



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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8/9 February 2025

Word of God Sunday

In 2019, Pope Francis instituted the Word of God Sunday. One of the primary ways in which the faithful honour God's Word in the liturgy is by faithfully listening to the proclamation of the readings and the homily, and by discerning the various ways in which God's Word applies to their lives. For many centuries before being written down, God's Word was passed down orally from one generation to another. Vatican II says: "... the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ...".

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. Sessions are \$85 (a \$40 subsidy is available for parishioners). For all bookings or further information, please contact Anna (Spiritual Director) at ecomyriad@gmail.com.

Pastoral Leadership Teams

Our Parish Business Manager, **Bruce Keeley**, will meet with the PLT groups to introduce himself and ensure we are servicing the needs of the wider parish community.

Pastoral Leadership Team members are:
St Joseph' Pastoral/Liturgy - Helene Clarke, Les Dwyer, Leanne McElgunn, Ben Van de Camp, Lyn Hyland, Cara Chisolm, Mary Lancaster, Felicity Barker, Gabrielle Ewing
St Pius X - Chris Nolan, Karen Johnson, Pat O'Keefe, Terry O'Keefe, Tim Keane, Clare Murrhly
St Patrick's - Anthony Leddin, Marita & Jim Flanagan, Mary & Kent Moyle, Olga Lyons, Liz McVeigh, Martina Healey
Our Lady Help of Christians - Paul Torpy, Dion Bartlett, Crissie Clarke, Christine Morriss, Gavan Nevill, Mary Page
Infant Jesus - John Rea, Jordan O'Keefe, Peter McElgunn, Jenny Auld, Kathy Freeman, Angela Niklason

Saint Mary MacKillop's 30th Anniversary of Beatification

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St Mary MacKillop's beatification with a free commemorative prayer book, "Flourish with Mary's Heart", written by the Sisters of St Joseph.

The book is available at <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/for-churches/prayer-book>

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am

Infant Jesus: 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' meet at 10:45am on Fridays. Co-ordinator Marita 0402 431 053

St Patrick's: Piety Shop has beautiful gifts of all sorts for your spiritual needs. New stock now available.

St Pius X: Cuppa after Mass next weekend. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for people who wish to go on the roster to help with morning tea (3rd Sunday of each month).

St Joseph's PTL/ Liturgy this Wed at 4:00pm
 Mission Mass Sunday 16 Feb
 4:00pm - 5:00pm Prayer Ministry
 5.15pm - 5.45pm Eucharist Adoration (Sharing Hope)
 6:00pm: Mass/Testimony (Reclaiming Joy)
 7:00pm Prayer Ministry/Light supper (Building Community)

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

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast is held at OLHC on the first Saturday of each month and is open to all men of the parish. If you'd like to come along you would be most welcome. The next Breakfast is Sat 1st March at 8:00am

Southern Zone Meeting for priests, pastoral associates and diocesan personal this Tuesday at 10:30am (10:00am cuppa).

Baptisms: This weekend Finley Sherman will be welcomed into our faith community.

Multicultural Choir and Music Ministry

We need singers and musicians to join our parish Multicultural Music Ministry team. Our next practice is Saturday 15th February at 4.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

If interested please come along. Don Stewart (0437 202 080)

Part-Time Job Opportunity

Star of the Sea Parish is currently seeking a reliable and skilled general and grounds maintenance person. The position is for three days a week with flexible hours. 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

Recent Deaths: Susan Kirkham
Anniversaries: Kevin McGrath, Adele Henderson, John Francis Lindsay, Monica Matthews, Ray Harrington, Basil McKinnon, Jean O'Keefe, Agnes O'Keefe

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	Zone Meeting
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thurs	10:00am OLHC School Mass 11:00am Mercy Place
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's 10:00am St Pius X School Mass 12:30pm Port Fairy School Mass
Sat	10:00am OLHC

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.

