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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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20/21 September 2025

Prayer for the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have received all the gifts we enjoy.
We give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon our Diocese of Ballarat.
We rejoice in the communities who have lived on this land.
We recognise the Aboriginal peoples, here for tens of thousands of years.
We acknowledge our years as the Diocese of Ballarat, a community of communities from the Murray to the sea.
Inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist, may we follow the example of Jesus and the guidance of your Holy Spirit.
May we reach out in humble service, welcoming all and caring for all creation.
May we grow in love day by day. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help. Pray for us.
Saint Patrick. Pray for us. Saint Mary MacKillop. Pray for us.
Adapted from the prayer written by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Thank you if you have already supported the Retired Priest Fund. Envelopes are available at the Office or you can give online -Scan or click the QR code for CDF Pay, select your parish and select 'My giving is for Retired Priests Collection'



Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Expressions of interest to attend are required by this **Monday September 22, 2025** to guarantee your accommodation for the Festival. Please contact your school or local parish office. Learn more at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

God's Word 2026

These beautiful devotional books are available after Mass at each of the Churches or from the Parish Office for \$20.00

Public Holiday: Friday 26 Sept the Parish Office will be closed.

Recent Deaths: Marie Wakefield, Aneceto De Cristo
Anniversaries: Robert Morey, Freda Gleeson, Thomas O'Keefe, Christopher McKinnon, Wim van de Mark, Paul Grapsas

OLHC & St Pius X Carparks

Over the upcoming school holidays, we'll be giving the carparks at OLHC and St Pius a bit of a refresh. The disabled parking bays will be repainted and new ones added so they're easier to see.

We ask everyone to please keep these spaces free for those who need them. Thank you for helping us keep our parish facilities welcoming and accessible for all.

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. Ph. 5562 2231
St Joseph's Hall Wednesday 24 Sept at 10:30am
St Patrick's Church Port Fairy Sunday 28 Sept at 11:30am

St Vincent de Paul Society

If you have a few hours to spare and are interested in learning more about our work in the local community, please call (or leave a message) on 5561 0767.

You will then be directed to the Port Fairy, Koroit, East W'bool, West W'bool or Warrnambool Conference for a chat.

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

Baptisms: Henry McCosh, Isla Ware and Olive Mugavin will be welcomed into our faith community this weekend.

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: Piety Shop. New stock just arrived 0402 431 053
Infant Jesus: 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' recess over the School Holidays
OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am

Migrant & Refugee Sunday: Next Sunday at St Joseph's you are invited to bring memorabilia of the country of your birth to display. Items may be brought in on Saturday afternoon. Please let the Office know if you would like to do this. A 'cuppa' after 10:30am Mass.

Meetings

Southern Zone Meeting: This Tuesday at 10:00am at St Joseph's
St Joseph's PLT this Wednesday at 4:00pm
Parish Pastoral Council this Wednesday 7:00pm at St Joseph's

Thank You Afternoon Tea for Volunteers

Parish volunteers - please join us for Afternoon Tea as we celebrate your invaluable contributions to our Parish. Our guest speaker, who has spent many years volunteering and has been recognised with an OAM, will be sharing his unique insights and experiences.
Sunday the 26th October from 3.00-4.30pm RSVP via the office or email southwestcoast@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

National Boys Choir of Australia

'Into the West' Concert Tour: 7:30pm **this Friday** (Public Holiday) at St Joseph's Church. Entry via donation -\$10 suggested.

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
2nd 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 1:30pm St Patrick's Port Fairy
Gerard Sinnott RIP
Tues 2:00pm Infant Jesus Koroit
Marie Wakefield RIP
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 the Office on 5562 2231