



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

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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15/16 November 2025

Fr John's Prayer for Remembrance Day

God of Life, may we be ever grateful for the many blessings you have showered upon us...
for the rain and the sun, for all living creatures, for love and friendship... and for peace.
On this day we remember the horror of war, the bravery of the many men and women who took a stand for freedom and peace.

We ask God to hear our suffering - especially the voices of the victims of all wars and violence - to hear the voices of all children who suffer - and who will continue to suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.
We pray for scientists that they will use their wisdom in making our world a more liveable place, rather than engineering increasingly destructive weapons.

We ask God to hear the voices of the many who do not want war, but are ready to walk the road of peace.

We pray that ancient grudges and bitter hatreds may be washed away.

May our remembrance today touch and change our hearts; help us to see that we belong to the one world, the one humanity... and that all people are our neighbours.

God of all creation, hear our prayer and grant to the world your everlasting peace. Amen.

Thanks from Pakistan

Fr Robert McCulloch wishes to thank everyone for the warm welcome he and Eric received on their visit to Warrnambool recently. They are most thankful for the generosity of the support to St Elizabeth's Hospital in Hyderabad. A total of **\$6,175** was received to support the great work they are doing.

Thanks to All - 50th OLHC

Special thanks and congratulations to all those past and present people who supported of 50th anniversary last weekend at OLHC. We would specially like to thank Bishop Paul, Frs John, Matt and Lawrie for being with us.

But mostly importantly *'We Thank YOU'*.

N.B: A reminder that we are still looking for items to go in our time capsule which will be sealed very soon. You can leave objects at the Office or at OLHC.

St Joseph's Book of Remembrance

The Book is available at the front of Church throughout the month of November to record the names of deceased family members and friends you wish to remember.

Expectant Hearts - Parish Retreat Day

Missionaries of God's Love

The MGL sisters are returning to the parish to lead us in an Advent Retreat. The theme of the day is "creating a dwelling place in our hearts for Jesus".
Saturday 6 Dec with Mass at 10:00am concluding at 4:00pm.
St Pius X (morning, afternoon tea and lunch included).
All welcome. Enquiries contact Sr Isobel Stewart 0478 627 056



Rosary: Month of November at OLHC. Mondays 7:00pm.

St Joseph's: Bible Study - Tuesday at St Joseph's at 7:00pm. Refreshments following this morning's Mass of Remembrance.

St Pius X: Prayer Meeting this Tuesday 1:15pm-3:00pm
Everyone is invited to join in for a cuppa after Mass today

OLHC: Columban Calendars \$9 and Christmas Cards \$3 (pk of 8) are available to purchase at the Church. Honesty system.
Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am

St Patrick's: Piety Shop - Columban calendars are available and orders for Nativity Sets are being taken. 0402 431 053

Infant Jesus: 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' meet Friday at 10:45am. Contact South West Co-ordinator Marita 0402 431 053

Red November: Pray for Persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout November. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by scanning the QR code or visiting www.rednovember.org

Christmas Day Lunch

Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, but for some this is not possible. 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

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From Parish Office\$20

God's Word provides the daily Mass readings, short reflections, and prayers to help you grow closer to Christ throughout the year.
Make a *New Year's Resolution* or buy as a *Christmas Gift* for your family!



God's Word Daily Reflections 2026

These beautiful books are again available at the Office for \$20

Recent Deaths:

Tom (Antoniüs) Bakker, Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Mary Dwyer (Edithvale)

Anniversaries:

Harry Lindsay, Gwen Mee, Lorna Junck, Ian Morey

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

Tues	5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thur	10:00am OLHC School Mass
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Pope's Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



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: Tuesday 9 Dec
To book please call the Office on 5562 2231