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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.

10/11 January 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

Today (Sunday) with the Baptism of the Lord, the Season of Christmas concludes.
The Feast commemorates the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved Son, the Christ, anointed by the Spirit.
We hear that while Jesus was at prayer 'heaven opened' symbolizing heaven and earth are united and we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Appointment of New Bishop of Ballarat

Excerpts from Bishop Paul's correspondence.
We have received news that Pope Leo XIV has appointed **Fr Mark Freeman** to be the next Bishop of Ballarat.
Fr Freeman is currently Parish Priest of Bellerive, Tasmania. He will be ordained as Bishop of Ballarat within the next three months, probably in March.
Over the past eighteen months, the nuncio (the Pope's representative in Australia) has coordinated a consultation process about a successor as Bishop of Ballarat.
Pope Leo has appointed me (Bishop Paul) to be Apostolic Administrator of the diocese until Fr Freeman is installed as the new bishop.
As I share this news, I look back over the years since my ordination as bishop in 2012. I offer thanks to God for the many blessings of these years, and I offer thanks to you all for your support in the care of our diocesan community. I also invite you to join me in prayer for Father Mark as he prepares to take up this service as our bishop.
Bishop Paul Bird CSsR (Apostolic Administrator of Ballarat)

Parish Vision Statement

At it's last meeting of 2025Members of the Parish Pastoral Council were led by Lee Schlooz and Joe Ewing through a discernment process to begin writing a Parish Vision Statement. The group looked at all of the feedback from parishioners and highlighted themes coming through. The group looked at definitions of Vision Statements and examples from many different organisations. Readings were reflected on including Gospel Values and key principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Recent Deaths: Christine Lalor, Jim Hales, Dulcie Small, Barbara Gladman, Sr Leonie Glennen RSM
Anniversaries: Greg Liddy, Sr Camilla Gall, Rita Neagle, Marie Lynch, Gary Caldwell

Lenten Programs & Booklets

This Lent, enter into the heart of **COMPASSIO** - to "suffer with" - a grace-filled invitation to stand with Christ and with one another.
Booklets available from the Office for \$10.00

Lent & Easter
Lectio Devina
Tea, Coffee &
Reflection

STAR OF THE SEA
PARISH

Time: After 10am Mass
Date: Every Saturday of February & March 2026
Location: St Pius Church
Cost: \$10 for booklet

Every Lent we are invited to undertake a journey of self-discovery and growth.
'Our Hearts on Mission' is a modern Lenten program that guides us through the six weeks of Lent.
These Booklets are great for personal or small group reflection and are available at the Office for \$8.00

Rosary: Month of January at St Pius X Mondays 7:00pm.
Baptisms: This weekend we welcome Luca & Mattea Robinson and George Kavanagh into our faith community
OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am
St Joseph's: The Ministry Roster is available in the sacristy porch.

Christmas Day Lunch at St Joseph's

The meal was a great success and around 100 people were able to enjoy their Christmas meal in company with others.
Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prior to Christmas and on Christmas Day. It's inspiring that there are so many generous people who are happy to give their time during this busy period.
Thank you also to our sponsors whose assistance was invaluable.
Thank you all! (**Christmas Day Lunch Coordinators**)

The Bishop's 2025 Christmas Appeal

The Christmas Appeal is one way the Diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance.
There will be a second or leaving collection for this Appeal today.

Quest Terminal – Thank You for Your Support

After reviewing the use of our Quest terminals over the past nine months, we are pleased to let you know there is a strong uptake and positive response. We warmly encourage parishioners to continue making use of the terminals for their giving to the Parish. Your generosity supports the ongoing mission and ministries of our community and we are grateful for your continued support.

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

Mon	1:00pm OLHC <i>Jim Hales RIP</i>
Tues	11:00am St Joseph's <i>Dulcie Small RIP</i> 5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's 10:00am OLHC <i>Barbara Gladman RIP</i> 11:00am Mercy Place
Thur	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Prayer for January
For prayer with the word of God
Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Baptisms
An information session usually take place at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.
Next session: Tuesday 10 February 2026
To book please call 5562 2231

