



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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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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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

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.

27/28 June 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saints Peter & Paul (Apostles)

Died as martyrs at Rome under Nero, between 64-67AD. This pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the 'chief of the apostles' and Paul the 'apostle to the Gentiles'. Remembered for their faith, their courage, and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of Church.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

For more and more people, homelessness is just one sudden crisis away. Please help if you are able:

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

A collection at all Masses this weekend.



Fr John's Farewell Itinerary

- ♦ Sunday (today): 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 takes the opportunity to express his gratitude to the parishioners of the Star of the Sea Parish over a cuppa at the above venues & times.





Talking The Mass

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

Rosary:

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

Men's Breakfast:

8:00am Sat 4 July at OLHC

Baptisms:

This weekend Scarlett & Rosie Williams, Maia Awiten and Philippa & Hugh Russell will be welcomed into our faith community.

St Joseph's:

Bible Study on Tuesday at 7:00pm

St Pius X:

No Prayer Meeting for the next two Tuesdays (school holidays)

OLHC:

Holy Hour, rosary and adoration Mondays at 10:00am

Infant Jesus:

'Mothers who Pray for their Children' meet Friday at 10:45am - except over school holidays.

Seaside Community Kitchen

Would you like to join the Parish team of volunteers assisting with serving the Monday night meals? The Parish team will be rostered for 1 month per year. This year it's October (you may not be needed for all Mondays). Katherine 0459 615 564 for more information.

Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) Classes

The SEE Program helps people improve their language, literacy, numeracy and digital skills to support everyday life, further study and employment. Training is flexible, tailored to individual needs, and provided at no cost to participants. The SEE Program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. TOID - 41114.

Ami simu estudante Timor-Leste hotu atu mai hamutuk ho ami hodi ajuda hadi'a sira-nia Ingles, aprende kona-ba moris iha Australia no harii abilidade ne'ebé ita preziza ba ita-nia futuro.

Held in St Joseph's Church Hall on Sunday mornings after Mass.

About Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

'Aid to the Church in Need' is an international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.

Founded in 1947, ACN is a pontifical foundation and provides vital aid for pastoral projects, religious education, and emergency relief in areas affected by conflict and poverty.

ACN operates solely on benefactor donations, with no funding from Church or State.

Learn more on our website: www.aidtochurch.org

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

Wed	10:00am St Joseph's Lay-Led Assembly
Thurs	11:00am OLHC Marie Bonner RIP
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
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! / You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise
God who called you out of darkness and into
his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy
of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone
who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy
of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to
me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not
take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not
worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will
lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake
will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me;
and those who welcome me welcome the one
who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he
is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and
anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is
a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold
water to one of these little ones because he is a
disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most
certainly not lose his reward.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

28 JUNE 2026

HOW SHOULD I LIVE AND ACT?

If Jesus were to meet you (and he does
constantly!) and you were to ask him, 'How
should I act and live my life?', the answer
would come into today's Gospel. It continues
Jesus' teaching concerned with disciples
(us!) on mission. As our church deepens its
practice of synodality, the instructions Jesus
offers are meant for all: our focus is to be on
Jesus. Our relationship with him guides every
other relationship and commitment. In the
Gospel, Jesus tells the Twelve, the symbolic
leadership group of disciples who spearhead
the Jesus missionary movement, 'Anyone
who prefers[fill in the blanks] ... is not
worthy of me.' His words are not a rejection
of one's relationships or family ties but the
preference in all relationships is to be guided
by our abiding commitment and friendship
with Jesus.

The second collection of sayings in today's
Gospel concerns hospitality. Those who
welcome others, members of the Jesus
household, and act in holiness or speak
prophetically are also welcoming the presence
of Jesus. This spirit of openness and receptivity
continues into the last part of today's Gospel.
Offering a welcoming drink to 'one of these
little ones'—those regarded as social nobodies
without prestige or status—and discerned,
surprisingly, as disciples, as members of Jesus'
community of believers, will be eternally
rewarded: '...they will most certainly not lose
their reward.'

Today's Gospel is not about earning rewards,
though. It is about how to live, with a firm
commitment to Jesus and welcoming all,
especially the 'little ones' and identifying as
disciples the most unlikely.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a
woman of rank who lived there pressed him to
stay and eat there. After this he always broke
his journey for a meal when he passed that way.
She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the
man who is constantly passing our way must
be a holy man of God. let us build him a small
room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and
a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes
to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper
room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?'
he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well,
she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha
said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she
stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha
said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

■ The word of the Lord.

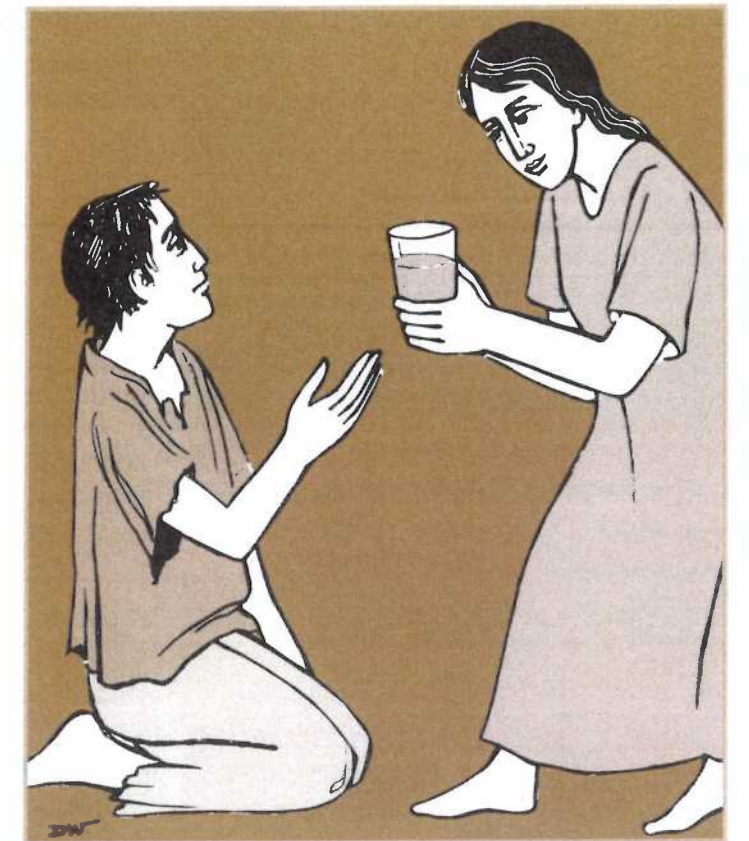
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the
Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; /
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your
truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts
for ever, / that your truth is firmly established
as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a
king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your
face, / who find their joy every day in your
name, / who make your justice the source of
their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory
of their strength; / it is by your favour that
our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the
keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping
of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we
shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were
baptised in his death; in other words, when we
were baptised we went into the tomb with him
and joined him in death, so that as Christ was
raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we
too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ
we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we
know, having been raised from the dead will
never die again. Death has no power over him
any more. When he died, he died, once for all,
to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in
that way, you too must consider yourselves to
be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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