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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
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.



Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love.

We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care.

We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. Amen.

Rosary: OLHC (May) on Mondays at 7:00pm.
: Port Fairy on Wednesdays at 11:00am

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am

St Joseph's: Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra Concert today (Sunday) at 2:00pm (Mothers Day)

- The Australian Brandenburg Orchestra present Ayres & Graces - this Thursday at 7:00pm

- Br Michael Herry, FMS presents simple and beautiful music for the liturgy and parish celebrations of Mass.

Thursday 4 June 7:30pm Everyone is welcome.

- Spirit of Mission Mass will not be happening this month because the Multicultural Choir will be singing at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 17 May

- Bible Study Tuesday at 7:00pm in St Joseph's meeting room.

St Pius X: 'Cuppa' after Mass next week

Some car keys have been lost in St Pius X Presbytery Car park. If found, please call/hand them into the Parish Office

Seaside Community Kitchen

If you are interested in being part of a Parish team to assist with the serving of the Monday night meal provided at St Joseph's hall please contact Katherine 0459 615 564 to discuss the requirements.

Parish Deep Clean – May Schedule

During May, a deep clean will be carried out across all churches in the Parish. This is part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining welcoming, safe and well-presented worship space for all.

The schedule for this week is as follows:

- **11–12 May:** Infant Jesus, Koroit
- **13–14 May:** St Patrick's, Port Fairy

PLT meetings this Week: St Joseph's Wednesday 5:00pm
Port Fairy Wednesday at 7:00pm

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



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	11:00am St Joseph's <i>Bill Smith RIP</i>
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thurs	11:00am Infant Jesus, Koroit <i>Marie Conheady RIP</i>
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's

Prayer for May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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 12 May 2026

To book please call 5562 2231

9/10 May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Bishop Mark Feeman's Visit

Next weekend (16/17 May), Bishop Mark will visit our Parish so as to get a feel of this region of the Diocese. It is more of a casual visit and not an official visit as such.

He will celebrate one or two Masses during his time with us.

Welcome

This weekend we warmly welcome back Fr Eugene McKinnon to our parish. Fr Eugene is suppling for Fr Matt who is presently on vacation.

At various times Fr Pat Mugavin will assist at a weekend Mass. This weekend he will preside at OLHC (Vigil Mass).

Fr Michael Linehan celebrates the Purnim Mass on the second Sunday of each month.

Thanks to all three priests.

Confirmation Dates

Date: Tuesday 26 May
Location: OLHC (6:00pm)

Date: Wednesday 27 May
Location: Koroit (6:00pm)

NB. This caters for candidates from Koroit, Port Fairy, Dennington & St Pius X

Date: Thursday 28 May
Location: St Joseph's (6:00pm)

Date: Friday 29 May
Location: St Joseph's (6:00pm)

Recent Deaths: Joan Hill-Peters, Bill Smith, Marie Conheady, Fr Peter Foley

Anniversaries: Ray King, Pat Stanhope, Xavier Mugavin, Keith McFarlane, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Mary Clancy, Alice Callaghan, Bess & Frank Houlihan, Lawrence Callaghan



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SPIRIT IS WITH US

Last week it was worry. Today it is about loneliness. We know loneliness. We know what it feels like, for example, when someone close to us dies. Grief, sadness and loneliness can be palpable. In today's Gospel, John invites us again to draw closer to Jesus who addresses the loneliness which the disciples (and, at times, ourselves) can experience. When we feel God's apparent silence or absence, when we deal with death or tragedy, Jesus promises 'another Advocate'. This is the promise of his very Spirit that will remain with the disciples when he physically leaves them.

By the time John writes, this is already a reality and Jesus' spirit, the Advocate, the 'Spirit of Truth', is with them and 'forever'. They will not be left orphaned as the Spirit accompanies them in every generation to experience his eternal and real, though non-physical, presence. But there is a second promise that Jesus makes. He will return as he offers an eschatological vision, an insight into the final days, in which the disciples will experience their communion and intimacy with God restored. They will discover a love that is eternal and carry them through those days of loneliness.

This is the promise that we need to hear, especially as we grapple with our experiences of loneliness brought on by grief of our beloved dead or the persistent loneliness of life that surrounds us. Jesus' Advocate, his Spirit, is with us.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

10 MAY 2026

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

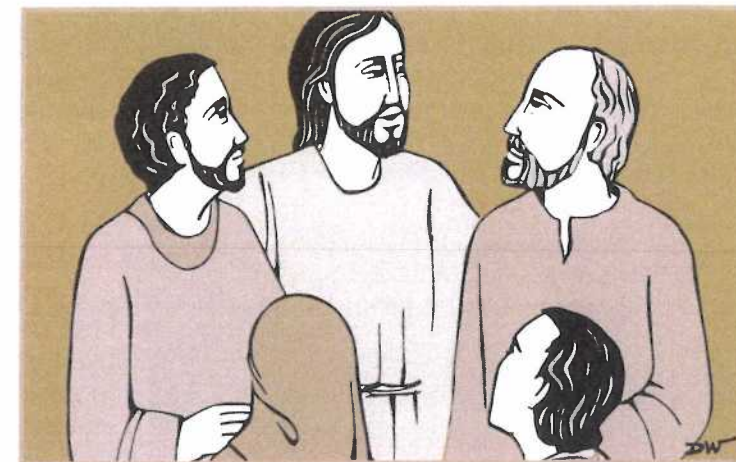
Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (*or Alleluia!*)

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, / O sing to the glory of his name. / O render him glorious praise. / Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; / shall sing to you, sing to your name!' / Come and see the works of God, / tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, / they passed through the river dry-shod. / Let our joy then be in him; / he rules for ever by his might. **R.**



4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I will tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer / nor withhold his love for me. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!