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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.

28 Feb/1 Mar 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent

Scrutinies

The word ‘Scrutiny’ belongs to those adults who are preparing for baptism or for full initiation into the Catholic Church. The celebration of the scrutinies is held on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent because they celebrate the transforming power of Christ as captured in the readings for those Sundays.

First Scrutiny (3rd Sunday of Lent...OLHC)
Gospel: John 4/5-42: The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Second Scrutiny (4th Sunday of Lent...Port Fairy)
Gospel: John 9/1-14: The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Third Scrutiny (5th Sunday of Lent...St Pius X)
Gospel: John 11/1-45: I am the resurrection and the life.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Today: St John’s Primary School: 11.30am to 2.30pm. We warmly invite grandparents, parents, and carers to bring their children and grandchildren along to our Ted-dy Bears Picnic, a joyful & welcoming community event for fami-lies.

Children are encouraged to bring along their favourite teddy bear or other toy and enjoy an afternoon filled with fun, laughter and family-friendly activities in a relaxed outdoor setting. It’s a wonderful op-portunity for families to spend quality time together, meet other local families and enjoy a safe, welcoming environment.

Bring: Picnic rug, your teddy bears and smiles -it’s a free event

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

Tuesday 3 March: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation available for all parishioners after 5:30pm Mass at St Pius. Come along for an evening of prayer & healing

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).

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

The theme “**I will Give You Rest: Come**” is drawn from Mat-thew 11:28-30 and it focuses on finding rest in God amidst life’s burdens including shame, systemic oppression, religious persecu-tion, poverty and despair.

Project Compassion
Second Sunday of Lent

Manaini's story (Fiji).
Life was hard for Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia’s partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children’s education.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes, scanning the QR code, online at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



St Vincent de Paul

West Warrnambool & Warrnambool are once again holding their Lenten Food Appeal - All donations are gratefully appreciated.

28 Feb/1Mar - Spaghetti/Baked Beans **7/8 Mar** - Tinned Fruit

Stations of the Cross

OLHC: 10:00am Monday (Holy Hour)
St Joseph’s: 7:30pm Fridays
Port Fairy: 6:00pm Fridays

St Pius X: Prayer Group -Tuesdays at 1:15pm
St Patrick’s: ‘Cuppa’ after Mass today
Holy Hour after 10:30am Mass today to pray for Eucharist28
Infant Jesus: ‘Mothers who Pray for their Children’ Frid at 10:45am.

Men’s Breakfast: Saturday 7 March at 8:00am at OLHC

Rosary: **St Joseph’s** (March) on Mondays at 7:00pm.
: **Port Fairy** on Wednesdays at 11:00am

Baptisms: We welcome Isla & Ollie Martin into our faith community

Holy Hour

Port Fairy (Today after Mass) – Join Catholics all around Australia this Sunday by spending some time in Eucharistic Adoration, praying for the Eucharistic Congress 2028 in Sydney.

Stations of the Cross & Fish & Chips Port Fairy: 6:00pm Fridays in March at St Patrick’s Church. All welcome!

Altar Server Training has commenced at St Pius in time for Easter. Parishioners from 8 to 18yrs are invited to be part of this important ministry. Register with Parish Office for more details. 5562 2231

Recent Deaths: Gloria Boemo (Ermacora), Rita McCarthy, Maria Eliza Lim

Anniversaries: Graeme Murrihy, Jean McMeel, Kevin Mugavin, Nellie Kennedy, Myra, Tommy & Willie Austen, Gerard Kelly

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 11:00am Mercy Place
Thur	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph’s
Sat	10:00am St Pius X
Prayer for March	
For Disarmament and Peace	
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.	

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