

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
OLHC W'bool East	Stephen Madden
Emmanuel College	Rachel McGennissen

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Our 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

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centred community who gather with open hearts to recognise Christ in one another. In the Catholic tradition, we journey together in faith, hope and service to bring life to the church and to the wider world.

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.

20/21 June 2026

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church News

As this goes to print, we still haven't heard who will replace Fr John at the end of July. We might remember Bishop Mark in prayer as there are difficult decisions he will be called upon to be make during his time with us.

Pope Leo's Encyclical

Pope Leo XIV has released his first teaching letter, an encyclical titled Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity). Addressed to all humanity, it is a reflection on what it means to protect and preserve human dignity in the age of artificial intelligence.

Merger of Parishes

Camperdown, Hampden and Timboon. A letter was received by the Bishop from Fr George Kuruvila, detailing the consultation process and formally requesting amalgamation.

Apollo Bay, Colac and Cororooke. A letter was received by the Bishop from Fr Andrew Hayes, detailing the consultation process and formally requesting amalgamation.

Induction and Orientation for Overseas Priests:

Bishop Mark noted that there are no imminent plans to recruit additional clergy from overseas. Should international recruitment become necessary in the future, the diocese will provide substantial advance notice and implement rigorous, thorough procedural frameworks to ensure a comprehensive induction and orientation process.

Fr Anthony Nagothu

It is anticipated that Fr Anthony will receive an invitation to join the Brooklyn Oratory and will not be returning to the diocese.

Welcome

This morning (10:30 - St Joseph's) Davin Kneale & Darcy Kneale are being welcomed into the Catechumenate, i.e. they are commencing their journey in being initiated into the Catholic Church.

The Visit of Amino Salsinha

Amino is a guest of Warrnambool's Water East Timor (WET) Group. He is from Timor Leste and will be attending the 10:30am Mass at St Joseph's this weekend. Amino is a family man and the lead construction supervisor of Bakhita Water & Sanitation Team. There will be a 'Cuppa' after Mass to welcome him.

Recent Deaths: Leigh Barry Mugavin, Filomena Araujo

Anniversaries: Marie Mugavin, Mary McNamara, Walter & Rita Tuck, Pauline O'Keefe, Chris Jenkins, Gerda Gleeson, Bernie McNamara, Irene Morgan, John O'Rourke

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

We rely on the generosity of our supporters:

- Non-perishable food items can be left in the Gathering Space during the next few weeks
- Winter Appeal envelopes are available for cash donations.
- QR Code donations are also welcome. Thank you.

A collection will take place on Sunday 28th June.

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

Baptisms: This weekend Alexander Wright, Sully Dowell, Matilda & Joseph White. Oliver & Charlotte Darmody will be welcomed into our faith community.

Fr John's Farewell Itinerary

- ♦ Sunday 28 June: St Patrick's Port Fairy 10:30am
- ♦ Sunday 5 July: Infant Jesus, Koroit 9:00am
- ♦ Sunday 12 July: St Pius X 9:00am
- ♦ Saturday 18 July: Our Lady Help of Christians 6:00pm
- ♦ Sunday 19 July: St Joseph's 6:00pm
- ♦ Sunday 26 July: St Joseph's 10:30am

Father John wishes to express his gratitude to the parishioners of the Star of the Sea Parish over a cuppa at the above venues & times.

NB. Last Sunday Fr John celebrated Mass at St Anne's in Purnim and shared a 'cuppa' with the community.

Faith – FAMILY – Fellowship

Fish & Chips

5:30pm Mass -- 6pm Games -- 6:30pm Dinner

Friday 26 June 2026

Infant Jesus Catholic Church Koroit

St Joseph's: No Bible Study this week.

St Pius X: Prayer Meeting Tuesdays: 1:15pm-3:00pm. 'Cuppa' after Mass today.

OLHC: Holy Hour, rosary and adoration Mondays at 10:00am
OLHC Community Newsletter is now available to take home.
Anonymous requests for prayer 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.

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

Pasta with Bishop Barron

6:30pm – 8pm

Tuesday Nights in July

St Pius Church Foyer

85" TV, Sound System, Pasta & Rice provided

No RSVP – All Welcome

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

Tues	5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am Pius X St John's Feast Day Mass
Thurs	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's School Mass 5:30pm Koroit
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Prayer for June

For the values of sport: Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth. Lord, hear us.

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 July 2026
To book please call 5562 2231

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Upen the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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DIVINE PRESENCE

The instruction to the Twelve that concluded last Sunday's Gospel continues today. Again, the Gospel offers us a missionary mandate and insight. The mission is essentially optimistic because 'everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.' No way of life for the disciples, of their missionary commitment and engagement will be lost. It may appear to be covered and hidden but, ultimately and eventually, God's goodness and the work of the 'kin-dom' will be revealed. No longer will the message of the Gospel be spoken in the dark or whispered. It will be proclaimed from the housetops!

The affirmation of the fruitfulness of the missionary task spills over into the way God will care for those on mission—and this is what is addressed also to us: We are looked after by God, in every detail of our lives. As Matthew puts it in the final verses of today's Gospel, Jesus will affirm us before God.

There is one translation point worth noting in today's Gospel. What is translated about God's care of even the sparrows, which is translated as 'yet not one falls to the ground without your Father *knowing*', is better and more accurately translated, 'and not one of them falls to the earth *without your Father*'. It is not about God's knowledge of the falling sparrow, it is the very *presence* of God accompanying the falling or dying sparrow that is affirmed. That same God accompanies us. There is nothing in our life that happens without God's presence intimately caring for us. God is joined to us in intimate care and accompaniment. This God we celebrate today in our liturgy!

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Jer 20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
' "Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends

watched for my downfall,

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

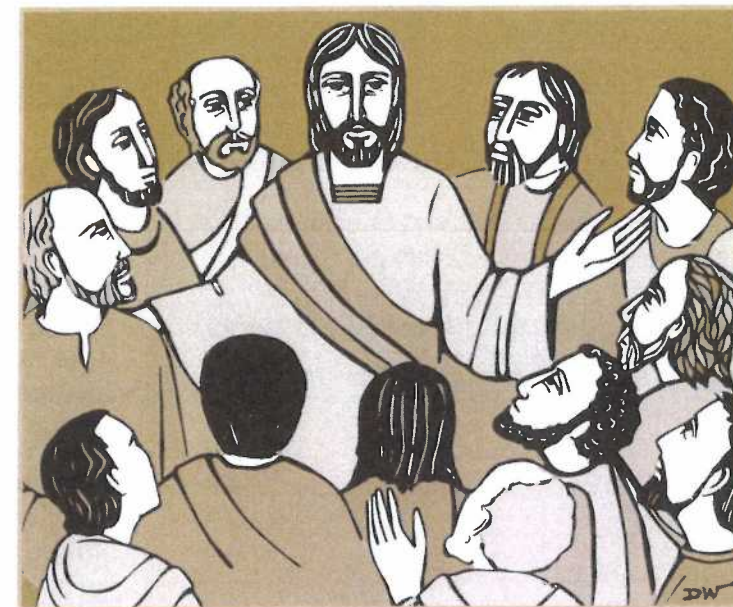
■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that shame covers my face, / that I have become a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my own mother's sons. / I burn with zeal for your house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: / Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**



3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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