

## First Reading *Isaiah 25:6-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 22. R. v.6*

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**



## Second Reading *Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I  
have been through my initiation and now I am ready for  
anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach,  
poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with  
the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same,  
it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In  
return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus,  
as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation *Ephesians 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

## Gospel *Matthew 22:1-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:  
‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who  
gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants  
to call those who had been invited, but they would not  
come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who  
have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all  
prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been  
slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.”  
But they were not interested: one went off to his farm,  
another to his business, and the rest seized his servants,  
maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious.  
He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and  
burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The  
wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved  
to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and  
invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these  
servants went out onto the roads and collected together  
everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the  
wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came  
in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not  
wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did  
you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?”  
And the man was silent. Then the king said to the  
attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out  
into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding  
of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’



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| Infant Jesus<br>Koroit<br>18 Queen Street | St Patrick's<br>Port Fairy<br>487 Princes Hwy | St Anne's<br>Purnim<br>1707 Hopkins Hwy | St Joseph's<br>Warrnambool<br>169 Kepler Street | Our Lady Help of Christians<br>East Warrnambool<br>2 Selby Road | St Pius X<br>West Warrnambool<br>80 Morriss Road |
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28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> October

## Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we have the response as ***'I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life'***.

What a lovely response which reminds us of our life experiences and our journey on earth gives us a glimmer of what we can experience after our death.

October is the month of Mission. If we think about it, we all have a mission in life, for some its structural and others spiritual and some practical. What is your mission for today? We also have special people who are called in a particular way to be missionaries and they leave their homes and go work, live and support others either in different places around Australia or the world.

Could you be a missionary?



God Bless

***Fr Matthew***



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## 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

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| <b>OLHC</b><br>East W'bool<br><b>Saturday 6:00pm</b> | <b>St Pius X</b><br>West W'bool<br><b>Sunday 9:00am</b> | <b>Infant Jesus</b><br>Koroit<br><b>Sunday 9:00am</b> | <b>St Patrick's</b><br>Port Fairy<br><b>Sunday 10:30am</b> | <b>St Joseph's</b><br>Warrnambool<br><b>Sunday 10:30am</b><br><b>Sunday 6:00pm</b> | <b>St Anne's</b><br>Purnim<br><b>2nd Sunday 11:00am</b><br>Lay-Led Liturgy other Sundays 11:00am |
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“Mothers who Pray for their Children’

We are Mothers who Pray for their Children  
We are a Catholic Marian movement anchored in prayer, intercession, and formation. Under the patronage of Our Lady of La Salette and Saint Monica, we are united by a mother’s love and a deep desire to entrust our children to God.

Our mission is to form networks of mothers who come together in the Church to pray, grow in faith, and support one another. With over 150,000 members in Brazil alone, Mothers Who Pray for Their Children has now reached communities in France, Germany, the United States, Latin America, Angola, Portugal, South Africa — and most recently, Australia. We are blessed to have already establish multiple groups here, with more emerging as the movement continues to grow, guided by the gifts and dedication of its members.

Friday (unless there is a funeral or during School Holidays) at Infant Jesus in Koroit at 10:45am.  
Please contact Marita Flanigan 0402 431 053

Mission Mass

Mass: 6:00pm next Sunday at St Joseph’s.  
Join us after Mass for fellowship and supper.

**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:** Kathleen Killeen,Sharni Burns  
**Anniversary:**Yu Sin Keng, Mick Wilkinson, Sue Smith, Margaret Stainsby, Frank Lamb, Frank Ryan, Liam Ryan (Geelong), June Garner, Clare & Edward Gleeson

| MONDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                             | TUESDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                                      | WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                                                                     |
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| 10:00am Adoration, Rosary Holy Hour, OLHC<br>1:00pm St Joseph’s<br><i>Sharni Burns RIP</i><br>7:00pm Rosary St Joseph’s | <del>10:00am Mass St Joseph’s</del><br>Priests in Terang for Zone Meeting<br>5:10pm Confession St Pius X<br>5:30pm Mass St Pius X | 10:00am Mass St Joseph’s<br>11:00am Mass Mercy Place<br><del>3-30pm Moyneyana Aged Care</del><br>7:00pm PLT Meeting Infant Jesus<br>7:00pm Bible Study St Joseph’s |



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.

