

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, Wednesday & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)
Thursday: 10.00am (Mercy Place)
Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

NB: A funeral replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Margaret Porter (Terang), Mervyn Dowd, Claire Moloney

Anniversaries: Geoff Curren, Nell Frusher, Gwen Te Tau, Dennis Melican, Annie Melican, Mick Earls

Baptism Preparation: Next information evening is Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm. Please book in to Parish Office prior to the evening.

First Eucharist: Rehearsal for all children this Thursday 4.15pm St Joseph's Church

Magazine: Spring edition of Australian Catholics is now available (Gathering Space)

Diocesan E-news: Interesting stories and information of what is happening in our Diocese can be found on the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

E-Conference: Mercy: *A Way of Being in the World*, will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy & take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Tuesday, 20th September in Gathering Space.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of July

Parish: \$2,643.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,304.00

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Migrant & Refugee Sunday

Let us celebrate the cultural diversity of our community.

The Catholic Church has a strong tradition of reaching out to Migrant & Refugee Groups emphasising an attitude of **hospitality** and **respect for all people**. Today is an occasion when we celebrate the varied cultures that exist here in the Parish and especially consider the plight of the many who have fled their homelands in fear.



Pope Francis.....'Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all.....'

There is memorabilia from various countries on display this weekend. Refreshments follow the 10.30am Mass. **Thank you** to the parishioners for your involvement in this annual celebration.

'Migrants and Refugees challenge us: The Response of the Gospel of Mercy'

Parish Life: Each week we highlight one of our various committees/groups. This week is the **IT Team:** Mary Lancaster, Lyn & Mark Hyland, Gabrielle & Joe Ewing and Family & Anna Bradley. These past weeks many groups & committees have been highlighted. If you would like to help in any of these ministries or need further information please contact Leanne (Parish Office) or Fr John.

World Youth Day: Thank you to **Rebecca McGrath & Kristy Brown** who last week shared with us their experience of being a part of the pilgrimage to Krakow to celebrate WYD. **Stacy Atkins** a representative from our community was also a pilgrim leader. More stories are featured in Diocesan E-news.

Warrnambool Organ Festival: *Six Events: Five Venues:* 2nd - 4th September. Opening concert at St Joseph's featuring internationally renowned organist Christopher Cook. Local musicians include Craig Doherty, Bernie Opperman and more. Tickets \$15, \$25 & \$65 (Festival Pass). Tickets available Parish Office. Further information (Gathering Space) or contact Laurel Myers (0411 136 850)

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: This Fund currently supports eighteen retired priests. Along with the priests' own contribution this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Special envelopes are available for this collection (4th Sept) which can be placed on the collection plate.