

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (A)

July 16<sup>th</sup> 2017

THE YEAR OF MERCY

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

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## NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –  
CHARLTON**

**SATURDAY, 7.00 PM. –  
WEDDERBURN\***

**SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M. –  
ST. ARNAUD**

**SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –  
DONALD**

**SUNDAY, 12 NOON –  
BANYENA**

\*Lay Led Liturgy

**RECONCILIATION**  
on request

## NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

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

**READERS:** John Powell

**PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL:** Brendan Byrne

**PROCESSION OF GIFTS:** Maree Hooper & Anne Kenny

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jack Collins & Joe Monaghan

**FLOWERS:** Frances Stahl

**HOME VISITING:** Margaret Fradd

**COUNTERS: This week:**

**Next week:** Michael & Kath Bourke

**CHURCH CLEANING:** M. McLoughlan, J. Russell, L. Bruns

*A celebration will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August after 10.30am mass (note change of time) for Father Paul's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. More details to follow..*

*Family Matters – Strengthening Respectful Relationships on Saturday, July 22, at St Pius X Primary School*

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ providing the opening address, followed by a number of workshops. The recent Ballarat event was an excellent opportunity to learn, connect and reflect. The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat in conjunction with Centacare. Workshops/seminars to choose from include: Family violence; having the suicide conversation; building trust/listening; enriching family relationships; keeping children the focus in blended families; tuning into kids. Please invite your staff and parent communities to attend this wonderful event that promotes the importance of family by registering online: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com>. The event will be suitable for all staff/families and also provides very positive links to Catholic social teaching. Hosting the Forum in Warrnambool is the second of three diocesan opportunities; next one is in Mildura on August 26.

*Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation Update*

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**Growing  
Together  
in Faith**

## OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

### RECENT DEATHS:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

- PAT O'BRIEN
- MICHAEL HOGAN
- EILA SAIT
- BARB HANNAN
- MAURICE KENNY
- VICTOR SAIT

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- BAILEY DELANEY
- VIN SAIT
- FR JOHN KEANE
- IAN BRUNS
- JACK ROSS

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
**REUNION**

**Celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton on Show Weekend, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.**

“The coming of Fr Jim Ryan from Mildura was the dawn of happy days for the children of the entire parish. Very soon he had them grouped into five teams – 3 from St Joseph’s, one from Wooroonooke and another from Boort. These competed in their own areas but annually on the feast of Christ the King all assembled on the sports field adjoining the convent. Figure marching and folk dancing opened the programme of various sporting activities.” (Our Lady of the Missions archives written by Sr M. Thomas in 1984)

Wanted:

Do you have any memorabilia about St Joseph’s School eg. Workbooks, certificates. These will be scanned and returned.

Photos still needed:

Anything prior to 1970

1971, 1973, 1975 (only have Form 4), 1977, 1978 – need Gr 6, 1977, 1980 (only have Gr 5), 1982 –school photos may not have been taken so any photo would be appreciated), 1984 - “, 1986 - “, 2008 – 2013 Only have whole school photos so any other photos appreciated.



**Collections**

	<b>Planned Giving</b>	<b>Presbytery</b>
<b>04.06.17</b>	<b>\$151.00</b>	<b>\$322.70</b>
<b>11.06.17</b>	<b>\$211.00</b>	<b>\$164.85</b>
<b>18.06.17</b>	<b>\$896.00</b>	<b>\$270.30</b>

**Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Proposals**

In April this year, the bishops of Victoria published a pastoral letter in response to proposals to introduce legislation allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide. As a follow-up to that letter, a group of lay people has prepared a flyer encouraging people to write to parliamentarians and express their opposition to such legislation. Copies of the flyer have been made available for your consideration. You are invited to write to parliamentarians as suggested.

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The objectives of the Foundation are: to financially assist the Diocese in its mission to grow Christ’s kingdom here on earth; to financially assist the charitable works of the Diocese; and to provide for relief, support and comfort of those suffering from disadvantage within the Diocese, inter alia from unemployment, low income, age, physical or mental disability, language difficulties or social or economic isolation.

The Foundation has its own rules, constitution and board of management; and operates as a distinct entity from general diocesan finances. It has grown and now holds net assets of \$8.9m. In total \$336,701 was distributed during 2016 to the Diocese and through Parishes to support activities such as: sponsoring representatives attending the World Youth Day in Poland and the Proclaim Conference in Sydney; Merbein Parish’s Year of Mercy activities; and Warrnambool’s Caring for the Homebound program. The Foundation also supported organisations such as Centacare, the Ballarat Hospice, and Saint Vincent de Paul’s North West Central council.

**Private Board Required**

Private board is required in Ballarat for four nights a week, Monday – Thursday for a female. If you are able to assist please email [rdam@badac.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:rdam@badac.onmicrosoft.com)

**Sharing expertise in the use of Social Media**

Catholic Social Services Victoria is hosting a half-day social media workshop on Wednesday, July 26, 2017. The focus will be on Twitter and Facebook and targeted at those with at least some familiarity with these. Other platforms will feature in the discussions. A selection of speakers from member organisations will share key ways in which their organisation uses these social media platforms, as well as sharing lessons learned along the way. As part of the morning, Fr Frank Brennan SJ, CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia, will join us to speak about the use of social media in advancing effective communications in our crowded world.

**Deaf Catholic Conference**

The Deaf Catholic Conference will be open to all Deaf and hearing people who work in the pastoral care fields within the Deaf Community and for the Deaf community members themselves. It will be an opportunity for Deaf Catholics to experience their faith in their natural language – Auslan. The conference will be held on Monday, August 21 – Wednesday, August 23 2017 (following an Ephpheta Church Service and lunch on Sunday, August 20, 2017). The theme is “Our Community of Faith - Reflect, Embrace and Nurture’. Conference flyer attached.

**Symposium: “Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn and the YCW in Australia”**

Please find attached an invitation to the symposium “Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn and the YCW in Australia” on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at CTC East Melbourne.

**Liturgy Formation 2017**

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering a Liturgy Formation Session at Warrnambool on July 23. Bishop Paul will celebrate 10.30am Mass on this day. Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, “Let the Children Come” and Formation for Lectors. Registration is also available via the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).