

# 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:** **Wednesday:** 10.00am (Assembly of Word with Communion)  
**Friday:** 10.00am (Assembly of Word with Communion)

**Deaths:** Brian Gorman, Chris Doyle, Herbie O'Toole

**Anniversaries:** Robert McEwan, Eileen McNamara

**Wedding Bells:** God's Blessings to Tamara Wickham & Dominic Serra

**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'.

**Cuppa:** Stay for a cuppa following each Mass today, hosted by our Family Groups

**Year of Mercy:** Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer Cards are available (Gathering Space)

**World Day of Prayer:** This Friday 1.30pm at OLHC. This year's focus is on the country of Cuba. All welcome. Enquiries Joy (5562 3441)

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

## 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

# THIRD 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 3: Papua New Guinea:** Generational poverty has led to many challenges in **Dominic's** community, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the **Caritas Australia** supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communications and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

**Annual Diocesan Retreat:** The priests of the Diocese gather with Bishop Paul Bird this week in Halls Gap for their Annual Retreat.

**Loud Fence:** Have you noticed the ribbons tied to St Joseph's Lava Street fence? This is a way of expressing support for sex abuse victims and survivors by Church personnel. Further information on facebook.com/loudfence

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

**St Gregory's Heywood:** 150th celebrations 6th March. Mass at 5.00pm with Bishop Bird. Further enquiries Bev 5527 1559 or itis15@bigpond.com