



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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St Pius X W'bool West	Tristan Fay
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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.

30/31 May 2026

The Most Holy TRINITY

Today we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit described in ancient tradition as:

- the One who loves ... Father
- the Beloved One ... Son
- the Love between them ... Holy Spirit

It celebrates the mystery of God's self-revelation:

- through the experiences of the people of Israel
- the disciples of Jesus and the
- and the Christian people since Pentecost.

This feast celebrates our God who always was, is and will be for ever, who calls us into a loving relationship which is beyond anything we can imagine.

Follow up to the 2024 Diocesan Assembly

The 2024 Diocesan Assembly was on Leadership and Governance for a Synodal Church. Synodality involves journeying together in faith.

Some members of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Panel will meet with members of our Parish on:

Tuesday 2 June at 7:00pm

Location: St Joseph's Hall

It is encouraged that members of our Parish Pastoral Council as well as members of each of our Pastoral Leadership Teams would be in attendance.

Earlier in the day Bishop Mark will be attending the Southern Zone Meeting of priests and pastoral associates at St Joseph's.

Welcome Back

We welcome back Fr Matt from his time away. May he feel relaxed and refreshed.

Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to all the children from across the Parish who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation this past week.

Recent Deaths: Elizabeth O'Keefe, Cath Lourey

Anniversaries: Darcy Irving, Valerie Mugavin, Bernard Vaughan, Marj Pola, Lisa Volders, Kevin McNamara

Br Michael Herry's Visit

This Thurs 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

NB: See the latest ODC re: Br Michael's workshop in Wendouree.

Baptisms: This weekend Xavier Murfett, Finnley Clark and Reuben Bartlett will be welcomed into our faith community.

Rosary: **St Joseph's** (June) on Mondays at 7:00pm.
: **Port Fairy** on Wednesdays at 11:00am

Bible Study: This Tuesday (2 June) will be held at St Pius X at 7:00pm then it will resume at St Joseph's the following week.

PLT Meeting this Week

Our Lady Help of Christians on Wednesday at 6:30pm

Our Diocesan Community

In this issue of the ODC:

- Bishop Paul's retirement
- Bishop Mark's Ordination and Installation
- Br Michael Herry's workshop in Wendouree. (*See above*)
- Fr Bill and Don Stewart both have articles
- OLHC 50th Anniversary celebrations
- Port Fairy, St Joseph's & Emmanuel schools have articles
- Fr George Kuruvila talks about the merger of the Hampden, Camperdown and Timboon Parishes

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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

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	1:00pm St Joseph's <i>Elizabeth O'Keefe RIP</i>
Tues	5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	1:30pm St Joseph's <i>Cath Lourey RIP</i>
Thurs	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am 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

Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

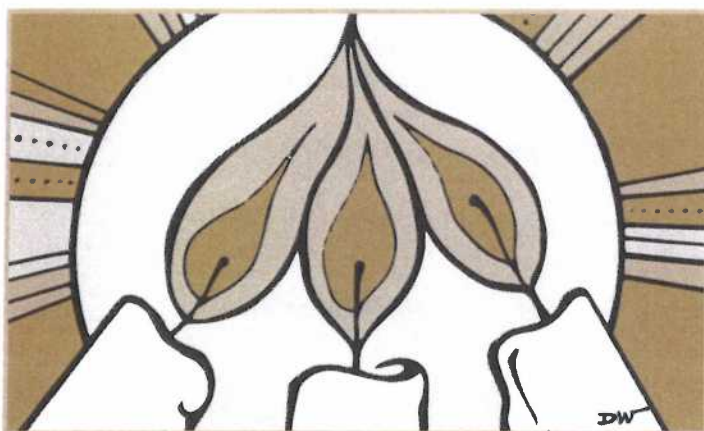
but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Upen the Word

WE ARE GOD’S BELOVED

In a world of unrest and at a time when many of us could be struggling with uncertainty and loneliness, the readings for this Feast offer us a soulful soothing balm. Each of the readings celebrate God (first reading), the Holy Spirit (second reading) and Jesus (our Gospel); our focus is on the Gospel. The passage’s context is about Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, coming to Jesus ‘by night’, seeking to understand Jesus’ relationship with God. Jesus speaks of the importance of being born ‘from above’.

