



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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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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 22/23 February 2025



Project Compassion

Project Compassion Envelopes and Boxes are available for you to take home today.

Lenten Prayer

God of our journey
 we are all pilgrims of hope
 brought together by your love
 and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee
 when we are called to greater justice
 and care for our common home
 that we may *Unite Against Poverty*.

May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed
 and the renewal of creation.

May our compassionate minds and generous hearts
 help bring about a world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and prayer
 bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.
 Amen

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

Mass of the Oils

The Mass of the Oils: St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 1:00pm on Monday 14 April.

This is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese.

This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2025: the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed.

All are invited to this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.
 (Paul Bird CSSR)

Mary MacKillop's Chapel: Anyone who wishes to spend time in the Chapel please register with the Office to receive a code.

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: Cuppa after Mass Sunday 2 March
 Piety Shop has beautiful gifts of all sorts for your spiritual needs. New stock now available.

Men's Breakfast next Sat 1 March at 8:00am. All welcome
Rosary for March: Mondays at 7:00pm at St Joseph's

Weddings: Congratulations and God's blessings to Georgia Arundell & Zac Lane and Teagan Lane & James Nevill on their weddings this weekend.

We congratulate Marie & John Giblin who celebrate their 60th Wedding anniversary this week.

Homegrown MGL Sister

Today (Sunday) **Isobel Stewart**, daughter of Katherine and Don, will take her initial vows of chastity, poverty and obedience with the Missionaries of God's Love sisters in Canberra. Isobel has been with the MGLs since 2022. Her vows begin the next 6 year stage of her formation preparing to take perpetual vows. Please pray for her as she takes this big step.

QUEST Terminals


Following a successful introduction of the QUEST terminals at St Joseph's last weekend we will introduce them to other communities starting **Sunday March 2nd**

These terminals offer a simple and secure way to make donations or payments as an alternative option. A parishioner will be on hand to assist and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Diocesan Community 2025

The Ballarat Diocesan print publication "Our Diocesan Community" (ODC) will again be published three times during 2025. The aim of ODC is to share the good news of the many initiatives taking place in our parishes, schools and agencies around the diocese. The only way we all will hear of the good things happening in the various communities is if they are written and contributed from the local level. If you would like to submit a story please call the Office.

World Day of Prayer



The World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical prayer movement developed from a Christian women's perspective as a creative response to issues of concern around the world. This year the host country is the Cook Islands. Christ Church, Cnr Koroit & Henna St, W'bool at 2:00pm on March 7

Recent Deaths: Kevin Regan, Patricia Mee (O'Grady) Manuel Nunes, Garry Maguire
Anniversaries: Ivy Blair, Gordon Esam, Wendy Gore, Robert McDougall, Clarice Robinson, Lyn Hoy, Patricia McNamara, Nora Girdlestone, Mary Lee (McKinley), Gerard Kelly, Leo Kelly

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 Lay-led Assembly
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's Lay-led Assembly
Thurs	10:00am OLHC Lay-led Assembly
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's Lay-led Assembly

NB: This week the priests are on retreat

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 the month in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.



Next session:
 Tuesday 11th March
 Please phone the Parish Office to book.