ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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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 to Friday : 10.00am (Eucharist)Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)NB: If there is a funeral it replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: John Looney, Anne Jewell, Michele Mibus (Horsham), Carmel O'Connor (Terang), Joshua Lenehan, Lorraine Jewell, Alice Hose

Anniversaries: Myra, Tommy & Willie Austen, Ilse, Bill & Billy Taylor, Pat Stacey, Dionisio Lucita Maata, Aileen Earls

Wedding Bells: God's Blessings to Catie Thorne & Nathan Delaney

Baptism Preparation: This Wednesday at 7.30pm (Gathering Space)

St Anne's Purnim: Stations of the Cross 11.00am: Good Friday

Senior Reconciliation: Children have begun their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. You will notice them with their purple stoles and they will gather around the altar for the 'Our Father'.

Australian Catholics: Summer edition is available to take home (Gathering Space)

Jesuit Missions: Maytime Fair raffle tickets \$10. Peter Jackman (0419 106 734)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of February

Parish: \$2,778.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,554.00 NB: Parish contribution consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debits

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SEASON of LENT

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.

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

Communal Celebration of God's Mercy: Tuesday, 22nd March at 7.30pm

Easter Triduum: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) at 7.00pm

Good Friday Ceremonies at 3.00pm

Easter Vigil: 7.00pm

Scrutinies: These are special Rites celebrated during Lent for adults who are preparing to be baptized or received into the Church at Easter. They are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent. These ancient rites may seem strange to us today but they fit well with the Lenten journey as Lent is a time when we are called to examine (scrutinise) our minds and hearts .

Project Compassion: This year marks **50 years** of Project Compassion. Caritas Australia works with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children and adults most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Week 4: Evangeline: Australia: Evangelne lives in the small community of Beswick (Wugularr) in the Northern Territory. On leaving high school after Year 11 she tried a few career options without success & soon became dispirited. Evangeline was offered a position at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmam Culture Centre in Beswick which is supported by Caritas Australia's Development Enterprise program. It brings together Elders & young people so new generations can learn traditional skills & stay connected to their culture through sharing art, storytelling, dance & song.

Thank you to those who are already making a commitment with the weekly Project Compassion envelopes.

St Joseph's School Fair: (17th April) : Donations of jams, preserves, pickles, sauces chutney, potted plants, bulbs etc will be very much appreciated. Further enquiries or for collection of goods: St Joseph's School (5561 1343)

The Lord's Prayer: When we pray the "Our Father' at Mass, parishioners are most welcome to raise their hands in prayer.

Meetings: Tuesday: Liturgy Committee at 5.30pm Wednesday: Finance Committee at 12noon