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email, please scan the QR code or type ‘staroftheseaparishwarrnambool’ to go to the website and subscribe

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Morning Tea’s

‘Cuppa’ after 10:00am Mass today at St Joseph’s and next Sunday at St Pius X after 9:00am Mass.  
All welcome.



Volunteer Recognition Afternoon Tea

Our annual Volunteer Recognition Afternoon Tea will be held at St Pius X Function Room just up from the Church on Sunday 25 October, from 2.00pm–4.00pm.  
It’s a small way for us to say thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for the time, energy and support you give to our Parish throughout the year.  
Join us for afternoon tea and a relaxed afternoon of catching up and good company.  
RSVP to the Parish Office by **Monday 19 October**. If you need a lift please let us know.

**Catholic Mission Month**  
Living in one of the most remote communities in Malawi, education is not a given...for some the distance, cost and resources required to attend school are deciding factors in whether attending school is even possible.

With the support of Catholic Mission, a new primary school - St Peter’s Nyamikuta - is being built close to where Yamikani and other families like his now live.  
You can help pave a path to education in remote Malawi by taking action today in supporting:

- Building safe school classrooms where children can learn and dream
- Providing hearty, nutritious meals so students can grow strong and stay focused
- Planting neem trees to protect the school and community against extreme weather
- Providing students with educational basics they need to succeed, including pencils, books and uniforms

**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.



| THURSDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>St Teresa of Jesus | FRIDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | SATURDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>St Ignatius of Antioch |
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| 10:00am Mass OLHC                                   | 10:00am Mass St Joseph’s<br>10:30am Confession St Joseph’s  | 9:40am Confession St Pius X<br>10:00am Mass St Pius X   |

Reflection

The responsorial psalm, one of the most familiar and beloved psalms of the Psalter, paints vivid pictures of carefree existence, peaceful rest, and abundant fruitfulness. Although ‘shepherd’ suggests a flock rather than merely one sheep, here the focus is on the individual. The magnanimous care shown by the shepherd flows from enduring righteousness rather than from some passing sentiment of the heart. The divine shepherd’s tender commitment to the flock, and to each individual within it, is as lasting as is God’s covenant commitment. The psalmist claims to be unafraid, for the presence of the Lord is reassuring. In addition to this image, God is characterised as a host who supervises a banquet, and within whose house the psalmist ultimately dwells.  
Paul is not referring to the ordinary trials and sufferings of life. He is talking about the tribulations that will engulf all people at the onslaught of the endtime. This suffering, known as the ‘birth pangs of the Messiah’, stems from the apocalyptic conclusion of this age. The avenue through which Paul enters this time of tribulation is the burdens of the ministry. The help offered by the Philippians was not merely philanthropic assistance. They participated in Paul’s ministerial endeavours and his distress, the tribulations of the endtime. Therefore, they are promised a share in the glory of the new age. Paul concludes by praising the glory that has been God’s from the beginning and that will continue to be God’s from age to age.  
Jesus uses a parable to illustrate the severe consequences of refusing the invitation to a royal wedding banquet. The culpable negligence or indifference of those originally called was tantamount to political insubordination. The wedding garment probably represented some aspect of righteousness. The banquet is a metaphor for the delights of the eschatological age of fulfilment (see Is 25:6). The time between the initial invitation and the announcement that the banquet is ready resembles the interim between the invitation to participate in the age of fulfilment and one’s entrance into it. Finally, the punishment meted out by the king suggests the final judgment and the distress that will accompany it.

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