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PARISH PERSONNEL	
Parish Priest	Fr John Fitzgerald
Assistant Priest	Fr Matt Restall
Business Manager	Bruce Keeley
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Admin Team	Karen Johnson Virginia Martin Trisha McGinness

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16/17 August 2025

St Pius X (1835 -1914)
Feast Day: Thursday 21 August

Mass at St Pius X this Thursday at 9:15am
St Pius X was elected Pope in 1903 and is remembered for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion.

Appointment of New Principal
Tarryn Delaney has been appointed as Principal of St Patrick’s Primary School, Port Fairy beginning of the 2026 school year.
Tarryn is currently the Assistant to the Principal at St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School, Camperdown. She has been responsible for working collaboratively with teams of teachers and the whole staff.
Tarryn has a great deal to offer the school and community of St. Patrick’s Port Fairy and we wish Tarryn all the best in the role as Principal.

Michael Myers: Retirement
For the past eleven years, Michael Myers has served our Diocese of Ballarat as Coordinator for Professional Standards. Michael recently advised the bishop that he will conclude his time in this role at the end of March 2026.

Bishop Paul writes:
‘...Michael has served at the diocesan level and has assisted parish and school communities to make our parishes and schools safe places for everyone.
...He has done much to help us develop good policies and practices in relation to professional standards in ministry throughout the diocese.
...I thank Michael for his dedication to this important ministry.’

Recent Deaths: Pamela Dowd, Mario Quintao, Antonio Bianco, Robert Patrick Baker
Anniversaries: Nellie Toohey, Phil McDonough, Ellen ‘Nell’ Frusher, Ted Gleeson, Eileen Maher, Julie Bartlett, Leigh Clarke

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: Piety Shop has beautiful gifts of all sorts for your spiritual needs. Contact 0402 431 053
St Joseph’s: Bible Study Wed at 7:00pm. Geoff 0402 074 645
St Pius X: ‘Cuppa” after Mass today

Abide: The Creed Video Series at St Pius X on Tuesday evenings during August & September. **5:30pm** mass/Adoration
6.30pm Soup and chat **7:00pm** Video and general discussion.

Rosary: Month of August at OLHC Monday 7:00pm
St Pius X PLT Meeting Wednesday 19th August at 7:00pm
Finance Council: Wednesday 20 August at St Joseph’s 12 noon

Baptisms
We welcome Daniel Reyes, Romy & Perrie McElgunn, Bouie Barro and Remi & Oscar Parkinson into our faith community this weekend.
Next Baptismal Information session: 7:00pm Tuesday 9 Sept in the Gathering Space at St Joseph’s. Please call 5562 2231 to book.

St Joseph’s Primary School
Parishioners are invited to our **Lantern and Light** night walk **‘ILLUMINATE our Hearts and Minds’** to celebrate Arts week.
There will be food vans, B.B.Q and entertainment. A great night to celebrate as a Parish Community.
Wednesday 3 September 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Entry by gold coin donation.

First Eucharist Masses
Our Lady Help of Christians: Sat 23 & 30 August at 6:00pm
St Pius X: (St John’s, Koroit & St Pius) Sun 24 August at 9:00am
St Patrick’s Port Fairy: Sunday 31 August at 10:30am
St Joseph’s: Sunday 31 August at 10:30am & 6:00pm

Vision Statement: Star of the Sea Parish
We would appreciate the input of parishioners in regard to the question: ‘What do you want our Parish to be for you and our community?’ Please write down your suggestions and return this slip next weekend (please place on the collection plate) or email southwestcoast@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: Tim Keane (Chair), Dennis Farley, Gabrielle Ewing, Crissie Clarke, Olga Lyons, Peter McElgunn, Roger Cussen, Fr John and Fr Matt

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	
Mon	12:00pm St Joseph’s Pamela Dowd RIP
Tues	5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph’s
Thurs	9:15am St Pius X School Mass 10:00am OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph’s
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Pope’s Intention for August
For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.