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 to Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

Deaths: Pedro Solis (Philippines), Pearl Foley, Kevin McDowall

Anniversaries: Frank O'Keefe

Baptism: Jack Nevill and Grace & Charlotte Boshier are welcomed into God's Family

Wedding Bells: Congratulations and God's Blessings to Erin Bourke & Nicholas

Cameron on their wedding this weekend

Pastoral Leadership Team: Summary of its March Meeting (Gathering Space)

Welcome: Fr Antony Valaitt of the Salesian Order (Bangalore, India) will celebrate

the 10.00am Mass this Wednesday.

Autumn Clean: Thank you to the ladies who helped last Thursday

Jesuit Missions: Car raffle tickets: \$10 from Peter Jackman (5562 1492)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of February **Parish:** \$1,984.00 **Pledged Amount**: (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery**: \$1,468.00

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Opening & Blessing of St Joseph's Refurbished Parish Centre

Today at 2.30pm. All welcome

Bishop Paul Bird will bless & open the newly refurbished Parish Centre. He will also preside at our 10.30am Mass today. A warm welcome to Bishop Paul.

HOLY WEEK

9 April: Passion (Palm) Sunday begins Holy Week

The palms symbolise Christ's triumph, while the cross is the symbol by which his triumph is achieved

10 April: **Mass of Holy Oils** at 6.30pm (St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat)

This Mass has specila significance for those who will use the Blessed Oils in 2017: the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed

11 April: Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness at 7.30pm

(Tuesday) Parishioners and visitors are invited:

to *hear* the Word of God

to examine our conscience

to *repent* of our sins

to seek forgiveness of Almighty God

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

13 April: Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (7.00pm)

NB: (including the Reception of Oils & the Washing of Feet)

14 April: Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (3.00pm)

St Anne's Purnim: Stations of the Cross (11.00am)

15 April: Easter Vigil: 6.00pm (The Vigil begins with the Easter Fire)

16 April: Easter Sunday: 8.30 & 10.30am (NB: No 6.00pm Mass)

Scrutinies: These are special Liturgical Rites celebrated during Lent for adults who are preparing to be baptised or received into the Church at Easter. Lent is a time when we are called to examine (scrutinise) our minds and hearts. Today Lucy Zhu celebrates the Third Scrutiny (10.30am Mass)

Parish Visitation Co-ordinator: Siobhan Dunphy has been employed part-time to connect with parishioners who are socially 'isolated' from their parish community due to age, illness or disability etc. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit please contact the Parish Office.