



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
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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.

First Sunday of Lent
 8th/9th March 2025

Fasting

Fasts have a tendency to be oriented towards 'giving up' something like food, sweets or drinks but there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch.

- Fast from anger and hatred:** Give your family and those around you an extra dose of love each day.
- Fast from judging others:** Before making judgements, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.
- Fast from discouragement:** Hold on to Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for your life
- Fast from complaining:** When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.
- Fast from resentment or bitterness:** Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.
- Fast from spending too much:** Try to reduce your spending by 10 percent and give those savings to the poor.

The Season of Lent

Stations of the Cross: 7:30pm Fridays during Lent at St Joseph's

West W'bool & W'Bool St Vincent de Paul Lenten Appeal: 15/16 March—Spaghetti/ Baked Beans

Project Compassion: Envelopes and Boxes are still available to take home.

Easter Reflection Booklets

Lenten booklets 'Many Paths Lead to Easter' written by Fr Andy Hamilton sj are still available to purchase from the Office for \$8

Global Mission: No age limit

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom - Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events
Date: Thursday 27 March 2025
Time: 11:00 am – 12 noon
 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au
 Paulian Association Lay Missionary Secretariat (PALMS)

OLHC: Holy Hour - Mondays at 10:00am
Infant Jesus: PTL meeting Wednesday 12 March at 7:00pm
 '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 Joseph's: 'Cuppa' after 10:30am Mass today All welcome
St Pius X: Cuppa after Mass next Sunday

Rosary for March: Mondays at 7:00pm at St Joseph's

EFTPOS Terminals will be available at St Patrick's Port Fairy this weekend. Someone will be available to help or answer any questions you may have.

Baptisms: This weekend Scout Hurley will be welcomed into our faith community.

St Joseph's Mission Mass next Sunday 16 March
 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)
Gold coin donation to help cover cost of hospitality would be appreciated

CRISP Working Bee

Come along and help us prepare the house for the arrival of the second refugee household we are welcoming under the CRISP Program. All help appreciated from 11:00am Saturday 15 March at OLHC presbytery.
 Bring your cleaning gear. Katherine 0459 615 564

Welcome Our New Maintenance Staff Member

We are pleased to announce that **James Cronin** has been appointed to our parish maintenance position. James will be settling into his new role the next few weeks and you will see him around as he works to keep our parish in great shape.

Please join us in welcoming James to our parish team! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office for more information.

Lectors: It's important to arrive 10 minutes prior to Mass. Thank you.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins March 10. There are 37 subjects to choose from. Registrations are open now. Scan or click the QR code for more



Recent Deaths: Laurence O'Grady, Simone Collins
Anniversaries: Mollie Couch, Noel McNamara, Geraldine Carlin, Mary Regan

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	11:00am St Joseph's Simone Collins RIP
Thurs	10:00am OLHC 11:00am Mercy Place
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's 10:00 Infant Jesus
Sat	10:00am OLHC

Pope's Intention for March

For Families in Crisis:
 Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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.

