

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (A)

February 12th 2017

THE YEAR OF MERCY
6th Sunday of year

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: Margaret Fradd*√
Francie Lanyon√ * Margaret McGrath * Nursing Home•

READERS: Bernadette Zagame

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Noreen Ryan

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Fran Byrne Lee

ALTAR SERVERS: Abby and Nick Thompson

FLOWERS: Noreen Ryan

HOME VISITING: Sandra Patton

COUNTERS: This week: Jeff and Mary McLoughlin

Next week: Brian and Sandra Patton

CHURCH CLEANING: F Byrne Lee, J Holmes Brown, Marie Byrne

**Mass Tuesday 5.30 p.m.: Wednesday 10.30 a.m. EWHS:
Thursday 9.30 a.m.: Friday 11.30 am**

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

- VINCENT DALTON
- JOAN ROSEWALL
- TIM BUSH
- THERESE O'CONNOR
- ADA ROSS
- PADDY ASH

Collections

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
01.01.2017	\$322.00	\$385.45
08.01.2017	\$143.00	\$179.20
15.01.2017	\$392.00	\$263.10
22.01.2017	\$127.00	\$206.70
29.01.2017	\$62.00	\$210.45

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL REUNION

We will be celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton on Show Weekend, 21st & 22nd October 2017.

We need photos prior to 1983 & if anyone has class photos of 2004 we would appreciate a copy.

Did you know?

The children of St Joseph's rendered the operetta "Snow White' at the Victoria Hall on January 17th 1912 as a welcome home to the Rev. Fr Goidanich. Admission was 2s and 1s.

If you have any photos, newspapers clippings or memorabilia could you please see Val Bourke (Chairperson) or Anne Kenny (Secretary).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

*Lay Pastoral Ministry Program -
you can start in March or May*

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the March study cycle closes on February 27, 2017 so contact us now - or you can start in May or later in the year. If you are interested, first check out the details on the diocesan website (link to Lay Pastoral Ministry Program in lower part of front page), then contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Call for Nominations – Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Diocese of Ballarat is calling for nominations for the 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). The DPC is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. for more information check with your parish priest/parish leader, or phone Amanda in the Diocese office, ph. 5337 7125.

*Business Manager Position –
Catholic Diocese of Ballarat*

Advertisement for the position of the Diocesan Business Manager (Merk Bromleys present job) can be found on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au – Our Diocese/Employment. (Mark will still work in the Diocesan office

National Council of Priests of Australia

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MEDIA RELEASE

The blight of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church has caused inexpressible pain and suffering to the victims and their families. It has been a cause of shame and disgrace for the Catholic faithful. With humility we acknowledge the strength of character and courage of those individuals who came forward with evidence for the work of the Royal Commission.

We, the Executive of the National Council of Priests of Australia, support and endorse the initiatives of the Bishops of Australia in their endeavors to eradicate the scourge of sexual abuse in our Church.

We applaud the work of Francis Sullivan and the Truth, Justice and Healing Council. 8 February 2017

Put culture of concealment behind us: Coleridge

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The Catholic Church is a "law unto itself" in need of serious cultural reform if it is to address widespread allegations of child sexual abuse, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has told the royal commission, the *Brisbane Times* reports.

Archbishop Coleridge told the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse there was a lack of transparency within the Church. "We are, as it were, a law and a world unto ourselves," he said.

The third day of the three-week public inquiry into Catholic Church authorities is examining the factors behind clerical sexual abuse. The inquiry heard there were multiple causes including the Church's hierarchical structure, poor governance, lack of women in leadership roles and a culture of secrecy.

"We haven't yet embraced adequately a transparency that is appropriate . . . for an unusual community of communities like the Catholic Church," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"A culture of concealment is one of the things we have to put behind us." Catholic authorities had a "great deal more work" to do on improving culture, he told the commission.

Peter Johnstone, president of Catholics for Renewal and a former senior public servant, told the inquiry that the statistics presented to the Commission "are quite conservative given that they're based on those who have come forward."

Mr Johnstone said greater inclusion of women would help change the culture of the Church.

Patrick Parkinson, a professor of law at The University of Sydney, told the royal commission there may have been a "culture of facilitation" in male religious orders which explained the high proportion of alleged perpetrators in orders such as St John of God, the Christian Brothers and the Marist Brothers.