ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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PARISH STAFF: Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)

Kathleen Card (Pastoral Associate) 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: (Ash) Wednesday: 10.00am & 6.00pm (Eucharist & Ash)

Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Friday: 10.30am: (Reconciliation)

NB: A funeral replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Kevin Goggin, Thelma Lenehan, Tony Kenna

Anniversaries: Shirley Warren, Brian Gorman, Steven Stoddart, Phillip Morgan, John Lindsey, Jean Wilkinson, Basil McKinnon, Tom Ritchie, Martin Bushell

Baptism Preparation: Next preparation evening is this Wednesday at 7.30pm. Please book at Parish Office prior to the evening.

St Joseph's Play Group: Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and children are welcome to join Playgroup each Tuesday from 10.00am to 12noon in the Parish Hall. Enquiries please contact Lauren (0447 778 891) or Parish Office (5562 2231)

Cards: Tuesday afternoon cards has resumed. If interested in Solo or Euchre please come along and join in. Lessons on how to playcan also be arranged. This week they are at OLHC. All welcome.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of January **Parish:** \$2,549.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,419.00

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEASON OF LENT

Lent commences this **Wednesday** with Mass and the distribution of Ash.

Mass Times: Ash Wednesday: 10.00am & 6.00pm

The Season of Lent is a time of prayer, self-denial and for helping others. In this way the whole Church prepares for the Great Feast of Easter.

❖ Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast** and **abstinence**

❖ Please take home a Project Compassion Box or Envelope today

Stations of the Cross: All Fridays in Lent: 7.30pm (St Joseph's Church)

LENTEN PROGRAM

'Blessed + Broken' - Pray, share and live the Gospel

This is an excellent way to prepare for Easter. More information and sigh-up sheets are in the Gathering Space. You may wish to join a group or use the booklet for private reflection. Cost of booklet \$8.00.

"While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them and said, "Take it ... this is my body" (Mark 14:22)

Rite of Naming: This weekend Kellie Mentha will have her name inscribed in the Naming Book (6.00pm Mass). The Book will be presented to Bishop Paul Bird next Saturday at the Rite of Election in Ballarat.

Reconciliation: Senior school students (Grade 6) will commence their formal preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation next weekend. For registration or further information please contact Parish Office (5562 2231)

Parish Visitation: Do you know of any parishioners who are 'socially' isolated from our parish community due to age, illness or disability etc? If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit please contact Parish Office. Alternatively, if you would like to volunteer your time in visiting these parishioners contact Parish Office. Further details in Gathering Space (**Siobhan Dunphy**)

Faith Formation & Spirituality Resources: The Ballarat Diocese Faith Formation page has been updated with new resources for Lent, for groups and individuals. Many are free to download. Visit www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

For Sale: Water pump, 1,000 litre tank along with 4 metre hose & nozzle. Further information contact Pat (Gardening /Maintenance) 5562 2231

Meetings: Monday: Fr John will be in Ballarat (Consultors Meeting)

Thursday: Parish Leadership Team: 5.00pm