In typical Johannine misunderstanding—Nicodemus doesn’t understand how we can be born ‘again’ (a confusion with Jesus’ word ‘above’ and a play on the Greek)—John invites the audience (and us) to come to the heart of God’s agenda: God is in absolute love with the world; his Son, Jesus, becomes the fruit of that love through whom believers, even the searching Nicodemus, will be found and have life eternal. This is a powerful witness and clear statement of God’s intention for our world. We, too, need to hear this when there seem to be many contrary and conflicting voices.

John’s Gospel is important for us to know that no matter what, we are God’s beloved; God does not judge or condemn us. This flies in the face of those who think, wrongly, that God is ‘out to get us’ and awaits to chalk up our misdeeds. This is so contradictory to the God revealed to us in Jesus. We, like Nicodemus, find ourselves at times stumbling around ‘by night’ as we seek to come into the light. This is God’s gift to us on this feast as we celebrate God’s beloved intent for us and our world.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

31 MAY 2026

FIRST READING

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.’ And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. ‘If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,’ he said ‘let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

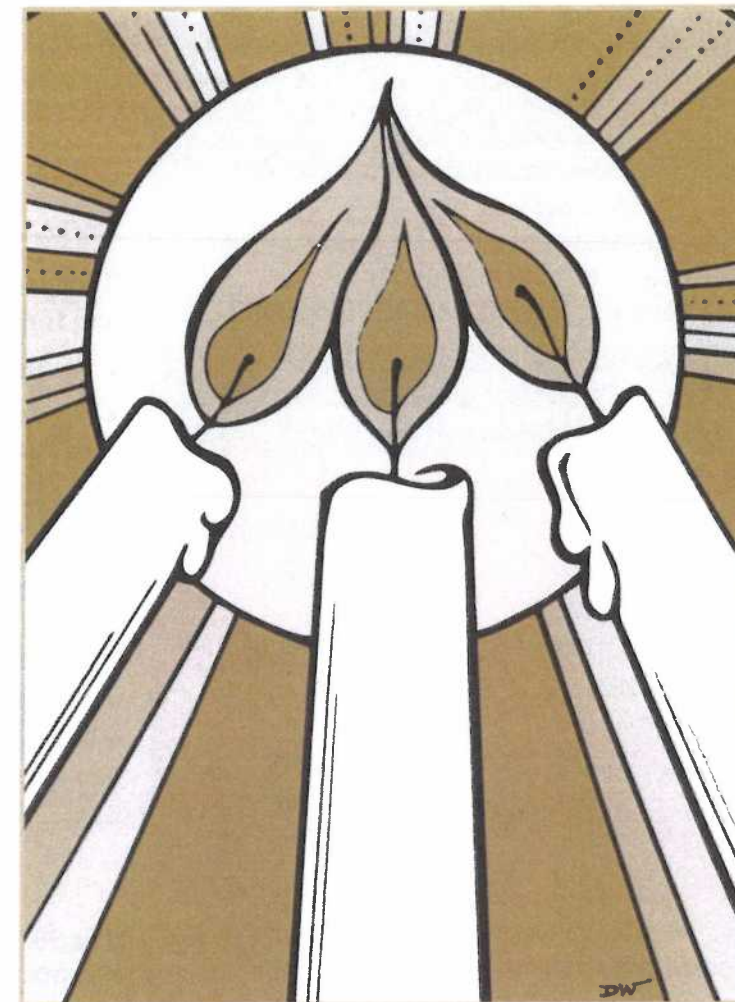
R. Glory and praise for ever!

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!



SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

■ The word of the Lord.