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Parish Priest	Fr John Fitzgerald
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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.

13/14 December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Fr John writes...

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

This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for the Christmas Feast.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Vigil)
5:00pm St Joseph's
6:00pm OLHC (5:30pm 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



Parish Census: Thank you to the many who filled out the new Census Form. We desire every parishioner to complete the Form. It is important that you are on the Census. Hand the Form into the Office or place in the basket/collection plate at Mass or submit online by Christmas. Thank you.

Vui lòng liên hệ với Văn phòng nếu bạn cần hỗ trợ hoàn thành mẫu thống kê dân số giáo xứ. 5562 2231 (Vietnamese)

Favor kontaktu eskritóriu se ita-boot presiza asisténsia hodi kompleta formuláriu sensu parókia nian. 5562 2231 (Timorese)

Parish Office Hours
Close: Wednesday 24 December 12:30pm
Re-open: Monday 5 January 2026 at 9:00am
NB: For urgent matters: leave a message on the answering machine (5562 2231).

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 it. Thank you

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



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

Baptisms: Ella Shambrook will be welcomed into our faith community this weekend.

St Pius X: Morning tea after Mass next week.
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: Cuppa' after Mass today
Sign up sheet in the foyer for volunteers for Christmas Masses.

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.

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

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.



Seaside Community Kitchen

We provided over 1000 meals for those in need for the year and we are now closed for the Christmas break re-opening on 2 Feb 2026.
Many thanks to Fr John and our extended Parish for your continued support and prayers for this mission. Wishing all a very happy, holy and safe Christmas and all that is good for 2026.

Crossley Community Carols

Sun 21 Dec: St Brigid's, 212 Port Fairy/ Koroit Road Crossley
5:00pm BBQ - 6:30pm Carols. Entry by donation. All welcome.

Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi (Tagalog for "Night Mass") is a traditional nine-day novena of Masses celebrated by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. Join the Filipino community for 7:00pm Mass each weekday at St Pius between 15-23 December (17 Dec at OLHC).

Recent Deaths: Noreen Hogan (Corowa), Clare Packer (Albury)

Anniversaries: Noel & Leon Greene, Robert Roache, Rosabel Russell, Kay Harbeck, Chil (Charles) Morrison, Clem Lourey, Harm Bakker, Geraldine Lourey, Lance Carter, Annie Margaret Delaney, Mary O'Keefe, Ray McNiece, James McNiece

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	7:00pm St Pius X
Tues	9:00am St Joseph's Emmanuel Staff Mass 7:00pm St Pius X
Wed	9:15am Infant Jesus School Mass 10:00am St Joseph's 7:00pm OLHC
Thur	10:00am OLHC 7:00pm St Pius X
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's 7:00pm St Pius X
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

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: Tuesday 10 February 2026

To book please call 5562 2231

NB: No Session in January

