

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 & Friday: 10.00am (Assembly of Word & Comm)
(Group one)

Deaths:

Anniversaries: Ivan Ramirez, Pte Graham Warburton (KIA Vietnam), Joe Morgan, Harriet Conheady, Harry Lawson

Baptism Preparation: Next meeting is 12th October. Please book in to Parish Office prior to the evening.

Bereavement Group: Meeting Tuesday 11th October at 3.30pm

Communion to the Sick: Thank you to those who take Communion to the sick and house-bound of the parish. If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving Holy Communion please let Leanne know (Parish Office).

St John of God Auxiliary: The Auxiliary is looking for second hand books to sell to help raise funds for the hospital. Books can be left in Gathering Space

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of August

Parish: \$2,676.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,488.00

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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFUGEE CONCERT - Boundless Plains

Fr Andrew Hayes presents: Boundless Plains - The Spoken Word

Fr Andrew is the parish priest of St Mary's Ararat. Fr Andrew's recent fundraiser was a concert of his own music which raised funds (\$7,000) to build a new mosque in Ararat. This series of fundraisers, for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, based in Footscray, will be a recital of Andrew's favourite poetry, featuring the works of Banjo Paterson among others. Sublimely talented Joyce Clery will also be performing.

Pre concert drinks and nibbles available.

Donation: \$10 and beyond (primary school children free)

RSVP: frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com or add name to list (Gathering Space)

Rite of Welcome: We welcome Natalie Elliott & Lucy Xiaodong today as they commence their formal process in being initiated into the Catholic Church

Update: The planned opening and blessing of the new offices and Parish Hall has been postponed to a date yet to be confirmed.

Parish Life: For the past 4 months we have been highlighting the various groups and committees who contribute to the life of our parish. We also need to acknowledge those who contribute to the celebration of Mass each week: Welcomers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Offertory, Collectors, Sacristans

Mental Health Week - Workshops: Free Workshops designed for professionals and the community in understanding and supporting survivors of childhood abuse. **Professor Caroline Taylor** AM founder and chair of *Children of Phoenix* will be in attendance. Deakin University (W'bool) Tuesday October 11th 7pm to 8.30pm. Bookings essential to childandfamily@warrnambool.vic.gov.au Further information in Gathering Space

Information Technology: As we come to these final stages of installation we are looking for volunteers to help run the IT to support our liturgies. If you are interested in being trained for this ministry or need further information please contact Parish Office.

Online Study: The Ballarat Diocese is offering employees and volunteers the opportunity to an Online Study Program. Further information if interested on Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Amanda Smith 5337 7125