

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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PARISH STAFF: Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)
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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 to Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)
Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

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

Deaths: Ray King, Beverley Teague (Melb)

Anniversaries: Annie Fitzgerald, Alice Callaghan, John & Maggie Ryan, Sharon Fowler, Jean Wilkinson, Tony Sinatore, Ray Sell, Len Jackman, John Conheady

Wedding Bells: Congratulations and God's Blessings to Michele Ryan and Rob Jolliffe on their wedding this weekend.

Baptism: We welcome Myla Barbetti and William Hammond into God's Family

St Vincent de Paul: We are seeking help in preparing our Holiday Home on Friday mornings (general clean up, bed making) in readiness for our next guest. Further information contact Jack (5562 2372)

Acknowledgement: Next Sunday at 10.30am Mass we will formally thank and acknowledge **Bernadette McInerney** on her many years of commitment to the music ministry here at St Joseph's.

Meetings: Tuesday: Priests & Pastoral Associates at St Pius

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of April

Parish: \$2,545.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,351.00

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Confirmation: About 70 children have begun their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This weekend the **parents** make their faith commitment.

COMMITMENT OF PARENTS

Fr John: Will you continue to nourish your own faith by hearing and reflecting on the Word of God, receiving his Body and Blood and living out the values of the Gospel? **Parents:** We will

Fr John: Will you endeavour to inspire your child to live the Christian life through word and example? **Parents:** We will

Fr John: Will you support and assist your child in the growth and practice of the faith? **Parents:** We will

Pastoral Leadership Team: On Monday evening, nominated parishioners gathered with Fr John, current Pastoral Team members and Bernadette Wurlod, the facilitator. We congratulate **Anne Maree Mugavin** and **Catriona Campbell** who accepted the invitation to join the Team and **thank** all who nominated and participated in the discernment process.

Emmanuel College: Mr Peter Morgan, principal of Emmanuel College, will briefly speak about the 'Seat Appeal' at Masses today.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Ecumenical Prayer at Christ Church (cnr Henna & Koroit St) this Wednesday 18th May. Shared meal at 6.00pm in the Hammond Centre followed by Prayer at 7.00pm. All welcome

Regional News: While Fr Bill van de Camp is on annual leave, he has asked Fr John to 'keep an eye' on the Parishes of Port Fairy & Koroit eg funerals etc

Parish Office: The office will be closed from Wednesday 18th May to Monday 31st May. Notices for the bulletin, anniversaries etc can be dropped off to Barry Wolff (Business Manager), Monday to Wednesday or leave a message on the phone.

Moving Forward: The words below are thoughts written by a survivor of childhood abuse who shares his wisdom as he reclaims his life.

*Forgive yourself....you were a child, and are not to blame for what happened
You may be able to forgive the abuser...but don't feel pressured to forgive, it is
your free choice*

Need Help: Call Lifeline 13 11 14
Towards Healing 1800 816 030
Speak to a trusted person
Have faith in those you love and those who love you.