

# 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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## PARISH PERSONNEL

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|------------------|--------------------|
| Parish Priest    | Fr John Fitzgerald |
| Assistant Priest | Fr Matt Restall    |
| Business Manager | Bruce Keeley       |
| Accounts Manager | Louise Dryburgh    |
| Maintenance      | James Cronin       |
| Admin Team       | Karen Johnson      |
|                  | Virginia Martin    |
|                  | Trisha McGinness   |

## 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:

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 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.

23/24 May 2026

## Pentecost Sunday

### Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Awe & Wonder and Reverence.

### Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control.

## Catholic Development Fund (CDF)

We welcome the CDF Community Fund team to Star of the Sea Parish this weekend. Please feel free to speak with Anton, Gerard, Maxine or Natalia after Mass.

The CDF assists the Bishop of Ballarat to meet the needs of the Diocese in fulfilling its mission. Funds invested with CDF are used to support the Church by providing low-cost funding for Catholic capital building projects in parishes, primary schools, secondary colleges, religious orders, diocesan agencies, health & aged care providers and social service facilities.

To help CDF continue to meet strong loan demand from the Catholic community, you too can put your faith in action. Not only will you earn a competitive rate of interest, but your savings will assist schools and other Catholic organisations to continue the work the Gospel calls on them to do.

## Confirmation Dates

Date: **Tuesday 26 May**  
Location: **OLHC (6:00pm)**  
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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:** Gerry Lane, Brendan Shanley

**Anniversaries:** Jack Peach, Park Kennedy, Ian Robert Douglas, Jim Malone

## National Reconciliation Week: May 27 – June 3

The National Reconciliation Week 2026 theme is “All In”, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. To find out more - <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>.

## Welcome

Fr Pat Mugavin is supplying for Fr Matt this weekend. We warmly welcome and thank him for his assistance.

## Meetings This Week:

Finance Council Meeting this Tuesday at 12:00noon

**FAITH - FAMILY – FELLOWSHIP**  
**FSH & CHIPS**  
**Infant Jesus Catholic Church Koroit**

**Friday 29 May 2026**  
5:30pm Mass  
6:00pm Games  
6:30pm Dinner

## Br Michael Herry's Visit Thurs 4 June 7:30pm St Joseph's Hall

A note from Br Michael: “I’m very happy to share with you all some lovely music for liturgy and prayer which I’m confident you will all enjoy, both those who like to sing in church and also those who usually only sing in the bathroom! Come with me, and you will be taken to a very special and sacred space. That’s my promise to you all.” Br Michael

**Baptisms:** This weekend Sid, Ted & Sully Dickson, Emerson Carroll, Alfie, Archie & Bowie Palmer and Anakin Carey will all be welcomed into our faith community.

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

**St Pius X:** Prayer Meeting every Tues: 1:15pm-3:00pm

**OLHC:** Holy Hour, rosary and adoration every Monday at 10:00am

**St Joseph's:** Bible Study: No study this week and on the following Tuesday (2 June) it will be held at St Pius X at 7:00pm

**Infant Jesus:** ‘Mothers who Pray for their Children’ meet Friday at 10:45am. Contact South West Co-ordinator Marita 0402 431 053

## CRISP Update

We warmly welcome Maria, Mohamad & children who arrived in Warrnambool on 20 May.



## Our Diocesan Community

ODC booklets are available this weekend. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc to spread the good news of the diocese.

## Prayer Requests

Anonymous requests for prayer for various needs or guidance can be placed in the box provided at OLHC. These will be prayed for by members of our parish on the first Thursday of the month after 10:00am Mass.

