

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: Ray Jenkins

Anniversaries: Gertrude & William Ryan, Bess & Frank Houlihan, Laurie Callaghan, Tom Woolley, Ern Trusler

Baptism Preparation: Next Information evening is Wednesday, 11th September at 7.30pm. Please book in to Parish Office prior to the evening

Warm welcome: We warmly welcome Fr Tom Brophy who is with us this weekend.

Pastoral Letter: Bishop Paul Bird has written a pastoral letter offering some reflections about marriage, drawing on the **writings of Pope Francis**. Copies available in Gathering Space

Community Soup Kitchen: Many thanks from Soup Kitchen Co-ordinators to St Joseph's parishioners for their generous response to the appeal for funds (featured in the Warrnambool Standard recently). Without such assistance this important community service would be unable to continue.

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for our Earth

Season of Creation 1st September - 4th October

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognise that we are profoundly united

with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis from Laudato Si'



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Last year our parish contributed \$3,450.00 to this collection which raised nearly \$60,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$980.00 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked 'Ballarat Clergy Support Fund'.

St Vincent de Paul: The St Vincent de Paul Society is starting an After-School Tutoring Program for primary school aged students. We are looking for volunteer tutors. You do NOT need to be a teacher. More information available in Gathering Space or contact Christina Worrall 0409 841 312./christina.worrall@svdp.vic.org.au