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)

 Fr John Corrigan (Assistant Priest)

 Barry Wolff (Business Manager)

 Leanne McElgunn (Secretary)

 Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

 SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

 Ke are a Child Safe Parish

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 & 5.30pm Thursday: 2.00pm (Requiem Mass: Jack Herbert RIP) Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Deaths: Regina Bol-Obony (Lual), Jack Herbert, Marie Woonton (Carey), Kevin Carroll, Dennis Sanders

Anniversaries: Walter McDowall, Christopher Doyle, Anne Jewell

Baptism Preparation: Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm. Please book in prior

Hospitality: All are invited to stay for a cuppa hosted by our Family Groups

Playgroup: Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and children are welcome to join playgroup Tuesday 10.00am to 12noon (Parish Hall). Enquiries Parish Office or Lauren (0447 778 891)



The 'Word of God' for Children: A colourful take-home work sheet is available following Masses today. The sheet relates to the Sunday readings in a simple form.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of January Parish: \$2,253.00 Pledged Amount: (per week) \$2,820 Presbytery: \$1,387.00 NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Season of Lent

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

Mass times: Ash Wednesday: 10.00am & 5.30pm

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.

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: In this year's program **'Be Opened'** we are called to open our hearts and minds to the fullness of life in God and allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit. The program begins the first week of Lent. If you are interested for personal reflection, or part of a group, please include your name on sheet in Gathering Space

Rite of Naming: This weekend **Tracy & Ellie O'Connell** will have their names inscribed in the **Naming Book** (10.30am Mass). The Book will be presented to Bishop Paul Bird next Saturday at the Rite of Election.

Concerts

Internationally acclaimed organist, *Thomas Heywood*, playing Vivaldi, Handel, Mozart etc together with **local** guest artists **Cantori**. Friday 28th February 6.00 - 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. Tickets at door Adult \$30, Conc \$25, u/18 free.

Australian Chamber Choir: Performing at Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church Terang, Saturday 29th February at 3.00pm. Eight members (ACC8) take you on a virtual tour through memorable choral works from famous European cities. Adult \$25, Students \$15, u/13 free. Enquiries Marion (5592 1989)

Commissioning: The staff of our Parish School will be commissioned at the 6.00pm Mass (today). We pray God's blessing upon them.

Child Safety & Wellbeing: In Victoria, police officers, nurses, registered teachers etc are mandated to report physical or sexual abuse to child protection authorities. From 17th February 2020 this also applies to people in religious ministry.

Plenary Council: The next Listening & Discernment session 'A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community' will be held at OLHC 7.00pm this Thursday. All welcome

St John's Primary School Dennington: Celebrating 100 years of education. 21st & 22nd March. Further details in Gathering Space.

Meetings: Tuesday: Reconciliation Parent Meeting at 7.30pm