving envelopes have been posted due to the fact that parishioners are not necessarily attending the same Church community each week. If you receive the envelopes, but give in another way e.g. direct debit, please let the Parish Office know. This is also a good opportunity to inform us if your details have changed eg. address, phone number, email etc. If you are new to the Parish and/or you would like to start contributing, you can join the Program through the envelope system or by direct debit or credit card. Thank you to parishioners who commit to this Program that supports the upkeep and utility expenses of Star of the Sea Parish and enables the Parish to be of service to our faith community.

Coming Soon: Quest Terminals at the Parish Churches!

Quest terminals will soon be available at all our churches in the parish, giving you an easy way to contribute. These work just like an EFTPOS machine and receipts will be available for all contributions. The giving from these machines will be for the Presbytery account which supports the priests' living expenses. We will soon do a trial run at St. Joseph's for two weeks to iron out any issues before we introduce them to the other churches. An assistant will be on hand before and after major services when we introduce them to answer questions and show you how to use them. Thank you for your support as we bring this new option to life!

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 Lay-led with Communion 10:00am St Pius X St John's D'ton School Mass
Thurs	10:00am OLHC Lay-led with Communion 11:00am Lyndoch
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's

Pope's Intention for February.
 For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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 11th February
 Please phone the Parish Office to book.

