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Parish Priest	Fr John Fitzgerald
Assistant Priest	Fr Matt Restall
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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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6/7 September 2025

Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers, grandfathers and father figures as they care for their families. Give them strength, wisdom, tenderness and patience. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honour to you and them. Amen

New Archbishop of Brisbane

On 18 June 2025, Pope Leo XIV appointed **Bishop Shane Mackinlay** as the 7th Archbishop of Brisbane. He is to be installed at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane next Thursday.

As a deacon, Bishop Shane served in Warrnambool, before being ordained as priest for the Ballarat Diocese in 1991. We wish him every blessing as he begins his new ministry as Archbishop of Brisbane. May God guide him with wisdom, joy and strength in shepherding his people.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund
Collection for Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests.

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our retired priests. Your generous support has enabled us to continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax deductible. (Please ensure your details are on the envelope if you require a receipt)

Welcome

We warmly welcome Fr Terry to Star of the Sea Parish while Fr John is on holiday.

Recent Deaths: Terrence Finn, Helen Mary Laufer-Lanigan (formally Port Fairy), Malcolm Kelson, Trevor Ryan, Pauline Rodgers, James Wensley, Kerry Mugavin, Gerard Sinnott

Anniversaries: Tom Mahony, Mary Mugavin Brown

Website issues

Our website, southwestcoastparish.com.au has been unavailable for the past two weeks due to backend technical problems, hopefully it should be back online soon.

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

Baptisms: This weekend Elianah Uchang will be welcomed into our faith community.

Prayer Meeting: St Pius X every Tues: 1:15pm-3:00pm. Rosary for the unborn in the chapel followed by Sunday Gospel reading, discussion and 'cuppa'.

St Patrick's: 'Cuppa' after Mass today
St Joseph's: 'Cuppa' after Mass today and next weekend

Migrant & Refugee Sunday: 28 September at St Joseph's

You are invited to bring memorabilia of the country of your birth to display. A cuppa will follow 10.30am Mass; perhaps you might bring food of your origin to share.

Vision Statement

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank the parishioners who responded to the invitation to assist with the Parish Vision Statement.

Volunteers
Afternoon Tea for Parish Volunteers – You're Invited!

We warmly invite all Parish volunteers to a special Afternoon Tea in your honour. This is our chance to thank you for your dedication and service across so many roles in our Parish community. We are also delighted to welcome a guest speaker who has been recognised with an OAM for his extensive experience volunteering, who will share some of his inspiring stories. We have a bus available to take you from Port Fairy and Koroit if there is demand. For more information, please contact the Office on 5562 2231. Please join us on Sunday 26 October from 3.00 - 4.30pm

RSVP: 5562 2231 or email southwestcoast@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Safetrac

Safetrac training is mandatory for all volunteers within the Diocese of Ballarat. For those who have not been able to complete this online, please register your name at the Office for one of the sessions below.



Safetrac
Safeguarding Training
Saturday 20 September
OLHC Church at 4pm
Wednesday 24 September
St Joseph's Church Hall at 10:30am
Sunday 28 September
St Patrick's Port Fairy at 11:30am

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025
WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH
Please Register with Parish 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 RECONCILIATION	
Tues	5:10pm St Pius X
Sat	9:40am St Pius X

WEEKDAY MASSES	
Tues	10:00am OLHC James Wensley RIP 5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's 2:00pm OLHC Anointing Mass
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 14th October

To book please call the Office on 5562 2231