

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, Thursday & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)
(Ash) **Wednesday:** 10.00am & 6.00pm (Eucharist & Ash)
Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

NB: If there is a funeral it replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Debbie Bellman

Anniversaries: Joe Harney, Martin Bushell, Mary Healey, Sybil O'Callaghan

Baptism Preparation: Please phone Parish Office for details (5562 2231)

Bereavement Support Group: Monday (tomorrow) at 3.30pm

Early Notice: St Joseph's Family Groups are holding a fundraising evening in aid of South Sudan residents displaced by war. Thursday 10th March, 6.30pm at Capitol Cinema to view *'The Lady In The Van'*. Tickets: \$15 Jim 0408 624 860 Kay 55627024

Rural Australians for Refugees: Supporting refugees & asylum seekers. Next Sunday 3.00pm at Brophy Family & Youth Serv. Tmor St. Katherine (0459 615 564)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of January

Parish: \$2,512.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,413.00

NB: Parish contribution consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debits

Counters: This week: Team 6: Barry Wolff (5562 7913)

Next week: Information / Roster to follow

5th 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)

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: to be advised

Welcome: We warmly welcome Fr Des Dwyer sj (Parish Priest of Hawthorn). Fr Des is spending some of his vacation time in his home town of Warrnambool and he celebrates the 8.30am Mass today.

Pastoral Leadership Team: Currently there are 2 vacancies. Please consider nominating a parishioner to fill these vacancies. Hand in name to Parish Office or place name in envelope and put on collection plate. Please sign your name.

Easter Candle: Would you know of anyone who makes candles in the local area? Please contact Parish Office.

Rite of Naming: This weekend Dianne Brown & Alison Mugavin will have their names inscribed in the **Naming Book**. The Book will be presented to Bishop Paul Bird next Saturday at the Rite of Election in Ballarat

Lenten Reflection Group (with a difference)

- # Was Jesus executed for his religious beliefs or his political beliefs?
- # Since Jesus made no distinction between his religious beliefs and his political beliefs, does our separation of the two matter?
- # As Christians, we pledge to follow the teachings and example of Jesus, does that mean he is our religious and political leader?

To join the Lenten Group discussing the above thoughts, please contact Bob Myers (5562 3277)