



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	
St John's Dennington	Ben van de Camp
St Patrick's Koroit	Tegan McDonald
St Patrick's Port Fairy	Olga Lyons
St Joseph's W'bool	Matthew O'Brien
St Pius X W'bool West	Nick Murrell
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.

29/30 November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

The 'Venerable' Mary Glowrey



The cause for sainthood for Australian-born doctor and missionary **Mary Glowrey** has advanced after Pope Leo XIV recognised her 'heroic virtues' on 21 November 2025.

She will now be titled 'Venerable' and is the second Australian, after St Mary Mackillop, to be accorded this status.

Mary was born in the Victorian town of Birregurra in 1887 and excelled academically, graduating from the University of Melbourne as a medical doctor.

She was a pioneer among women in medicine before discerning a call to serve in India. For 37 years she offered medical care, compassion and dignity to the most vulnerable - particularly women and children and founded what is now India's largest non-government health network, the Catholic Health Association of India (CHIA), which continues to serve millions today.

The Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli said 'Her healing hands, her compassion and her bold spirit were a living sign of God's tenderness. May her example and intercession continue to inspire Aussies and people everywhere to live lives of service and holiness.'

This recognition is a moment of grace for both our nations and our Church.

Parish Census

Our Parish Census has begun! Please take a few minutes to complete your household form at Mass or online. Your information helps us update sacramental records, reach parishioners in need, and strengthens our parish community. Thank you for participating!



Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned giving envelopes for 2026 (2 Feb - 26 July) will be available at the churches from this weekend. Please call the office if you are unable to find yours before Christmas.

Recent Deaths:

Mons Frank Marriott (Bendigo), Dirk Pronk, Aileen Sully, Laurie Gunnulson, Marjorie Allen, Amelia Orleans (Timor Leste), Catherine Doolan

Anniversaries:

Nell Braybrook, Geoff Billington, Molly Eccles, Anne Nevill, Michael Mee, Chrissy Freckleton, Mary Crowe, Mary McKinnon

Rosary: Month of December at St Joseph's Mondays 7:00pm.

Baptisms: This weekend Henrik Pomorin and Harvey Cornelissen will be welcomed into our faith community with the sacrament of Baptism. Finn Lyons is celebrating his Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at OLHC and Russell Batty with the Rite of Welcome into the Catechumenate at St Joseph's.

Advent Lectio Divina Reflection Group

Tuesday's 6:15pm -7:00pm at St Pius. Fr Matt will lead an Advent Reflection group. Suggested \$10 donation for the 5 week Program.

St Pius X: Prayer Meeting this Tuesday 1:15pm-3:00pm

OLHC: Columban Calendars \$9 and Christmas Cards \$3 (pk of 8) are available to purchase at the Church. Honesty system. Sign up sheet in the foyer for volunteers for Christmas Masses.

Men's Breakfast 6 Dec at 8:00am at OLHC

DOBCEL

This week (Tues -Thurs) Fr John is in Ballarat with the Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Board of Management. Terry Harney concludes his term as 'chair' at this time and Eugene Dalton will be the new 'chair' in 2026.

Temporary Equipment in St Patrick's Church

Work is currently underway in St Patrick's Church this week, and as a result some equipment will remain in the Church over the weekend. All areas will remain safe and accessible. We appreciate your cooperation during this period of disruption.

Parking Challenges at OLHC School

As parishioners will be aware, construction has commenced at OLHC School. The school indicates they are expecting to complete the works by the middle of 2026. This has created some challenges with parking around the Church, especially during Mass times. We ask everyone to be patient as we work closely with the school on possible solutions to help ease these difficulties. Thank you for your understanding as we navigate these temporary changes together.

Christmas Day Lunch

You are welcome to share a luncheon on Christmas Day (St Joseph's Hall) 12noon to 1.30pm. Bookings essential. Mary 0409 158 177 or Parish Office 5562 2231

Multicultural Choir for Christmas Eve Mass

If you'd like to join our Multicultural Choir to sing at the 5:00pm Christmas Eve mass, we would love to see you at our rehearsals Sunday 7 & 21 Dec and Wed 24 Dec 3.30pm - St Joseph's Church. Don Stewart 04372020080 or email: unmuzzledmusic@gmail.com



Expectant Hearts
Missionaries of God's Love

The MGL sisters will lead an Advent Retreat at St Pius X Saturday 6 Dec. Begins with Mass at 10:00am. The theme "creating a dwelling place in our hearts for Jesus". All welcome. (morning, afternoon tea and lunch included). Enquiries: Sr Isobel Stewart 0478 627 056

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	5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's Lay-led Liturgy 2:00pm St Patrick's Port Fairy Aileen Sully RIP Requiem Mass
Thur	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's School Mass Yr 7 & 8's 11:00am St Patrick's Port Fairy Marjorie Allen RIP (Funeral Liturgy)
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Pope's Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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: Tuesday 9 Dec

To book please call the Office on 5562 2231

