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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.

21/22 February 2026 1st Sunday of Lent

Project Compassion – First Sunday of Lent

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

Please donate today - through donation boxes, envelopes, scanning the QR code, at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion Lenten Prayer

God of all love,
we remember that on the night before he died
your Son, Jesus, prayed that his friends 'may all be one.'

Yet we see so much division in the world.

War, conflict, violence and hatred must all distress you.
Millions of people suffer when they don't have peace and respect.

They lack the necessities of life:
food, water, health, education and security.

We pray that we may all 'Unite Against Poverty' this Lent.

May our support for Project Compassion
be a sign to ourselves and others, of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication to prayer,
fasting and almsgiving will help restore
your vision of justice and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Reunion and Welcome

This weekend **Fr John** will join his friends who entered the seminary with him as students at Corpus Christi College, Werribee in 1970 (55 years ago)! The students came from the four dioceses in Victoria.

Fr Pat Mugavin has kindly offered to 'supply' for Fr John this weekend. Thanks and a warm welcome to Fr Pat.

Recent Deaths: Gloria Boemo, Maureen McGinness

Anniversaries: Patricia McNamara, Mary Regan, Kevin Regan, Len Hoy, Annie Lindsey, Christopher Doyle

St Vincent de Paul

West Warrnambool St Vincent de Paul are once again holding their Lenten Food Appeal - All donations are gratefully appreciated.

21/22 Feb - Cereal **28 Feb/1Mar** - Spaghetti/Baked Beans

Stations of the Cross

OLHC: 10:00am Monday (Holy Hour)
St Joseph's: 7:30pm Fridays
Port Fairy: 6:00pm Fridays followed with fish (\$10) & chips (free)

Lenten Retreat Day: Sat 28 Feb: 10:00am - 4:00pm (no charge)
Location: St Joseph's Parish Hall Light Lunch provided (\$25)
Booking: ecomyriad@gmail.com (by 23 Feb)

Dates to Remember

2 March (Monday) Mass of Thanksgiving re: Bishop Paul Bird's retirement at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 7:00pm

6 March (Friday) World Day of Prayer at OLHC at 2:00pm

19 March (Thursday) The Ordination & Installation of Fr Mark Freeman as the ninth Bishop of Ballarat.

NB: We hope to have a live showing of Fr Freeman's Installation in St Joseph's Church at 11:00am on that day.

'Our Hearts on Mission' Lenten reflection at Christ Church Hammond Fellowship Center. Mon 7:00pm and Thurs at 11:45am

2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday 3 March after 5:30pm Mass at St Pius X. This is an opportunity to come together as a community and reflect on the goodness of God and examine one's conscience. Those who attend have the opportunity to briefly approach a priest for the confession of sins and to receive absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).

NB: This is not to be confused with the Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness on Tuesday evening of Holy Week at St Joseph's (31 March).

St Pius X: Prayer Group -Tuesdays at 1:15pm
'The Chosen' Friday nights in February at 8:00pm

St Patrick's: 'Cuppa' after Mass next weekend
Holy Hour Sunday 1st March after 10:30am Mass

Rosary: OLHC (Feb) on Mondays at 7:00pm.
: **Port Fairy** on Wednesdays at 11:00am

Baptisms: This weekend we welcome Margot Cassidy into our faith community.

Altar Server Training for Easter. Parishioners from 8 to 18yrs old are invited to be part of this important ministry. Ph. 5562 2231

Teddy Bears Picnic

Date/Time: Sunday 1 March from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
Location: St John's Primary School Dennington
A perfect opportunity for all generations to enjoy time together. Flyers are available in the gathering space of your church - please take one and help spread the word.

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
Thur	12:30pm OLHC Maureen McGinness RIP
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Prayer for February

For children with incurable diseases:

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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 March 2026
To book please call 5562 2231