



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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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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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

Our 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

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centred community who gather with open hearts to recognise Christ in one another. In the Catholic tradition, we journey together in faith, hope and service to bring life to the church and to the wider world.

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.

29th/30th August 2026
 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Our Parish Priest

This weekend we have the psalm response as *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.* We long for and thirst for many things in life, it could be awaiting an arrival of someone special to arrive, or it might be in waiting for the cake to rise in the oven, what ever it is encourages us to wait and then celebrate. Waiting with God also allows for our soul to be filled with excitement when we have that encounter with God, either by ourself or with others.

Over the next couple of weeks we will see a change to the bulletin and its format. This is due to the fact that Windows will no longer support Publisher. I ask that you please be patient with us in the office as we work through this change to hopefully bring you a different but easy to read bulletin.

The parish is very fortunate to have a very good leadership structure in place. I am asking local parishioners to think about joining their local PLT (Pastoral Leadership Team) and having a voice in the local faith community and from there into the greater parish community. If you are interested please contact the parish office or meet the local members in your community after mass.

Have a great week

God Bless

Fr Matt



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Nineteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. This year, Fr John Fitzgerald and Fr Patrick Mugavin have joined our three other local retired priests - Fr Michael Linehan, Fr Bill Van der Camp and Fr Lawrie O'Toole. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US –
 THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



OLHC: Spring Newsletter available in the foyer.
 Holy Hour, rosary and adoration Mondays at 10:00am
Infant Jesus: Mothers who Pray for their Children - Friday 10:45am
St Patrick's Port Fairy: Join us for a 'cuppa' after Mass next weekend.

Rosary: OLHC - Monday evenings at 7:00pm in August.
Men's Breakfast: Saturday 5th September at OLHC at 8:00am
Bible Study at St Joseph's on Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Tuesday Afternoon Cards

After many years, Tuesday Cards will no longer meet and play at St Joseph's. An invitation is extended to parishioners to join the remaining players for a farewell 'cuppa' in St Joseph's Hall at 2:00pm on 1st September.



ABIDE

St Pius
 5:30pm Mass
 6:00pm Adoration
 6:30pm Soup (Free & No RSVP)
 7:00pm Video & Exchange
 Tuesdays of September

Working with Children Cards

Victorian Working With Children Cards (WWC) expire after 5 years. Please check the date on your Card, as it is much easier to renew than to apply for a new one. When you receive your new card, please bring it into the office so our records are up to date.

Water East Timor (WET) Fundraiser

Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on Sun 6th Sept. Help provide clean water and sanitation systems to rural villages in Timor Leste.

Catholic Women's League of Victoria & Wagga Wagga

Reflection Day

When: Wednesday 9th September
Where: St Thomas Church Terang - Begins with Mass at 9.30am and concludes with Afternoon Tea at 2.00pm. RSVP 4th September Katrina Currell 0439 995 010 katrinacurrell@gmail.com (Men are invited to attend the day as well as women)

Caelestis Splendor Concert

A concert of sacred vocal music by all the great composers featuring Catherine Koerner (soprano), Dannielle O'Keefe (mezzo-soprano), Jack Jordan (tenor) and Bruce Raggatt (baritone), with pianist David Ross-Smith. Caelestis Splendor is a recital that celebrates the celestial splendour of the human voice. Book online or tickets at the door. Adults \$35 Conc \$30 Sunday 6th September at 2:00pm St Joseph's Church



Recent Deaths: Patricia Blackney, Bruce Donohue
Anniversaries: Annie Peach, Clare Dunn, Tom Smith

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

St Pius X Church	Tue 5:10pm
St Joseph's Church	Fri 10:30am
St Pius X Church	Sat 9:40am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues	10:00am St Joseph's 5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's 11:00am Mercy Place
Thurs	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's 1:30pm OLHC Patricia Blackney RIP
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Prayer for September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome **Oliver Greene, Maggie Astbury, Nova & Baxter Gleeson, Dottie Dunn and Otto O'Connor**

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 8th September 2026
To book please call 5562 2231

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2026

GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP

Today's Gospel follows on immediately from last Sunday's Gospel and the question posed to Jesus' disciples in Matthew's day, and to us, about his identity. Jesus then outlines what awaits him in Jerusalem—his suffering, death and resurrection. These words seem either incomprehensible to his disciples, represented by Peter, or are rejected.

Whatever the reason for Peter's reaction, following God's anointed one on a path of suffering, death and resurrection is unfathomable. The disciples imagine a triumphant, powerful figure who will overcome Roman opposition. Success and status are their vision for the future of discipleship!

Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder that suffering is not excluded from discipleship. Life's tragedies and concerns are not the opposite of following Jesus; they can be authentic expressions of it. Disciples are not called to seek suffering nor to become victims. Rather, suffering can be integrated into genuine discipleship. These are important insights especially for some who think that they must 'prove' their loyalty to Jesus by seeking out further pain or suffering. We know that suffering is part of life; we need not look for it further. We are surrounded by a world of suffering.

Today we acknowledge the sufferings of those who gather with us in our Assembly, especially those borne silently or through violence, including domestic violence.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; /
for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines
for you / like a dry, weary land without
water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see
your strength and your glory. / For your love
is better than life, / my lips will speak your
praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your
name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall
be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall
praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow
of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to
you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!