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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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25/26 October 2025

Fr John writes...

Emmanuel College Site (Canterbury Road)

After an extended period of discussion and negotiation with several interested parties the Parish Finance Council has carefully considered the next steps for the former Rice Campus of Emmanuel College.

Upon review it has been determined that the most appropriate course of action is to place the property on the open market.

The Parish is hoping the site will be used in meaningful ways to benefit the wider community.

Arrangements are now being made to appoint real estate agents to manage the sale process on behalf of the Parish Finance Council. Further updates will be provided as this process progresses.

Congratulations to **Nick Murrell** on his appointment as the Principal of St Joseph's for 2026 and beyond. He is a past teacher and leader at St Joseph's and for the past couple of years he has been the Principal of St Pius X school.

We welcome **Fr Robert McCulloch**, a Columban missionary to our parish this weekend. He will speak about his work in Pakistan where he has been since 1978.

He is chairman of a Catholic hospital which gives low-cost and free healthcare to those in greatest need and which provides free palliative care to people who are terminally ill with cancer.

He has established free higher educational centres to enable young Catholics to overcome poverty and religious discrimination.

This Tuesday and Wednesday the priest of the Diocese gather in Ballarat for their Council of Priest's meeting.

We welcome all our **'volunteers'** this Sunday (today) to afternoon tea at 3:00pm - 4:30pm in the Gathering Space at St Joseph's.



Recent Deaths: Ted Darcy, Mary Quinn, Patricia Gunnelson, Maureen Kavanagh, Sister Theophane Lee sgs

Anniversaries: Jack Lynch, Mary Kermond, Lindsay Kermond, Ellen O'Neill, Joan Gleeson, Frank Callaghan, Lawrie Callaghan, Bess & Frank Houlihan, Henk Winnen, Kath Harney, Leo McNamara

OLHC 50th Anniversary

Our community is inviting anyone who would like to be part of this wonderful milestone to join us. Could you please bring a 'plate' to share for supper after the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday 8 November. Singing practice preparation will be held on Sundays 26 Oct and 2 Nov at 4:00pm at OLHC Church. Thank you

OLHC & St Pius X Carparks

The carpark painting upgrades at OLHC and St Pius X are now complete. A reminder to please keep these designated spaces free for those who need them. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, welcoming and accessible environment for all parishioners and visitors.

Baptisms: This weekend Mia Kelly will be welcomed into our faith community at St Joseph's Church.

Bible Study: Please note - not on this Tuesday evening
Men's Breakfast is taking a break for November.
St Joseph's: 'Cuppa' after Mass today - Passionist Family Groups

What is a Family Group?

The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

Family Groups provide an extended family for all – married, single or divorced, young, old or in-between. Everyone is welcome to join. Contact Chris 0418170771



Mercy Health Volunteer Opportunity

Mercy Health Foundation is seeking kind-hearted individuals who feel called to serve our elderly brothers and sisters with mercy and love. We are seeking volunteers to form a volunteer committee, to hold an annual fundraiser (e.g. lunch, dinner with charity auction, raffle) which will raise funds to support the Mercy Place Warrnambool residents and their families.

This will help us enclose an outdoor area of the residence for residents to use for family gatherings, BBQs, woodwork and more. Please contact Mark Trayling at Mercy Health Foundation if interested on mtrayling@mercy.com.au.

We are also seeking to appoint a congregational representative in the committee who can liaise between the committee and the parish.

Catholic Mission Month Appeal

Catholic Mission is the Pope's international Mission agency in Australia. A gift to Catholic Mission supports a variety of Church programs around the world. To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at: catholicmission.org.au/mission

Your action will make a profound change to people's lives.



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	
Mon	11:00am St Joseph's <i>Patricia Gunnelson RIP</i>
Tues	10:00am St Pius X
Wed	10:00am St Joseph's
Thur	11:00am St Joseph's <i>Maureen Kavanagh RIP</i>
Fri	10:00am St Joseph's
Sat	10:00am St Pius X <i>Feast of All Saints</i>
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

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