

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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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** 11.00am Requiem Mass:
(Taite & Kobi Van der Heyden RIP)
Wednesday to Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)
Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

Deaths: Tanya McNamara, Taite & Kobi Van der Heyden, Derek Van Buerle (Melb)

Anniversaries: Jean Wilkinson, Len Jackman, Millie Mahony, Mary Toohey, Jack Grey, Nell Darmody, Christan Lourey, Euphemia Zammit (nee Bakker), Henk de Kok, Carlene Stephenson

Baptism: Isabella McDonald is welcomed into God's Family this weekend.

Moving Forward: We have prepared an activity **Labyrinth**. You are invited to come and spend some time with this unique way of prayer and reflection. The exposures of the Royal Commission make us feel the need to open our hearts and minds to a healing and prayerful response. Sunday 28th May, Gathering Space. (Marie Morgan)

Memorial Service: A Memorial Service to honour the work of Fr John Murphy during his 40 years at Shamrock House. St Brigid's Crossley, Wednesday 24th May at 6.00pm, followed by a shared meal. All welcome. Enquiries Mick (0408 687 261)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of April

Parish: \$1,831.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,719.00

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Confirmation: 68 children have begun their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This weekend the parents make their faith commitment.

Commitment of Parents

Fr John: Will you continue to nourish your own faith by hearing and reflecting on the Word of God, receiving his Body and Blood and living out the values of the Gospel? **Parents:** We will

Fr John: Will you endeavour to inspire your child to live the Christian life through word and example? **Parents:** We will

Fr John: Will you support and assist your child in the growth and practice of the faith? **Parents:** We will

Koala Childcare Centre: The planned development of the Northern Campus, on vacant land at the rear of the existing Childcare Centre, is progressing well. Tenders were invited and the successful tender was awarded to A W Nicholson Construction, who was also the contractor of the 1st Stage. A Building Contract has been signed and works will commence very soon. It is planned to be ready for commencement of operation early next year.

Security: Parishioners are strongly advised to lock their vehicles when parking in the church grounds. There have been items stolen from vehicles recently.

St John of God Auxiliary: High Tea at Hammond Fellowship Hall, Sunday 4th June 2.00pm. Cost \$25. RSVP 1st June: Pat (5562 5093) Raffles & prizes. All welcome

Child Safety: The Ballarat Diocese has joined the National Council of Churches (NCC) which provides training in Safe Church Awareness. The NCC is conducting a workshop (in Port Campbell on Saturday 27th May). Cost: \$30 per person (sponsored by the Parish). The training is open to all. Please contact Anne Maree Mugavin if you wish to discuss this event (0433 708 017)

Taize Group: Invitation to Taize singing followed by film 'Moments in the Life of Br Roger' founder of the Taize community. St Joseph's Parish Hall, Friday 26th May at 7.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries Don (0437 202 080)

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF): ACYF is in Sydney, December 7 - 9 this year. Further information on the Diocesan website or contact Amanda (youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Australian Catholics: Winter edition of this publication is available to take home

Meetings: Wednesday: Finance Committee at 12noon