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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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11/12 October 2025

Fr John writes....

Dear Parishioners, in the past couple of years, church life has changed immensely for all of us. No longer do we have the luxury of our individual parishes.

Thank you for being adaptable to changes that have taken place in recent times e.g. change of Mass times, less Masses, less priests and now being part of a much larger parish.

This week DOBCEL (Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited) meet in Port Fairy. DOBCEL is the governing body of all the Catholic Primary Schools plus a number of Secondary Schools. It is a most important gathering where policies and decisions are made. Only recently we made the decision to close Our Lady's Primary School in Murtoa as they were down to only six students.

We will have a visiting priest for the next few weeks while Fr Matt is away:

- 11/12 October Fr Lawrie O'Toole
- 18/19 October Fr Ed Moloney
- 25/26 October Fr Robert McCulloch
- 1/2 November Fr Gary Jones

On Sunday 26 October, we have the special afternoon for volunteers (3:00pm - 4:30pm) in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's. Thanks to Bruce Keeley, our Parish Business Manager, for taking this initiative.

I draw your attention to the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. The Parish commenced in 1975. It would be lovely if some representatives from the various communities attended this occasion.

Sat 8 November at 2:00pm - 4:00pm Afternoon Tea and Mass at 6:00pm. The principle celebrant will be Bishop Paul Bird, CSsR.

On Tuesday, October 28 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat we are acknowledging and celebrating our clergy Jubilarians:

- Fr Pat Flanagan - 65 years
- Bishop Paul Bird - 50 years
- Fr Eugene McKinnon - 50 years
- Fr Wally Tudor - 50 years

All welcome to attend.

YCW Re-union

In recognition of 100 years since Cardinal Joseph Cardijn began the Young Christian Workers movement, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 19 October at St Columba's Church, 802 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat at 11.30am. Lunch at 1:00pm Golf House Hotel, Ballarat. Contact Colin 0417 681 095 or Denise 0417 502 246.

 **Phones**

Kindly turn off phones or put them on silent while at Mass. Thanks

Lectors

Sometime ago we were advised by our Diocesan Liturgical Commission to end the scripture reading with simply the words 'The Word of the Lord'. Thanks

Baptisms: This weekend we welcome Navy Mae Sheen into our faith community

Wedding: Congratulations to Damien Bryan and Taryn Blackmore on their wedding in Port Fairy this weekend.

St Pius X: 'Cuppa' after Mass next Sunday.
Prayer Meeting every Tues: 1:15pm-3:00pm.

St Joseph's: 'Cuppa' after Mass today.

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am

St Patrick's: Piety Shop has beautiful gifts of all sorts for your spiritual needs. Contact 0402 431 053

Infant Jesus: 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' meet Friday at 10:45am. Contact South West Co-ordinator Marita 0402 431 053

Bible Study: Tuesday 7:00pm at St Joseph's.

Parish Finance Council meet this Wednesday at 12noon

Rosary: Month of October at St Pius X on Mondays 7:00pm

Water East Timor

Water East Timor Committee is holding a fundraiser, 'Festa Timor' on 8 November from 5:30pm to 7:30pm with a concert and launch of our website, to raise money, to provide clean water and sanitation to remote villages in East Timor. Uniting Church Hall, Koroit St. \$35 - <https://events.humanitix.com/festa-timor>

Bulletins

If you receive bulletins via email please note that from the start of 2026 bulletins will be emailed via our new website. This enables more security for your email account, reduces spam and enables you to unsubscribe if you wish.

Scan the QR code or go to the new website to register your email. <https://www.catholicparish.app/southwestcoast>

Printed bulletins will be available at each of the Churches as usual.

Recent Deaths: June Garner

Anniversaries: Frank Lamb, Ted Gleeson, Clare Gleeson, James Hall, Jim Kelly, Des McNamara, Neil McGillivray, Yu Siu Keng, Mick Wilkinson, Helen Evenden, Kate Girdlestone, Margaret Stainsby, Laddie Hilliard, Mary Lawlor

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	
Reconciliation by Appointment during October	



WEEKDAY MASSES	
Tues	10:00am St Pius X <i>Lay-led Assembly with Communion</i>
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's <i>Lay-led Assembly with Communion</i>
Thur	10:00am OLHC
Fri	9:30am St Joseph's <i>Valedictory Mass for Yr 12's from Emmanuel College.</i> Parishioners welcome

Pope's Intention for October
For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

 **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 14 October