

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (A)

January 29th 2017

THE YEAR OF MERCY
5th Sunday of year

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M. –
CHARLTON**

**SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –
WEDDERBURN**

**SATURDAY, 7.00 P.M. –
ST. ARNAUD**

**SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M. –
DONALD**

NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Marg McGrath*√

Francie Lanyon * Sandra Patton *

READERS: Anne Kenny

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Fran Byrne Lee

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Mary and Jeff McLoughlin

Altar servers: Oscar Bourke and Elise Fitzpatrick

FLOWERS: Margaret Fradd

HOME VISITING: Margaret Fradd

COUNTERS: **This week:** Des and Francie Lanyon

Next week: Brian and Dawn Mulquiny

CHURCH CLEANING: F Byrne Lee, D Mulquiny, T Sait

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL REUNION

At a meeting held last Tuesday it was decided to hold a School reunion on Sat. 21st & Sun. 22nd October (Charlton Show weekend). We will be celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton.

On the Sunday 22nd October there will be a Mass and breakfast ... inspection of the school display and a Luncheon or BBQ. Anne is Secretary and Val Bourke is Chairperson.

Wanted: School photos - class, sports etc. We will scan the photos and return the original to you – please see Anne Kenny.

The next meeting to plan a reunion to celebrate 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton will be held at 7pm next Wednesday, 1st February, at St Joseph's Meeting Room. All welcome.

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

Fr Joe McMahan (Newport and Spotswood) at School with Fr Paul at Parade Christian Brothers College East Melbourne and in Seminary also at Corpus Christi Seminary

And Sister Ellen Holland (also known as Conception) who served at Corpus Christi Seminary as one of the Irish Cluny Sisters Sr. Ellen served in the seminary for 42 years, arriving at Werribee in 1950.

ANNIVERSARIES:

- LEO FANNING
- ANNIR ROGAN
- GARY NICHOLLS
- PETER SAIT
- MATTHEW DONOVAN

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- Bailey Delaney
- Vin Sait
- Fr John Keane
- Ian Bruns
- Jack Ross

Can parish members please return the pyxides they have back to the church.

Many thanks

Clergy changes: Frs. Marcello to Ballarat North and Wendouree from Swan Hill and Matt Thomas to Swan Hill from Camperdown

Pray for the Sick: Fr Pat Flanagan has asked for prayers for his sister Gwen who has faced serious problems with her sight now with her second eye. She is praying for restoration of her sight.

**Sister who helped Tiwi people is Senior Australian of the Year
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A Sister who has spent 50 years helping the Northern Territory's Tiwi people has been named Senior Australian of the Year, while Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor of ACU, and Jesuit publishing figure Anne O'Donovan have been made Officers of the Order of Australia.

Sr Anne Gardiner was bestowed the honour on Wednesday night at a ceremony in Parliament House's Great Hall.

The 85-year-old used her acceptance speech to call for greater recognition of Australia's indigenous peoples in policy. Sister Anne arrived on Bathurst Island in 1953 and has worked tirelessly with the indigenous community.

As well as being principal of the local primary school, she runs regular prayer meetings and over the years has set up several community clubs - from mothers' groups to Little Athletics.

She also founded an op shop and cafe to help raise money for the community.

As an advocate for tradition, Sr Anne played a key role in establishing the Patakijiyali Museum - a place that helps preserve the Tiwi language and culture. "Her selfless approach to helping others and sense of giving have made a big impact at a grass roots level," the National Australian Day Council noted.

US bishops: Trump border moves will 'tear families apart'

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Fence on Mexican border

The chairman of the US Bishops' Committee on Migration has criticised President Donald Trump's executive memorandum to construct a wall along the US-Mexico border, saying it would "put immigrant lives needlessly in harm's way".

- Catholic News Service

The chairman, Bishop Joe Vasquez of Austin, Texas, also criticised Trump's memorandum on a surge in immigrant detention and deportation forces, saying it would "tear families apart and spark fear and panic in communities."

Trump signed the two executive memorandums on national security on January 25 during a visit to the Department of Homeland Security.

Earlier, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said the wall, a cornerstone of Trump's election campaign, would "stem the flow of drugs, crime and illegal immigration" along the southern border. He also said Trump's top priority was the nation's security.

But hours later, Bishop Vasquez issued a statement saying that construction of the wall would "make migrants, especially vulnerable women and children, more susceptible to traffickers and smugglers. Additionally, the construction of such a wall destabilises the many vibrant and beautifully interconnected communities that live peacefully along the border.

"Instead of building walls, at this time, my brother bishops and I will continue to follow the example of Pope Francis. We will 'look to build bridges between people, bridges that allow us to break down the walls of exclusion and exploitation.'"

During a February 2016 visit to Mexico, Pope Francis travelled to the US border at Ciudad Juarez and pleaded for the plight of immigrants. He said those who refuse to offer safe shelter and passage were bringing about dishonour and self-destruction as their hearts hardened and they "lost their sensitivity to pain".