






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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

30/31 August 2025

Season of Creation

Pope Francis established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.




The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical 'Laudato Si', which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth.

The theme in this Jubilee Year is "Seeds of Peace and Hope" and in his message for the occasion, Pope Leo XIV reflects on Jesus' use of the image of the seed and how, in Christ, we are also "seeds of peace and hope".

Echoing the words of the prophet Isaiah, which inspire the theme of the ecumenical Season of Creation, the Holy Father reminds us that "prayer, determination and concrete actions" are necessary to make "an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity".

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. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund eg: Frs Van de Camp, Linehan, and O'Toole. Frs Paddy Mugavin and Fr John will be added to the team in 2026. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. Envelopes will be available in the churches. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax deductible. (Please ensure your details are on the envelope if you require a receipt)

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

Recent Deaths: Felice Colasante, Danny Ewing

Anniversaries: Annie Peach, Peter Lenehan, Darren Hilliard, John Lindsey, Catherine Hall, Daniel Clapham, Tom Smith, Nance McNiece, Claire Jackman, Michael Jackman, Des Jackman, Myra Jane Sinn, Clare Dunn

Annual Vacation

Fr John will commence his annual vacation following this weekend's Masses. Fr Terry Bergin, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, will be in residence at St Joseph's during September. Fr Terry will be available for the weekend Masses only, so please take note of weekday Mass times over the few weeks.

CRISP - Call for Volunteers

Circumstances have changed for a number of our current CRISP team members from many months ago, when we signed the settlement deed to welcome Omar, Rahaf and their children. We want to continue the program but we think our team would be stronger and more able to meet the requirements with more team members. Katherine 0459 615 564 (CRISP Coordinator)

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' after Mass next weekend
Piety Shop: Open after 10:30am Mass or call Marita 0402 431 053

St Joseph's: The East Timorese community will host a 'Cuppa' for all after Mass next week.

Bible Study will break for September but will resume in October.

Rosary: Month of September at St Joseph's Monday 7:00pm

Men's Breakfast: OLHC Saturday 6 Sept at 8:00am

St Joseph's Primary School

This Wednesday 6:00–8:00pm **Lantern and Light** night walk **'ILLUMINATE our Hearts and Minds'** to celebrate Arts week. A great night to celebrate as a Parish Community.

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

Anointing Mass: OLHC on September 10 at 2:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at the St Joseph's Masses, please contact the Office before the next roster is finalised in the next week or so.

Safeguarding Sunday

14 September

This is a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised.

Safetrac Training

All volunteers within the Parish are required by the Ballarat Diocese to complete Safetrac training. There will be training sessions held later in the year for those who have not yet been able to complete this. Please register your name at the Office.

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 RECONCILLIATION	
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	5.30pm OLHC
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am St Pius X

Pope's Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation.

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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 9th Sept

To book please call 5562 2231

