



# 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
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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.

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

Pope Francis was mindful of the joys and values older people bring to their families and communities, so he designated the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme for 2025 is ‘*Blessed are those who have not lost hope*’.

While not all senior citizens are struggling in terms of their health and welfare, many are not so fortunate. Pope Leo XIV on this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly says, “Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials!”

Pope Leo XIV has called upon the faithful to reach out to those who are forgotten and alone. He believes that in the spirit of this Jubilee Year, “We are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment.”

**Change-over of Principals**

Some time ago we were informed that **Olga Lyons** is concluding her time as the Principal of St Patrick's Port Fairy.

This week **Matthew O'Brien** has advised us he will conclude his position as Principal of St Joseph's W'bool at the end of the year.

Matthew entered principalship when he was appointed Interim Principal at St Patrick's Koroit for three terms, spanning 2018–2019 which led him to the Principal's role at St Joseph's in 2021.

Matt has demonstrated great commitment to all members of the St Joseph's community and Parish, working tirelessly to build a strong sense of engagement and belonging, placing great importance on the development of the whole person.

We are most grateful to Matthew for his wonderful contribution to our community and wish him every blessing for the next phase of his journey.

**Recent Deaths:** Peter Dickson (Geelong), Elizabeth Quinlan, Mary Farley, Bernie Haberfield, Marc De Kok

**Anniversaries:** Ron Warburton, Joan Sinnott, Dina Van der Mark, Kevin Conway, Daryl Leddin, Mark Gladman, Maggie McKinnon, Tony Peach, Kath Watt, Mary Lane



Tuesdays of August & September

# ABIDE

5:30pm Mass  
6:00pm Adoration  
6:30pm Soup (Free & No RSVP)  
7:00pm The Creed Video Series

## St Pius X Church

### West Warrnambool

Perhaps Jesus' request is being made to you “as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in my love.” During the month of August and September, ABIDE Evenings will be held at St Pius X. It will be a time for Spiritual, Social, Emotional, Intellectual and Physical rejuvenation. (Fr Matt)

**OLHC:** Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am

**Infant Jesus:** ‘Mothers who Pray for their Children’ meet Fridays at 10:45am. Contact Co-Ordinator Marita 0402 431 053

**St Patrick's:** ‘Cuppa’ next Sunday  
Winter Activity: Wednesdays 1:30pm to 3:30pm. All most welcome to join us for cards, scrabble draughts or just a cuppa and a chat. Contact Marita 0402 431 053

**St Joseph's: NB:** No Bible Study this Wednesday

**Rosary:** Month of July - St Pius X Monday 7:00pm

**Men's Breakfast:** OLHC on Sat 2 August at 8:00am. Tim Auld guest speaker. (\$5 donation)

**OLHC PLT Meeting** Wednesday 6 August at 7:00pm

**Planned Giving:** Receipts will be sent out next week.

**Baptisms:** This weekend we welcome Betty Mahony, Enea Tieppo, Judd Carey and Marlie Wallace into our faith community.

**8 Day Parish Retreat in Daily Life**

**8 Day Retreat in Daily Life - Grace upon Grace.**  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August at St Joseph's.  
Flyers with more information about this Ignatian Spirituality Retreat are available in the foyer of the churches.  
Please book by phoning or emailing Anna by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July.  
**Phone :** 0407 569 147 **Email :** ecomyriad@gmail.com

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)**

Melbourne from November 30 - December 2, 2025. This national event brings together young Catholics (Year 9–25 years) for three days of faith, fun, and community. The Festival includes prayer, Mass, talks, concerts, workshops, games, and more. Watch this video of invitation from Archbishop Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evbj5eFg3HM>.  
There is an opportunity of sponsorship from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation for pilgrims attending the Festival. If you're interested in going, please contact your school or local parish office. Learn more at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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<sup>nd</sup> 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
Thurs	10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10.00am St Pius X

**Pope's Intention for July**

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> August  
To book please call 5562 2231

