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Parish Priest	Fr John Fitzgerald
Assistant Priest	Fr Matt Restall
Business Manager	Bruce Keeley
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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	Tarryn Delaney
St Joseph's W'bool	Nick Murrell
St Pius X W'bool West	Tristan Fay
OLHC W'bool East	Stephen Madden
Emmanuel College	Rachel McGennissen

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	Jill Haberfield
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.

21/22 March 2026
5th Sunday of Lent

Correspondence from Bishop Paul

Dear Fathers and Parishioners,

As you may recall, Parish Priests are requested to send the bishop a letter of resignation when they turn 75.

Fr John Fitzgerald will be turning 75 on July 4 this year.

In anticipation of that birthday, Fr John has indicated his readiness to retire as Parish Priest around that time.

In discussions with Fr John, we have settled on the last weekend of July for his retirement as Parish Priest of Star of the Sea Parish.

On behalf of our diocesan community, I offer our thanks to Fr John for his great service in the diocese, including his 22 years of ministry as Parish Priest in the Warrnambool region.

This advance notice of his retirement will allow us to have consultations in the coming months about the appointment of his successor as Parish Priest of Star of the Sea Parish.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

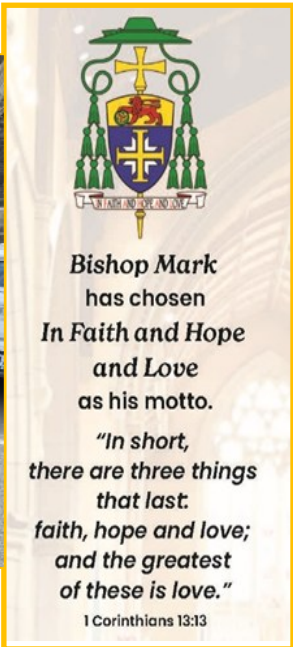
Welcome Bishop Mark

We welcome Bishop Mark Freeman as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat and wish him well as he begins his Episcopal Ministry.

We pray that Bishop Mark may faithfully fulfil this ministry and be a genuine sign of Christ's loving presence among the people of the diocese.



Bishop Mark greeting Simon Hogan, a parishioner of Star of the Sea Parish



Holy Week	
30 March	Mass of the Oils 1:00pm Ballarat Cathedral
31 March	Celebration of God's Forgiveness and Mercy 7:30pm St Joseph's
1 April	Holy Week Liturgy 7:30pm Christ Church, Henna Street
Easter Triduum	
2 April	Holy Thursday <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> 7:00pm St Joseph's, OLHC & Port Fairy
3 April	Good Friday <i>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i> 3:00pm St Joseph's, OLHC & port Fairy
4 April	Easter Vigil (Saturday) 6:00pm St Joseph's & OLHC 8:00pm Port Fairy
5 April	Easter Sunday <i>Resurrection</i> 9:00am St Pius X & Koroit 10:30am St Joseph's (NB: No 6:00pm Mass) 11:00am St Anne's Purnim

Easter Triduum Volunteers

OLHC & St Pius X The Easter Triduum will take place at OLHC this year and the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at St Pius X. A sign up sheet will be available in the Foyer

Stations of the Cross	
During Lent	Good Friday
OLHC: 10:00am Monday St Joseph's: 7:30pm Friday Port Fairy: 6:00pm Friday	9:00am - Koroit 10:00am - St Pius X 11:00am - Port Fairy, Purnim
Good Friday: 11:00am Ecumenical Way of the Cross Walk - Cannon Hill to Lake Pertobe	

Baptisms: This weekend Beau Lewis & Margot Cassidy will be welcomed into our faith community.

Rosary: **St Joseph's** (March) on Mondays at 7:00pm.
: **Port Fairy** on Wednesdays at 11:00am

St Vincent de Paul	
West Warrnambool & Warrnambool are once again holding their Lenten Food Appeal - All donations are gratefully appreciated.	
21/22 March -Tea/ Coffee	28/29 March - Tinned Soup

Working Bee OLHC Presbytery

11:00am Saturday 28 March. All assistance to spruce the house up for the arrival of the next refugee family most welcome.
Ann Barker 0427 728 333.

Recent Deaths: Sr Pat O'Brien RSM, Felismina Abu Soares (Timor Leste), Elizabeth Hurley (Hamilton)

Anniversaries: Jim Rea, Elsa Lalor, Len Laylor, John Grayson

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
2 nd Sunday of the month (Eucharist)	
*All other Sundays	
Assembly of the Word with Communion	
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	
Tues	5:10pm St Pius X
Sat	9:40am St Pius X
WEEKDAY MASSES	
Tues	5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thur	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00pm St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am St Pius X
Prayer for March For Disarmament and Peace	
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.	

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: Tues 14 April 2026

To book please call 5562 2231