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St Patrick's Port Fairy	Tarryn Delaney
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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

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.

17/18 January 2026
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time:

- is celebrated from the end of the Christmas Season to the beginning of Lent... and from the end of the Easter Season (Pentecost Sunday) to the beginning of Advent
- is the time for **living out** our Christian mission in family, workplace and the world
- Is associated with the colour Green - a sign of **hope** and **growth**
- our special focus during Ordinary Time is on the **ministry, preaching** and **healing** of Jesus
- is the part of the year in which Christ walks among us and **transforms** our lives.

Ordinary Time

A time for the slow *growth* of the seed

A time for *cultivating* and *pruning*

A time for regular *watering*

A time of *preparation*...for the harvest

Ordinary Time is a most special Time

Church destroyed by Fire

Yea-Alexandra parish is mourning the loss of one of its churches: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows in Caveat, which was destroyed by the bushfires that have torn through parts of Victoria. Only the cross and the belltower survived.

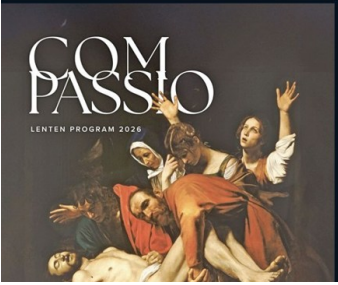
Archbishop Peter Comensoli writes: 'This humble church, built by faith-filled families and sustained by generations of prayer, was far more than a building. It was a place of hope, memory and encounter with God'.

Recent Deaths: Heather Gibbons, Doreen Delaney, Marie Hill

Anniversaries: Gail Bartlett, Jean Pascoe, Claire McCarthy, Mary Henry, Peter McLean

What's on Offer for Lent

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

Preparing for Easter

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.

As in previous years our Catholic community is joining with the Anglican and Uniting Churches during the Season of Lent as a way to prepare for Easter. (Days and times to be confirmed)

These Booklets are helpful for personal or small group reflection and are available at the Office for \$8.00
Lent commences on Ash Wednesday (18 February)

Wedding: Congratulations to Lauren Mugavin & Nick Boughton on their wedding this weekend in Port Fairy.

Baptisms: This weekend Rhys Gale will be welcomed into our faith community.

OLHC: Holy Hour : Mondays at 10:00am
Columban Calanders available to purchase (\$8:00)

St Joseph's: The Ministry Roster is available in the sacristy porch.

Rosary: Month of January: St Pius X on Mondays at 7:00pm.

CRISP Monthly Meetings

Parishioners are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Program (CRISP) on Saturday 24 January at 5:00pm at OLHC Church.

Communion to the Sick/ Housebound

We encourage you to let us know of anyone wishing to participate. Please contact the Office if you are able to help. If you have a Pyx that you are no longer using, would you please return (or donate) it.

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

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues	10:30am OLHC Doreen Delaney RIP 5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's 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: Tues 10 February 2026
To book please call 5562 2231