

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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## PARISH STAFF:

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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 to Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)

**Friday:** 10.30am (Reconciliation)

**Deaths:** Eileen Smart, John Irving (Geelong), Edna Boyle

**Anniversaries:** Mollie Jackman, Wilhelmina Sinn, Kathleen Magee

**Baptism:** We welcome Everdeen Hawkins, Louie Welsh, Xavier Gravier and Kingston O'Keefe into God's Family this weekend.

**Autumn Clean:** Kitchen area of Gathering Space. Thursday 30th March from 8.30am. Help would be appreciated (5562 2231).

**Movie Night for Ruben:** Non-profit organisation run by Christian Brothers offering education, health care, social services, training for thousands of people living in slums of Africa. Director: **Br Frank O'Shea** <http://www.rubencentre.org>. Movie is Oscar Best Picture: Moonlight. Tomorrow (Monday) at 7.00pm Tickets \$20 (conc \$15) from Emmanuel College Office or Josie (0429 208 511)

**Jesuit Missions:** Car raffle tickets: \$10 from Peter Jackman (5562 1492)

## Stewardship - Finances

**Stewardship:** Weekly average contributions for the month of February

**Parish:** \$1,984.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,468.00

NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## SEASON of LENT

The Season of Lent is a time of prayer, self-denial and for helping others. In this way the whole Church prepares for the great Feast of Easter.

**Stations of the Cross:** All Fridays in Lent: 7.30pm (St Joseph's Church)

**Project Compassion: 'Love your neighbour':** Pope Francis encourages us to reflect on God's mercy to "re-awaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty, and to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy" (Homily: October 4, 2015)

**Week 3:** This week the focus is **Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation**, a Caritas Australia partner, offering former Stolen Generations survivors the chance to heal after a childhood of suffering, and manage the intergenerational effects of their pain.

## Dates to Keep in Mind

**March 30th** (Thursday) at 2.00pm: Anointing Mass

**April 2nd** (Sunday) at 2.30pm : Opening & Blessing of the New Offices. All invited

**April 11th** (Tuesday) at 7.30pm: Communal Celebration of God's Mercy

**May 7th** (Sunday): Liturgy Formation: Lectors, Bereavement Group and for those involved in Children's Sacraments (Confirmation, Eucharist & Reconciliation)

## St Joseph's Primary School

**School Fair:** *Sunday 26th March*, 10.00am to 3.00pm: Cake Stall, 2nd hand books, Show Bags, Fill-a-Basket, Devonshire tea & coffee, bbq, pizza, fun activities & rides, raffles .... Something for everyone.

**Scrutinies:** These are special Liturgical Rites celebrated during Lent for adults who are preparing to be baptised or received into the Church at Easter. They are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of lent. These ancient rites may seem strange to us today but they fit well with the Lenten journey as Lent is a time when we are called to examine (scrutinise) our minds and hearts. At the 6.00pm mass (today) **Lucy Zhu** celebrates the first of the Scrutinies.

**Choir singers:** Choir practice for anyone interested in helping with singing at the Easter ceremonies. Saturday 25th March at 4.00pm. Enquiries Lyn (5562 8423)

**Meetings: Tuesday:** Social Justice Group at 7.00pm (Gathering Space)

**Wednesday:** Finance Committee at 12noon