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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:	
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.

24/25 January 2026
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Ordination and Installation of
Fr Mark Freeman as the
Ninth Bishop of Ballarat



Date: Thursday 19 March
Time: 11.00am
Location: St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.
NB: Mass to be livestreamed.

Rite of Election 2026

This Rite is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community and one which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. This applies to adults who have undertaken formation. The Rite of Election will take place on Saturday 21 February at 12.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

Rite of Naming takes place at St Joseph's on Sunday 8 February at 10:30am Mass.

The Mass of the Oils: Monday 30 March at 1.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

Laudato Si'

In his encyclical Laudato Si', Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others.

Incorporate Ecological Awareness and Action:

- Practice Conservation:** Encourage daily actions like reducing plastic and paper use, conserving water and turning off unnecessary lights.
- Reduce Waste:** Separate refuse and avoiding single-use plastics.
- Embrace Sustainable Transport:** Promote the use of public transport, carpooling and biking.
- Adjust Consumption:** Encourage mindful consumption by supporting local and sustainable products.

Recent Deaths: Kevin Hall, Claude Finn (Tweed Heads)
Anniversaries: Brian Crichton, Joseph Bakker, Kevin Lynch (KM)

Seaside Community Kitchen Meals

Seaside Community Kitchen will recommence the service of meals on Monday 2 February. Take away & sit down hot meal from St Joseph's Church Hall on Mondays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

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 Limited supply.

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

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)

'Our Hearts on Mission' 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)

Baptisms: This weekend Louie Wilson and Xaviana Enriquez will be welcomed into our faith community.

St Pius X: Prayer Group recommences on Tuesday Feb 3 at 1:15pm beginning with rosary in the Chapel.

OLHC: Holy Hour: Mondays at 10:00am
Columban Calendars 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.

St Brigid's Feast Day

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for volunteers will be held at St Brigid's Church Crossley at 1:30pm on Sunday 1 February. Followed with refreshments in the Hall. All welcome. Please bring a 'plate' to share.

Bishop's Collection: Thank you to all who gave generously to the recent Bishop's Christmas Appeal.

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 nd 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	5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's 11:00am Mercy Place 2:00pm OLHC Kevin Hall RIP
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 takes 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