

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: **Wednesday & Friday:** 10.00am: Liturgy of Word with Communion

Deaths: Fr Peter Taffe, Jim McCarthy, Maureen Bourke

Anniversaries: Jack Hyland, Desmond Jackman, Patricia Toleman, Ross McCann, Vincent Miers

Baptism Preparation: Information evening this Wednesday at 7.30pm. Please book in to Parish Office prior to the evening

Warm welcome: We warmly welcome Fr Tom Brophy (8.30am & 10.30am) & Bishop Peter Connors (6.00pm) who are with us this weekend.

Sisters of Mercy: The Sisters of Mercy **thank you** sincerely for your prayers for our Chapter. A new Leadership Team has been elected and they will lead us into the future, after their induction in mid December.

Online Study: The Ballarat Diocese is offering parishioners the opportunity to an Online Study Program. The Lay Pastoral Ministry program covers a wide range of topics: youth ministry, leadership, catechesis, pastoral care. Further information contact Parish Office or www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of August

Parish: \$2,243.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,275.00

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: This fund currently supports eighteen retired priests. Along with the priests' own contribution this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Special envelopes are available for this collection which can be placed on the collection plate.

Child Protection Sunday: "See Me, Hear Me"

As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. This year our theme is "See Me, Hear Me". The question is how do we, St Joseph's Parish, play our part in listening to children to ensure they are kept safe? This year the National Committee for Professional Standards have commissioned a video and brochure through the Australian Catholic University reflecting on research around what children think about their safety.

Koala Childcare Centre: Almost 2 years ago in late 2015, investigations commenced on the establishment of a 'North Campus' to supplement the existing 'South Campus', that commenced operation in December 2014.

The successful operation of the Centre encouraged us to make use of vacant land at the rear of Bohan Place.

After much planning and negotiating with the tenant we made application with Warrnambool City Council for a Planning Permit; this was subsequently issued on 21/7/2016.

Plans for the 'North Campus' were developed and invitations to tender were sent to three contractors. The successful contractor was AW Nicholson Construction. (They also did the works on the 'South Campus' in 2014). Works commenced 13th June 2017 and apart from some inclement weather, are progressing well. Completion is expected in early 2018. Thanks to all who have been involved. We expect the success of this important asset for St Joseph's Parish will continue long into the future.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival: *Registration is still open:* Further information contact Amanda (0427 748 867) or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Time for a smile: Trevor was in the hospital recovering from surgery when a nurse asks him how he is feeling. "I'm ok, but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery", he answered. "What did he say" asked the nurse. "OOPS!"