






# 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 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.

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### 13/14 September

**The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

This feast commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Although we commemorate these three historical events today, the core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through Christ's selfless sacrifice. The Cross of Christ permeates each one of us, transforming us and making us new.

**Safeguarding Sunday**

Today is also Safeguarding Sunday, 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 — caring for those who cannot speak for themselves. In our everyday lives, let us be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the 'silent' ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.


**The Season of Creation**

Each year from September 1 - October 4 the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. This year's theme, 'Peace With Creation' reminds us that many human activities amount to a 'war against Creation'. The mission before us, as people of faith, is to work for the justice and global solidarity that are essential in establishing 'Peace with Creation'. To see Pope Leo's Message for the World Day of Prayer go to: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/07/02/250702e.html>.

**Recent Deaths:** Jim Kent, Peter Kemp, Lucio Pereira dos Santos


**Anniversaries:** Ross McCann, Margaret Beattie, John Glover, Nell & Pat Glover, Shae Johnson, Pat Lawlor, Jack Mugavin (Purnim), Patricia Toleman, Till Paterson (Doyle), Richie Doyle (Harrow)

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**God's Word Daily Devotional**  
These beautiful devotional books are available at each of the Churches after Mass or from the Parish Office.

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!

**Collection for Retired Priests**  
You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". Donations \$2:00 and over are Tax deductible. Scan or click the QR code for CDF Pay, select your parish and "My giving is for Retired Priests Collection".

**Migrant & Refugee Sunday**

On 28 September at St Joseph's we will be honouring the various nationalities that comprise our communities with a display in the Gathering Space. You are invited to bring memorabilia of the country of your birth to display. A cuppa will follow 10.30am Mass and perhaps you might bring food of your origin to share.

**St Pius X:** 'Cuppa' After Mass next week  
**OLHC:** Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am  
**St Joseph's:** 'Cuppa' after Mass today  
**Rosary:** Month of September at St Joseph's Monday 7:00pm  
**Parish Finance Council:** Meeting this Wednesday at 12 noon.

**50th Anniversary: OLHC Church**

As part of the Golden Jubilee of the opening of Our Lady Help of Christians church building, we will be filling a TIME CAPSULE to enable future generations to know more of our history. If you have any items or suggestions please place them on the table in the foyer at OLHC or leave at the Parish Office.

**Baptisms:** This weekend Alita van Geelen will be welcomed into our faith community.

**New Ministry Rosters**

Special Minister rosters are available to pick up for St Pius X, Infant Jesus and St Joseph's churches.

**Invitation to YCW Gathering**

In recognition of 100 years since the Young Christian Workers movement began, you are invited to:  
11:30am Mass - St Columba's Church, Ballarat North  
1.00pm Lunch - Golf House Hotel, Ballarat on Sunday Oct 19  
RSVP 30 September to Denise 0417502246, Colin 0417681095, Gerald 0429606204 or Dave 0419134562.

**National Boys Choir of Australia**

'Into the West' Concert Tour: Friday 26 Sept St Joseph's Church at 7:30pm Entry via donation (\$10 suggested) Featuring members of the National Boys Choir of Australia Performing Choir.

WEEKEND MASSES	
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	
6:00pm	OLHC, Warrnambool East
<b>Sunday Morning</b>	
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	11:00 St Patrick's P.F. <i>Peter Kemp RIP</i> 2:00pm St Patrick's P.F. <i>James 'Jim' Kent RIP</i> 5:30pm St Pius X
Wed	10.00am St Joseph's
Thurs	10:00am OLHC 11:00am Mercy Place
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 5562 2231

