

First Reading Isaiah 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Prayer for Pope Leo

Lord Jesus, we pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo, as he recovers from surgery. May the Holy Spirit strengthen him and offer him comfort. Surround him with your healing love and mercy. We pray too for the medical team. Bless their work and care of our Holy Father. Amen.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th/18th October

Message from the Parish Priest

Today's response to the psalm is "Give the Lord glory and honour." We give glory and honour to the Lord in many different ways throughout our lives. We share in relationships with others and through our faith life.

Please note the change for next Saturday's mass location from OLHC to St Joseph's due to power issues.

We will be introducing new weekday mass times which will result in a couple of slight changes to the current schedule, this will commence the first week of Advent (December) more information to follow.



God Bless

Fr Matthew

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OLHC
East W'bool
Saturday 6:00pm

St Pius X
West W'bool
Sunday 9:00am

Infant Jesus
Koroit
Sunday 9:00am

St Patrick's
Port Fairy
Sunday 10:30am

St Joseph's
Warrnambool
Sunday 10:30am
Sunday 6:00pm

St Anne's
Purnim
2nd Sunday 11:00am

Lay-Led Liturgy other Sundays 11:00am

Next Weekend

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to power interruptions at Our Lady Help of Christians' school and church next weekend the Vigil Mass normally held at 6:00pm at OLHC will be moved to **St Joseph's on Saturday 24th** at 6:00pm.

Please let anyone know who may not be at Mass or receive the Bulletin.

Volunteer Recognition Afternoon Tea

Our Volunteer Recognition Afternoon Tea is on next Sunday in the St Pius X Function Room from 2.00pm–4.00pm.

Join us for afternoon tea and a relaxed afternoon of catching up and good company. RSVP to the Parish Office by **tomorrow - Monday 19th October.**

Thank You

Parish Vision Statement

We are a Christ-centred community who gather with open hearts to recognise Christ in one another. In the Catholic tradition, we journey together in faith, hope and service to bring life to the church and to the wider world.

We are a Child Safe Parish

Our Parish adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria. Our Policies are on display in each church and on our 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, West W'bool - Karen Johnson
OLHC, East W'bool - Dion Bartlett

Catholic Mission Month

When families can grow their own food, children can stay in school and families can stay together. And the Church can fulfill its mission. That is why faith must be lived in action – not proclaimed from a distance but planted in the ground.

Fr Salai Michael, MSP

Today, your gift can:

- Provide nutritious meals for children living at the Mission of St Paul's boarding hostel
- Purchase chickens for the farm
- Contribute toward the purchase of a tractor
- Train a young person in ecological farming, giving them skills to build a livelihood in their own community
- Help contribute to the fishpond development.

Your compassion today can help grow food, opportunity and hope for children and families in Myanmar, Diocese of Pathein, Myanmar

To Donate to Catholic Mission go to:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au> › world_mission › month_donate or Ph:1800 257 296

Pope's Prayer for October

For mental health ministry. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less. Lord hear us.

Recent Deaths: Irene Irving (Broderick),

Robert Haberfield, Theadora Broeders

Anniversary: Ken Loader, Jim Kelly, Noel Greene

John Newman, Aleida Bakker, Jack Lynch,

Robert Hyland



Columban Calendars



If anyone would like to purchase a 2027 Columban Calendar please place your name on the order sheet in the Foyer at St Pius X or call Frank Garvey 0447 631 141. \$9.00

Ordering will ensure you receive a calendar, but there will be a limited number available in November from OLHC, Infant Jesus, St Patrick's, St Joseph's Office and Vinnies Shop.

OLHC - Pack of 8 Christmas Cards \$3:00



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Morning Tea's



'Cuppa' after 9:00am Mass today at St Pius X

Next Sunday at St Joseph's there will be a cup of tea after both Masses to celebrate the Annual Family Groups Thanksgiving Mass. All welcome.

To find out more about Family Groups go to:

<https://www.pfgm.org/national-newsletter-winter-2026/>

Bible Study

Sessions are on hold and will resume in St Joseph's meeting room at 7:00pm on 18th November

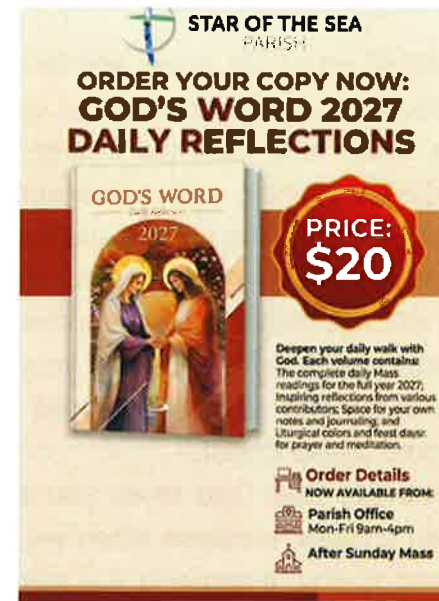
Faith – FAMILY – Fellowship

Fish & Chips

5:30pm Mass -- 6pm Games -- 6:30pm Dinner

Friday 23 October 2026

Infant Jesus Catholic Church Koroit



Ballarat Cathedral Choir Visit

Spare rooms available?

The Ballarat Cathedral Choir *Cantate Domino* will be visiting our Parish on the Second Sunday of Advent as part of their initiative to visit parts of our Diocese. Over the weekend, they'll sing at St Joseph's 10:30am Mass, as well as provide a recital of their repertoire. The Parish is looking to host choir members for the weekend 5/6 December. If you are willing to host one or two choir members and provide a simple breakfast, please contact the Parish office.

This weekend Kaizer Penas will be welcomed into our faith community.

A Baptism Information evening is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at St Joseph's in the Gathering Space at 7:00pm. Please call the Office to book.

Next session 11th November

Dianne Bergant CSA

Mission Mass

TONIGHT Sunday at 6:00pm

St Joseph's.

Join us after Mass for fellowship and supper.



MONDAY 19th Oct
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Adoration, Rosary,
Holy Hour, OLHC

7:00pm Rosary St Pius X

TUESDAY 20th Oct
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass St Joseph's
12noon Finance Meeting
St Joseph's

5:10pm Confession St Pius X

5:30pm Mass St Pius X

WEDNESDAY 21st Oct
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass St Joseph's
11:00am Mass Mercy Place

5:00pm PLT Meeting St Joseph's

~~7:00pm Bible Study St Joseph's~~

7.00pm PLT Meeting St Pius

THURSDAY 22nd Oct
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass OLHC

FRIDAY 23rd Oct
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass St Joseph's

10:30am Confession St Joseph's

5:30pm Mass Koroit - Faith,
Family & Fellowship

SATURDAY 24th Oct
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:40am Confession St Pius X

10:00am Mass St Pius X

~~5:00pm CRISP meeting~~
6:00pm Mass **St Joseph's**
Relocated from OLHC)