



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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PARISH PERSONNEL

Parish Priest	Fr John Fitzgerald
Assistant Priest	Fr Matt Restall
Business Manager	Bruce Keeley
Accounts Manager	Louise Dryburgh
Maintenance	James Cronin
Admin Team	Karen Johnson Virginia Martin Trisha McGinness

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.

20/21 December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Let us Celebrate the birth of Jesus with Joy and Thanksgiving

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

Christmas Day Lunch

You are welcome to share Christmas Day Lunch (St Joseph's Hall) 12noon to 1:30pm. Bookings essential. Mary 0409 158 177 or 5562 2231 (Office)



Recent Deaths: Christopher McNamara and we remember those who tragically died last Sunday at Bondi Beach

Anniversaries: Doreen Bailey, Lyn Van Rooy, Peter McNamara, Carmel Maher, Norman Rowe, Glenys Balchin, Patricia Thomson, Matthew O'Sullivan, Mary Mugavin (Purnim), Bill Dunne Snr, Patricia Beks, Mary Quinlan, Norm Brooks, Karen & Thomas Scott, Vin Dalrymple

Parish Office Hours

Close: Wednesday 24 December 12:30pm
Re-open: Friday 2 January 2026 at 9:00am
NB: For urgent matters: Please leave a message on the answering machine (5562 2231).

RCIC (Children's Sacraments)

Fr Matt will be running a shortened program for children in Yr 4 and above who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Please email the Parish Office to be kept informed.

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

Wedding: Congratulations to Angela Kenna & Harry Price on their Wedding this weekend.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 3 January at OLHC at 8:00am

Baptisms: This weekend Cooper Hall and Quinn McLeod will be welcomed into our faith community.

St Pius X: Morning Tea after Mass today
Columban Calendars \$9 and Christmas Cards \$3 are available to purchase at the Church after Mass.

St Joseph's: Christmas Masses - Special Ministers required please.

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am
Columban Calendars \$9 and Christmas Cards \$3 are available to purchase at the Church. Honesty system.

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.



Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is a traditional nine-day novena of Masses celebrated by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. Join the Filipino community for 7:00pm Mass at St Pius on 22 & 23 December.

Bulletins

For those wishing to continue (or begin) to receive the Star of the Sea Bulletin via email, please note that it will be emailed via our new website from the start of 2026. You may email the Office with a request for us to add you to the website: southwestcoast@ballarat.catholic.org.au or scan the QR code or go to <https://www.catholicparish.app/southwestcoast>

NB: Printed bulletins are available at each of the Churches as usual.



Quest Terminal – Thank You for Your Support

After reviewing the use of our Quest terminals over the past nine months, we are pleased to let you know there is a strong uptake and positive response. We warmly encourage parishioners to continue making use of the terminals for their giving to the Parish. Your generosity supports the ongoing mission and ministries of our community and we are grateful for your continued support.

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

Mon	7:00pm St Pius X
Tues	7:00pm St Pius X
Wed/Thur	See Christmas Mass times on front page
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 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

