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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.

6/7 December 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

Fr John writes...

The Church at Work in Peru

Fr Michael McKinnon, a Ballarat priest working in the hill country of Peru writes about his work: "Our pastoral work in the 50 communities relies heavily upon the presence and commitment of Catechists, many of whom have been working in the ministry for more than thirty years. The planning and celebrations of liturgies, with/without priests, are their domain as well as sacramental preparation for Weddings, Baptisms, Confirmation and Eucharist".

Communal Celebration of God's Mercy and Forgiveness

Thursday 18 December at 7:00pm at St Joseph's

You are invited:

- to **hear** the Word of God
- to **examine** our conscience
- to **repent** of our sins
- to **seek** forgiveness of Almighty God

New Principal

Tristan Fay has been appointed the Principal of St Pius X Primary School. He will commence his new position at the beginning of the 2026 school year.

I offer my congratulations to Tristan. I also extend my appreciation to Nick Murrell, as the outgoing Principal, for his leadership of St Pius X Primary School.

St John's Dennington

St John's Primary School is excited to be the recipient of \$4.1 million from the Federal Government to assist in the construction of six classrooms. The need for the new spaces is a planned response to increasing enrolments as a result of population growth and an outstanding educational program. Construction of an oval is currently underway and it is expected that the building will commence in Term 1 of 2026.

Recent Deaths: Laurie Gunnulson, Tom Dickson, Clare Smith

Anniversaries: Michael Lanigan, Shirley Allwood, Michael Lenehan

Parish Census: Thank you to all those who filled out a Form last weekend. We desire all parishioners to complete the Form at Mass, at home or online (QR), as it is important that you are on the new Census. Please hand the Form into the Office, place in the basket/collection plate at Mass or submit online by Friday 12 Dec. Thank you.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Vigil)
5:00pm St. Joseph's

6:00pm OLHC (5:30 Carols)
6:00pm Infant Jesus Koroit

8:00pm St. Joseph's
8:00pm St. Anne's Purnim

Christmas Day
9:00am St Pius X
9:30am St. Patrick's Port Fairy
9:30am St. Joseph's



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

Baptisms: This weekend Essie Croker, Clancey Wilde, Flynn Lumsden, Daisy & Connie Evans will be welcomed into our faith community.

St Pius X: Columban Calendars \$9 and Christmas Cards \$3 are available to purchase at the Church after Mass. Prayer Meeting Tuesday 1:15pm-3:00pm

St Joseph's: Mission Mass next Sunday evening 14 Dec at 6:00pm 'Cuppa' after Mass next Sunday morning

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am Columban Calendars \$9 and Christmas Cards \$3 are available to purchase at the Church. Honesty system. Sign up sheet in the foyer for volunteers for Christmas Masses.

St Patrick's: 'Cuppa' after Mass today

Koroit PLT meeting Wednesday 10 Dec at 7:00pm

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 (today) 7 & 21 Dec and Wed 24 Dec 3.30pm - St Joseph's Church.. Don 0437 202 080 or unmuzzledmusic@gmail.com

St John of God Auxiliary

St John of God Auxiliary are holding a Christmas Market Day in the hospital foyer on Wednesday 10 Dec - 10:00am to 2:00pm.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Envelopes for cash donations and/or non-perishable items can be left in baskets where provided or under the Christmas Giving Tree - (depending on the community) QR code available if you prefer to give online.



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	
Mon	11:00am St Joseph's <i>Laurie Gunnulson RIP Requiem Mass</i> 2:00pm St Joseph's <i>Tom Dickson RIP Requiem Mass</i>
Tues	5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's <i>Year 6 School Mass</i>
Thur	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Prayer for December
For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and love. 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: Tuesday 9 December
To book please call 5562 2231

