

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (C)

July 3rd 2016

THE YEAR OF MERCY

14th Sunday

BULLETIN NOTICES

Please forward any notices for the bulletin to Kim Collins (Laffin)

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NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SATURDAY, 7.00P.M –
CHARLTON

SUNDAY, 8.30AM –
WEDDERBURN*

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –
ST. ARNAUD

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –
DONALD

*Lay Led Liturgy

NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Michael Bourke√*

Anne CALnin√* Bernadette Zagame*

READERS: Fran Byrne Lee

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Anne Kenny

GIFTS : Brian and Dawn Mulquiny

ALTAR SERVERS: Abby, Nick and Lucinda

FLOWERS: Noreen Ryan

HOME VISITING: Val Bourke

COUNTERS: This week: Volunteer Please

Next week: Frank and Val Bourke

CHURCH CLEANING: Roster?

Fr Paul will be away on annual break from this weekend to July 24th /25th weekend.

Should you need to contact a priest the best contact would be Fr Eugene McKinnon at Donald 54971112.

Charlton Masses and 'fill in' priests while I'm away:

On the weekend 9th - 10th July Fr Justin Driscoll will be here for the 7 p.m. Saturday Mass 0419 386 587

On the weekend 16th - 17th July Fr. John Pothiyttel will be here for the 8.30 a.m. Mass. 0432 649 984

Wedderburn 3rd July 8.30 a.m. Fr. Anthony

Wedderburn Sat. 16th July 7.00 p.m. Fr. John Pothiyittal.

Rest in Peace to one of our parish members – Terry Lane – who passed away on Wednesday evening after a short illness. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Rest in Peace Terry, in God's hands.

The Funeral for Mrs Pat Cossar (Maher) formally of Charlton will be held on Wednesday July 6th at 12 midday at St Josephs Church.

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

- PAT COSSAR (MAHER)
- TERRY LANE
- BEV BEATTIE

ANNIVERSARIES:

- EILEEN NOONAN
- MOLLIE DONALDSON
- LUCY FITZPATRICK
- HUGH NOONAN
- HOWARD BISH
- FRANK NOONAN

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- Bailey Delaney
- Vin Sait
- Father Brendan Davey
- Fr John Keane
- Joan Supple

St Joseph's School. The work on the extensions with the school are nearing completion and now there is action to have the new area with furniture. The date of August 5th has been earmarked by Bishop Paul Bird to join us all for the blessing and opening. The proposed ceremony will begin with the celebration of Mass around 4.30 on by the blessing ceremony and then all present will be invited to share a meal together in the multipurpose room. This will be an opportunity for us to meet with Bishop Paul and for him to enjoy our company and get to know us a little bit more.



Liturgy Formation 2016 / Launch of Let the Children Come

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on Funeral Ministry, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the sacramental program, "Let the Children Come" - July 24 at Birchip Parish, Mass at 10.30 a.m. August 7 at and Ararat Parish (Mass at 10.30 a.m.) . As this day includes the launch of "Let the Children Come", all involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs are encouraged to attend. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Program begins at 12.00 and runs to 4.30 including a 1pm lunch.

Meditation Group

You may be interested in joining a weekly meditation group. No prior experience necessary. The weekly sessions would probably be about 40 minutes. Let me know if you're interested.
Jo Russell

A Spiritual Journey to India with Spice Odyssey led by Sr. Valda Dickinson rsm as chaplain.

The highlight of this pilgrimage will be four days spent in prayer, meditation and spiritual dialogue at Saccidananda Ashram dedicated to Fr Bede Griffiths. Some of the other places we will be visiting are the Taj Mahal, the Golden Temple, Amritsar and Dharamshala, the seat of the Dalai Lama. While at these places in India, we will be given glimpses of how very wide, deep and universal is the invitation of Jesus to 'abide in love'.

DEPARTURE DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2017 RETURN DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2017
PRICE: AUD 7500 Subject to AUD Currency fluctuations (Terms and Conditions Apply) Land Content only based on Twin Share SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PER PERSON
PRICE: AUD 2090 INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE AUSTRALIA/INDIA/AUSTRALIA NOT INCLUDED
<http://www.spiceodyssey.net.au/Abideinmylove.pdf>

Women churchgoers less likely to commit suicide

Cathnews.com

Compared with women who never participated in religious services, women who attended any religious service once a week or more were five times less likely to commit suicide between 1996 and 2010, says a study published on Wednesday by JAMA Psychiatry.

In a study population made up of nurses and dominated by women who identified themselves as either Catholic or Protestant, the suicide rate observed was about half that for US women as a whole. Of 89,708 participants aged 30 to 55, 36 committed suicide at some point over 15 years. The women's church attendance was not the only factor; which church they attended mattered as well. Protestant women who worshiped weekly at church were far less likely to take their own lives than were women who seldom or never attended services. But these same Protestant women were still seven times more likely to die by their own hand than were their devout Catholic sisters.

Among the 6999 Catholic women who said they attended mass more than once a week, there was not a single suicide. The suicide-prevention effect of religion was clearly not a simple matter of group identity: Self-identified Catholics who never attended mass committed suicide nearly as often as did women of any religion who were not active worshippers.

Instead, the authors suggested that attendance at religious services is "a form of meaningful social participation" that buffers women against loneliness and isolation – both factors that are strongly implicated in depression and suicide. "Religion and spirituality may be an underappreciated resource that psychiatrists and clinicians could explore with their patients, as appropriate," wrote a team of researchers led by Tyler J. VanderWeele of Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health.