### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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

Kathleen Card (Pastoral Associate)
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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: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

**Thursday:** 7.30pm (Ecumenical Prayer - Uniting Church)

Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

NB: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

#### **Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Xavier Mugavin, Derek Van Buerle, Alice Callaghan, Maggie & John Ryan, Mary Clancy, Ray Sell, Kay Lowne, John Joseph Smith, Millie Mahony, Tony Sinatore, Annie Fitzgerald

**Baptism Preparation**: Wednesday June 13th at 7.30pm (Gathering Space). Please book in prior to the evening at Parish office.

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

**Resources**: The Diocesan Resource Centre has a wide range of resources that can be borrowed free by groups or individuals in parishes. There are books, music and dvd's on many topics including Sacraments, Pope Francis, Social Justice and resources for children. Information available on the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

### **Stewardship - Finances**

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of April Parish: \$1,900.00 Pledged Amount: (per week) \$2,820 Presbytery: \$1,304.00 NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

# The Ascension of the Lord

### Blessing of the Confirmation Children

Most loving God, we call upon the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of all people but especially these children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Look kindly on them as they listen to your voice. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work you have begun in them.

Look kindly too upon their parents and upon our parish community. May we be supportive and models of faith for these children. The example of adults has a profound influence on them.

Make each of us an instrument of your love. We pray that you will continue to guide and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## Mothers Day Concert

Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra presents its 11th annual Mothers Day Concert at St Joseph's Church this afternoon at 2.30pm. A variety of well known and well loved pieces, including instrumental and vocal solos and duets, directed by acclaimed conductor Angus Christie. Afternoon tea provided. Tickets: \$25 / \$20 concession at the door.

**St Joseph's:** A Child Safe Parish: Our parish is in the process of updating its policies and procedures. This is in line with the Child Safe Standards, to ensure the safety of all children within the parish, as well as ensuring the safety of all volunteers.

**Ecumenical Prayer**: The churches of Warrnambool are combining for a **Week of Prayer For Christian Unity** this Thursday 7.30pm, at Warrnambool Uniting Church. Further enquiries (0401 299 619)

**Emmanuel College**: Enrolment applications for 2019 are now being accepted with a closing date Monday 28th May. If you wish to arrange a tour of the school please phone 5560 0888.

A Case for Care: Koala Childcare & Early Learning Centre together with MacKillop Family Services are hoping to provide good quality bags for every child in care with MacKillop Family Services. Donations of new suitcases, carry bags or beauty bags can be left at Koala Childcare or Parish Office. Further information available in Gathering Space.

Meetings: Tuesday: Social Justice Group at 7.30pm