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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS	
St John's Dennington	Ben van de Camp
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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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18/19 October 2025

World Mission Sunday

In poor countries throughout the world families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods and healthcare. Let us be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope.

Fr John writes...

I wish to advise that the Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL), which is the governing authority for all Catholic primary schools in the Diocese, has purchased land for the purposes of a future Catholic primary school in Warrnambool. The acquisition is part of a strategy to expand the provision of Catholic schooling in our parish given the ongoing commitment of our families to Catholic education. The acquired site is on the corner of Wangoom and Aberline Roads and will support the growth in that area. DOBCEL will commence further planning for the new school during 2026; however any new primary school is not expected to be open before 2030.

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 most supportive if representatives from the various communities attended the afternoon tea 2:00pm - 4:00pm and/or the Anniversary Mass at 6:00pm on Saturday 8 November. The principle celebrant will be Bishop Paul Bird CSsR. The Bishops of Victoria have written a Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. There are copies of the letter in the each of the church foyers. Also Bishop Paul Bird has written an article on the important role of the Minister of the Word (Lector). Copies of this article are found in each of the church foyers. This week we welcome Fr Ed Moloney as our visiting priest.

Recent Deaths: Cheryle Ryan, Judy Shanahan, Frank Carlin, Patricia Gunnulson, Anthony Murphy (Melb), Frances Kelson (Maloney)
Anniversaries: Liam Ryan (Geelong), Frank Ryan, Robert Hyland, John McNamara

OLHC 50th Anniversary

Mass for Our Lady Help of Christian's 50th Anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday 8 November at 6:00pm. Singing practice preparation will be held on Sundays 26 Oct and 2 Nov at 4:00pm at OLHC Church. Our community is inviting anyone who would like to be part of this wonderful milestone to join us. Thank you and look forward to seeing you there.

Vision Statement

The Parish Pastoral Council members were most appreciative of the many responses received in our recent survey regarding our Parish Vision Statement. Your valued feed-back will be given every consideration as we work to provide a clear, concise picture of the future goals and purpose of our Star of the Sea Parish which will reflect our spiritual identity and the needs of our individual communities. Key components include being future-oriented, Christ-centred, inspiring and accountable with the aim of motivating our communities and aligning our actions toward a common objective for our whole parish. Tim Keane (Chair Parish Pastoral Council)

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

Baptisms: This weekend Nellie and Jagger How will be welcomed into our faith community.

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

OLHC: Holy Hour every Monday at 10:00am

St Patrick's: Piety Shop - Orders for Nativity Sets are being taken now and Columban Calendars will be available in late November Marita 0402 431 053

Volunteer Recognition Afternoon Tea

This will be a relaxed and social afternoon on next Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm to say *thank you* for all that you do and have done. Please ask anyone you know of, who has been involved in some way over the years, if they would like to attend and call the Office on 5562 2231

Meetings this Wednesday

St Joseph's PLT at 4:00pm
Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00pm

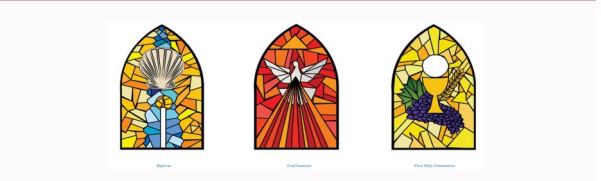
Water East Timor

Water East Timor Committee fundraiser: 'Festa Timor' on 8 Nov 5:30pm to 7:30pm concert by local musicians Lian Husi Timor. Uniting Church Hall. \$35 - <https://events.humanitix.com/festa-timor>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) Volunteer Opportunities

ACYF organisers are calling for volunteers to join the festival. Roles include welcoming pilgrims, supporting liturgies, assisting with logistics and venue setup and more. To register your interest and for more information go to <https://acyf.org.au/volunteer/>

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
Wed	11:00am St Joseph's Judith Shanahan RIP
Thur	1:00pm OLHC Cheryle Ryan RIP
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
NB: A funeral replaces the Mass of the Day	

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 11 November
To book please call the Office on 5562 2231