## 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<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (Eucharist)  
\*All other Sundays  
Assembly of the Word with Communion

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Pius X Sat 9:40am

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

|       |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues  | <b>6:00pm</b> OLHC<br><i>Confirmation</i>                                                                                                                                   |
| Wed   | <b>10:00am</b> St Joseph's<br><i>Lay-led Assembly</i><br><b>6:00pm</b> Koroit<br><i>Confirmation</i>                                                                        |
| Thurs | <b>6:00pm</b> St Joseph's<br><i>Confirmation</i>                                                                                                                            |
| Fri   | <b>2:00pm</b> Port Fairy<br><i>Brendan Shanley RIP</i><br><b>5:30pm</b> Koroit<br><i>Faith, Family, Fellowship Mass</i><br><b>6:00pm</b> St Joseph's<br><i>Confirmation</i> |
| Sat   | <b>10:00am</b> St Pius X                                                                                                                                                    |

## 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 9 June 2026  
To book please call 5562 2231

it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you'.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## PEACE BE WITH YOU

In today's story from John, set on Easter day, Jesus' disciples are frightened. The doors of the room where they gather are locked. They are frightened of the religious authorities. Perhaps they think that what happened to their hero, Jesus, might also happen to them. Into the midst of their fear and locked room, the Risen Jesus comes. His first words are of peace, 'Peace be with you'. This is more than a statement to be calm and not frightened. It is Jesus' gift of wholeness, of *shalom* (Hebrew). It is his prayerful gift for them to come to a deep spirit of internal communion and calmness trusting in his presence.

It is this fearful group of disciples that Jesus commissions to be on mission—a theme familiar from Matthew's Gospel last week: The future of the Jesus movement is not entrusted to a comfortable, secure and fully integrated group of leaders. It is to a group of ordinary, struggling people that the mission is given. But they are not alone in this. Jesus' breath is the externalisation of his presence and being. This is given to the disciples who imbue his spirit, calming them, and giving them the confidence to reveal God's communion with all, despite their foibles or spiritual struggles.

This is the spirit that forgives 'sin'—that experience or marker of disruption, dis-ease and fear. Jesus' breath, received by the Eleven is about to permeate the cosmos through the commissioned ministry and reaffirmed in John's Pentecost story.

Fr Michael Trainor

# THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

24 MAY 2026

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

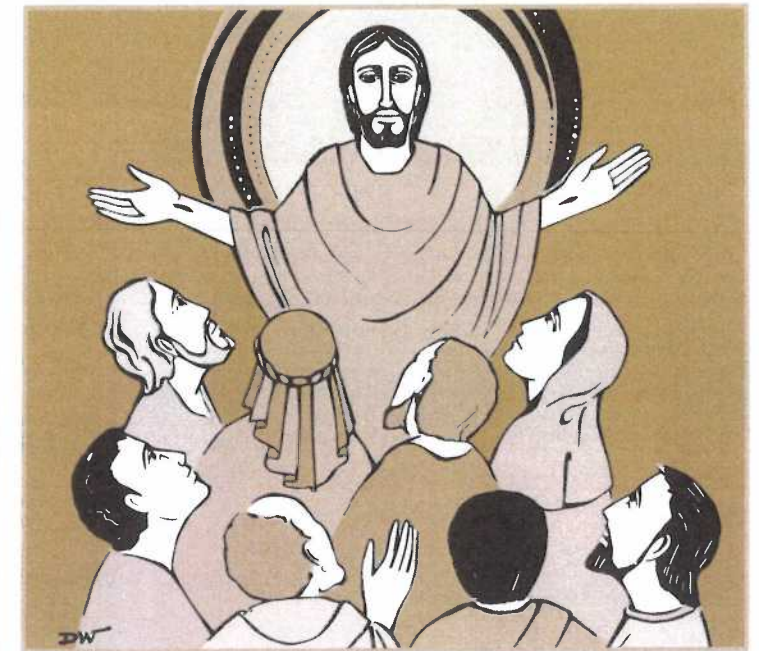
■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! / Lord God, how great you are! / How many are your works,  
O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. **R.**



2. You take back your spirit, they die, /  
returning to the dust from which they came. /  
You send forth your spirit, they are created; /  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! /  
May the Lord rejoice in his works! / May my  
thoughts be pleasing to him. / I find my joy in  
the Lord. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so