ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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PARISH STAFF:Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)
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Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 1.00pm; 1.30pm - 4.00pm

- SCHOOL PRINCIPALS: Michael Gray (St Joseph's School) Peter Morgan (Emmanuel College)
- WEEK-END LITURGIES: Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am 6.00pm Purnim: 11.00am (Eucharist on 2nd and 4th Sundays) (Assembly of Word with Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEK-DAY LITURGIES: Wednesday & Friday: 10.00am: Liturgy of Word with Comm

Deaths: Sr Imelda Gallagher

Anniversaries: Bert Mugavin (Purnim), Annie Richardson, Robert Smith, Kathleen Coombs, Leon Murphy, Margaret Butler, Daniel Kelly, Jean Kelson, Joan Carey

Wedding Bells: Congratulations and God's blessing to Nicholas Jones & Sommer Williams on their wedding this weekend

Baptism Preparation: Next Information evening is Wednesday, 11th October at 7.30pm. Please book in to Parish Office prior to the evening

Thank you: Fr Tom Brophy has been with us for the past 3 weeks and we thank him for his ministry during that time.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Thank you for your generous support in contributing \$2,341.00 to this fund.

Roster: Please find copies (Gathering Space) or check your email. A further Roster will be available in the coming weeks, taking us into 2018!

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of August **Parish:** \$2,243.00 **Pledged Amount**: (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery**: \$1,275.00

NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Social Justice Sunday Everybody's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person.

The Bishops' Statement is built around today's Gospel. Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all are active contributors and are recognised for their human dignity.

Copies of Statement available (Parish Office) or www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Bishop Paul Bird: Bishop Bird has written a **pastoral** letter offering some reflections about marriage, drawing on the **writings** of **Pope Francis**. Copies available in Gathering Space

Did you know?: The formal opening of the completed St Joseph's Church which included the bell tower and spire was 23rd September 1889 - 128 years ago!

St Vincent de Paul: The St Vincent de Paul Society is starting an After-School Tutoring Program for primary school aged students. We are looking for volunteer tutors. You do NOT need to be a teacher. More information available in Gathering Space or contact Christina Worrall 0409 841 312,/christina.worrall@svdp.vic.org.au

Australian Catholic Youth Festival: *Registration is still open:* Further information contact Amanda (0427 748 867) or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Resources: The Diocesan Resource Centre has a wide range of resources that can be borrowed free. There are books, periodicals, music and dvd's on many topics. Items can be borrowed and returned through the post. Further information on the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or Kate 5337 7149

Hospitality: All are invited to stay for a cuppa following each Mass today, hosted by the Parish Family Groups

Rosary: Celebrating 100 Years of Fatima. Join in praying the Rosary on the Civic Green 14th October at 11.00am

Meetings: Wednesday: Finance Committee at 12noon

Time for a smile: A teacher asked her students to use the word 'beans' in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."