# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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

Barry Wolff (Business Manager) Leanne McElgunn (Secretary) Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

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 & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Friday: 10.30am: (Reconciliation)

**NB**: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Br Dermot Shortill cfc, Andrew Reinstein

Anniversaries: Marcelino Mendoza

Cards: Tuesday afternoon cards has resumed. This week they are at OLHC

Bishop's Christmas Appeal: Thank you for your contribution of \$1,161.95

**Help:** The ladies who arrange the flower arrangements in our Church are in search of more helpers, please! Contact Parish Office or Judith (0432 578 694)

**Baptism Preparation**: Next preparation evening is Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm. Please book at Parish Office prior to the evening.

**Al-Anon**: Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon Family Group is for you. St Joseph's meeting room: Monday 7.30-9.00pm, Wednesday 12.30-2.00pm, Thursday 8.99-9.30pm. Enquiries Sue (0419 670 114)

## **Stewardship - Finances**

**Stewardship:** Weekly average contributions for the month of December **Parish:** \$2,482.00 **Pledged Amount**: (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery**: \$1,189.00 NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

# **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# **Ordinary Time**

This week we move into that time of year known as Ordinary Time.

There are two parts to Ordinary Time;

The first, which we are now entering, falls between the end of the Christmas Season and the start of Lent.

The second falls between Pentecost and prior to the first Sunday of Advent.

Ordinary Time is in fact the longest season of the Church year.

It has its own liturgical colour, green, pointing to our Christian hope and life.

As Christians, Sunday is our original feast day, the day to celebrate Christ's resurrection and our participation in the paschal mystery.

Ordinary Time enables us to celebrate the presence of God in the ordinary patterns of human life.

There is nothing Ordinary about Ordinary Time

#### Memorial Mass

This Friday's 10.00am Mass we will remember **Br Dermot Shortill** who died last Sunday. Br Dermot was buried on Friday from St Damian's Church, Bundoora. He was a parishioner here at St Joseph's for many years and a valued member of various organisations throughout Warrnambool. Rest in Peace.

**Lenten Program 2018:** 'Blessed + Broken': This is an excellent way to prepare for Easter. Each year parishioners gather in home groups during the weeks of Lent for prayer and reflection on the Gospel. Resources used are designed by Evangelisation Brisbane. If you would like to host a group in your home, or be involved in a group please contact the Parish Office. More information and sign-up sheets will be available next weekend.

## Dates to keep in mind:

14th February (Wednesday): Ash Wednesday 17th February (Saturday): Rite of Election (RCIA)

1st April (Sunday): Easter Sunday

Meetings: Tuesday: Social Justice Group at 7.00pm