## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land - The Gunditjmara People. We acknowledge their ancestors with respect & commit to working for reconciliation & justice.

**PARISH STAFF:** Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)

Kathleen Card (Pastoral Associate) Barry Wolff (Business Manager) Leanne McElgunn (Secretary) Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER: Anne Maree Mugavin

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: Tuesday Wednesday Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

Deaths: Ronnie McCutcheon, Mark Gliddon

Anniversaries: Yu Siu Keng, John Mahony, Michelle Beks, Margaret Stainsby

**Baptism Preparation**: Tuesday, 13th November at 7.30pm. Please book in prior to

the evening

**Hospitality**: A cuppa follows 10.30am Mass. All welcome. (Family Groups)

Tuesday Cards: This week cards will be at OLHC

**Pastoral Ministry Formation**: Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is being offered at St Thomas' Parish Centre Terang in 2019. Further details contact Bernadette Wurlod at Bernadette@bernadettewurlod.com.au or 0417 573 258

**Church Grounds**: Works will begin shortly on resurfacing the car park. There may be some inconvenience, so we ask for your understanding and patience.

## Stewardship - Finances

**Stewardship:** Weekly average contributions for the month of September **Parish:** \$2,344.00 **Pledged Amount**: (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery**: \$1,450.00 NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **Plenary Council Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land,

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen

This week two gatherings were well attended by parishioners from across the Southern Zone to hear from Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Faciliator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team.

**Stronger Communities - Safer children:** Research shows that strong healthy communities have less child abuse and neglect. Qualities of such communities include:

- \* having services & social networks to support families
- \* involving & respecting its children
- \* modelling appropriate parenting behaviour
- \* taking pride in its people & culture

Communities with these qualities provide a web of support across all aspects of a child's life - enhancing their development, wellbeing & resilience against harm.

What role do we play? Parents - Keep communication open. Reinforce basic safety messages. Ask for help. All parents need support from family, friends and professionals. **Grandparents** - Support parents in their role, understanding the social changes this generation face. **Aunts** / **Uncles** - Offer practical help, spend time with the children in your life. Make your influence positive.

**Pipe Organ Scholarship 2019:** Invitation to primary & secondary school students interested in learning to play the pipe organ. The 3 year scholarship will provide a thorough grounding. Application Form from Parish Office. Closing date mid January.

**Meetings: Tuesday:** Social Justice Group at 7.00pm (Parish Hall)

**Wednesday**: Bereavement Group at 4.00pm **Wednesday**: Liturgy Committee at 5.30pm