



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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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:

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St Patrick's, Port Fairy	Peter Sanderson
St Joseph's, W'bool	Jill Haberfield
St Pius X, W'bool West	Karen Johnson
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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.



28/29 March 2026 Passion (Palm) Sunday

Holy Week

29 March: **Passion (Palm) Sunday**
The Palms symbolize Christ's triumph, while the Cross is the symbol by which His triumph is achieved.

30 March **Mass of the Oils**
1:00pm Ballarat Cathedral

Holy Week Liturgy

Monday 7:30pm Uniting Church 115 Koroit St
Tuesday **Celebration of God's Forgiveness and Mercy**
7:30pm St Joseph's
Parishioners and visitors are invited:

- to *hear* the Word of God
- to *examine* our conscience
- to *repent* of our sins
- to *seek* forgiveness of Almighty God

Wednesday 7:30pm Christ Church, Henna Street



Easter Triduum

2 April **Holy Thursday** *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
7:00pm St Joseph's, OLHC & Port Fairy

3 April **Good Friday** *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*
3:00pm St Joseph's, OLHC & Port Fairy

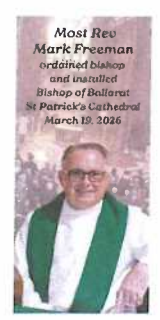
4 April **Easter Vigil (Saturday)**
6:00pm St Joseph's & OLHC
8:00pm Port Fairy

5 April **Easter Sunday** *Mass of the Resurrection*
9:00am St Pius X & Koroit
10:30am St Joseph's (NB: No 6:00pm Mass)
11:00am St Anne's Purnim



Stations of the Cross (Good Friday)

9:00am - Koroit
10:00am - St Pius X
11:00am - Purnim
11:00am - Ecumenical Way of the Cross Walk
(Cannon Hill to Lake Pertobe)



Prayer for our New Bishop

We give thanks for the appointment of Bishop Mark Freeman as our new shepherd of the diocese of Ballarat, chosen by Your servant Pope Leo. We pray that You pour out Your Spirit upon him, filling him with strength, wisdom and compassion to lead us in the path of faith, love and unity. May his leadership reflect Your grace and inspire us to grow as a community in service to You. Amen.

Welcome

St Joseph's: Supper in the Gathering Space following the Easter Vigil. Please bring a 'plate' to share and welcome our new members into the Church: Stephanie, Penelope & Isabelle Yee, Genevieve & Aaliyah Parkinson and Aaron Donovan.

We warmly welcome **Fr Shaiju** this weekend. He is supplying for Fr Matt who has a commitment in Ballarat.

We have had the assistance of **Fr Pat Mugavin** in recent weeks. He will also assist with the Easter Triduum which enables the parish to celebrate in three of the communities.

Easter Triduum Volunteers

St Joseph's, OLHC & St Pius X: Sign up sheets are in the Foyers
Singing practice at OLHC for Easter ceremonies will be held on **Sun 29 March at 3:00pm.** All welcome.

Good Friday: The Pontifical Good Friday Collection - Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds.

St Pius X: No Prayer Meeting during school holidays.
Rosary: **St Joseph's** (March) on Mondays at 7:00pm.
: **Port Fairy** on Wednesdays at 11:00am

St Vincent de Paul: Lenten Food Appeal - **28/29 Mar-** Tinned Soup
PLT Meeting - OLHC Wed 1 April at 7:00pm

Youth and Young Adults

The Parish is seeking expressions of interest in the **Ignite Conference 26** taking place in Sydney between 9 – 12 July 2026. If you are 18-25 and are interested in attending, please come along to a meeting at St Pius X Church at 6:00pm on Tuesday 21 April.

Men's Breakfast: Sat 4 April OLHC at 8:00am

Palm Crosses

Thanks to the St Joseph's School students, those involved in RCIA and parishioners who helped to make the palm crosses this year

Recent Deaths: Kit Parkinson, Nellie Wilkinson
Anniversaries: Stuart Nicolson, Dennis McKimmie, Francis O'Keefe, Jan Anderson, David Lenehan

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

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 1:00pm St Pius X Kit Parkinson RIP
Thur	 The Easter Triduum See Opposite page
Fri	
Sat	

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

- C. Barabbas.
 N. Pilate said to them:
 O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?
 N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back:

C. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had

reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

J. Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N. That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C. The man is calling on Elijah,

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C. In truth this was a son of God.

Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66

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PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / A

29 MARCH 2026

FIRST READING

Isa 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' R.

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. R.

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! R.

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who

fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' R.

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him on high / and gave him a name above all other names. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mt 27:11-54

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and

the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied:

J. It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. They said: