

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (C)

December 11th 2016

THE YEAR OF MERCY
3rd Sunday of Advent

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

By **THURSDAY 5pm**

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NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –
CHARLTON

SATURDAY, 7.00 P.M. –
WEDDERBURN

SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M. –
ST. ARNAUD

SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M. –
DONALD

*Lay Led Liturgy

NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Mary McLoughlan√*
Carmel Fitzpatrick√* Val Bourke* Nursing Home •

READERS: Brendan Byrne

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: John Powell

GIFTS : Lisa Bruns and Marie Bennett

ALTAR SERVERS: Darby and Jack

FLOWERS: Elaine Donaldson

HOME VISITING: Sandra Patton

COUNTERS: This week: Brendan Bourke and Paul Fitzpatrick

Next week: Brian Heenan and Brian Fitzpatrick

CHURCH CLEANING: C Livingston, V Bourke, L Whykes

120 years of Catholic Education.

A meeting to discuss dates and ideas for celebrating this occasion will be held on Tuesday 10th January, 2017 in the Community Room at 7.00pm. Present and past students and teachers are most welcome.

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

- JOHN THOMPSON
- DENIS JOHN TUTTLE
- JOHN KING
- ALMA O'CONNOR

CHRISTMAS, MASS TIMES:

- Christmas eve 7 pm at Charlton, and 8.30 am at Wedderburn.
- St Arnaud Christmas eve 8.30 pm, Christmas Day 8.30 am , Banyena Christmas Day at 10.30 am)

ANOINTING MASS

- CHARLTON 11 AM 21ST DEC.
- St. Arnaud 2 pm 20th Dec.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

- CHARLTON 7 pm 20TH DEC
- ST ARNAUD 7pm 21ST DEC

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

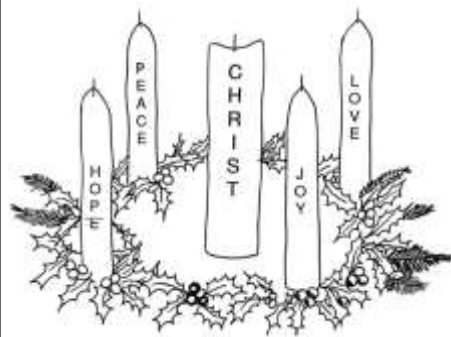
- Bailey Delaney
- Vin Sait
- Fr John Keane



The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS) are encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*. There will be information sent regularly to parishes to include on parish bulletins and other information is available from the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

A challenge from *Laudato Si: On care for our common home*. (Pope Francis, 2015): "Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope" (LS 244). Although we must be concerned about what is happening to our planet – we must also enjoy and thank God for all that has been created - we must never lose hope in human kind. ACTION: Rediscover your sense of wonder and awe of creation. Walk on the beach. Stop and smell the flowers. Enjoy the feeling of water, dirt, grass under your feet and between your toes.



Columba calendars are now on sale at \$9.00. Please see Val Bourke.

FAMILY VIOLENCE We must always say 'no' to violence in the home - Pope Francis

The Bishops of Victoria recently finalised a statement on domestic violence, acknowledging the importance of this issue, and urging the Catholic community to play a part in preventing and responding to violence within the family. A copy of this statement is available today, together with a supporting document designed to help all of us in responding when we are aware of abuse.

CHRISTMAS PLAY AND CRIB. NOON TO 4 P.M. Monday 12th December at the St. Arnaud Parish Centre there will be a presentation led by Fr. Andrew Hayes P P of Ararat, a creative person, along with others. Keep this time free and come along

Making a Scene at Christmas

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in Robinvale on December 7, Mildura from December 8-11, St Arnaud on December 12 AT NOON and St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from December 15 -18. If you are able to volunteer an hour at any of the displays, see Fr Paul.

CAROLS IN THE REX THEATRE Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm



**KEEP
CALM
AND SING
CHRISTMAS
CAROLS**

