



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:

Infant Jesus, Koroit	Leisa McCosh
St Patrick's, Port Fairy	Peter Sanderson
St Joseph's, W'bool	Jill Haberfield
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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.

4/5 April 2026

Sunday of the Resurrection

THE EASTER SYMBOLS

“ We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ for he is our salvation, our life and resurrection; through Him we are saved”.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

- . **Washing of Feet:** Humility, Love and Service
- . **Eucharist:** Christ's Gift to us

The Lord's Passion

- . **Veneration of the Cross:** Embracing the Mystery of the Cross

The Easter Vigil

- . **Word of God:** God's activity throughout History
- . **Baptism:** New Life in Christ
- . **Paschal Candle:** Christ, the Light of the World
- . **Eucharist:** The ultimate Sign of our Belonging to the Church



Letter from Bishop Mark



Dear Diocesan Family,

A week has passed since the very beautiful Ordination and Installation Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. How blessed we were that so many could join in the ceremony via live stream. Literally thousands have viewed the Mass on YouTube since last week. There is a real sense of journeying together into the future with all the good wishes and encouragement I have received. For this too, I am extremely grateful.

Every best wish and blessing to you all and again, **Thank You!**

Please pray for me as I will for you. May we continue to grow together in faith and hope and love.

Sincerely, **Mark Freeman** (Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat)

NB: *To see the full letter please look on the noticeboard*

Project Compassion

Thank you once again for your support of Project Compassion 2026. Your generosity will make an incredible impact in the year ahead.

World Peace Mass: 5:30pm on Tuesdays in April (St Pius X)

RCIC – Children who would like to begin or complete their sacramental journey are invited to express interest for a short program which will run in a couple of months' time. Please call the Parish Office or register with Fr Matt by email matt.restal@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Faith – Family – Fellowship – Fish & Chips will take place at Koroit Church on Friday 24 April at 5:30pm. The evening begins with Mass, followed by games and social activities for families with school and pre-school aged children. No need to RSVP. Dinner is available at 6:30pm

Divine Mercy Sunday: 12 April St Pius X Church: 9:00am Mass. 3:00pm Solemn Exposition and Divine Mercy. 3:00 - 4:00pm Confessions. 4:00pm Blessing of Divine Mercy Image and Solemn Benediction.

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 18-25yrs and are interested in attending, please come along to a meeting at St Pius X Church at 6:00pm on Tuesday 21 April.

Good Friday Appeal: Thank you to all who donated to this Collection. *See letter & flyer on the noticeboard for more information.*

Rosary: **St Pius X** (April) on Mondays at 7:00pm.
: **Port Fairy** on Wednesdays at 11:00am

CRISP Update

Many thanks to the parishioners who assisted with the working bee at the OLHC presbytery last weekend. Unfortunately the flights to bring Mohamad and Maria and their children to Australia have been cancelled due to the war in the Middle East. Please pray for their safe arrival in Australia.



Pictured: Alex, Rita, Pat, Anthony, Mary and Myles

Morning Tea at Koroit

You're welcome to join the Koroit Parish Leadership Team (PLT) for morning tea after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday 19 April.

PLT Meeting: Koroit Wed 8 April at 7:00pm

A Marriage Encounter Weekend: Based on Catholic values - couples of all faiths are very welcome. St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. 24 - 26 April or 6 - 8 November
Information/Bookings: **Mercy & James 0409 183 676**

Recent Deaths: Nellie Wilkinson, Noel Lynch (Sale), Iris Curtis (Cudgee), Daniel Mackenlay (Moe)

Anniversaries: Bill Dunne, Patricia Keane, Muriel McElgunn, Tom & Mavis Finnigan, Patrick O'Toole, Pat Harney, Yolanda Gestopa, Michael Creece, Raymond O'Keefe, Cecelia 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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues	5:10pm St Pius X
Sat	9:40am St Pius X

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues	5:30pm St Pius X World Peace Mass 1:30pm St Joseph's Nellie Wilkinson RIP
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thurs	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Prayer for April

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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

been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see front page)

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden

with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

■ The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken

the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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EASTER SUNDAY / A

THE SAVING WORD

5 APRIL 2026



MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die

again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' R.

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. R.

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. R.

GOSPEL

Mt 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so

shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had