

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:

Monday: 10.30am Funeral Liturgy: (Bill Fearon RIP)
Wednesday & Friday: 10.00am (Liturgy of Word with Comm)

NB: A funeral replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Bill Fearon, Ron Wormald, Elsie Rochford (Melb)

Anniversaries: Annie Lindsey, Peter Crowe, Christopher Doyle, Francis O'Rourke

Baptism: Charlie Umbers is welcomed into God's Family this weekend

Bereavement Group: Meeting this Tuesday at 4.00pm (Gathering Space)

St Joseph's School Fair: Sunday, 25th March

Clergy Retreat: Fr John is on his annual retreat this week with the Bishop and the priests of the Diocese.

'Being with God in Nature': This year's program from the *Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality* in Melbourne offers participants opportunities to spend time together experiencing God's presence in nature in a variety of ways-in the Australian wilderness and in urban settings. Details in Gathering Space

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of January

Parish: \$2,549.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,419 .00

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

First 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: Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A *Just Future* has started with your support.

Week 1: In Nepal a Caritas supported program has helped **Janaki** turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community.

"Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation" - Pope Francis

Commissioning: The staff of our Parish School will be commissioned at the 6.00pm Mass. We pray God's blessing upon them.

Rite of Election: Yesterday **Kellie Mentha** along with her sponsor Cathy Duynhoven, family and members of the RCIA Team, gathered with others from throughout the Diocese at St Patrick's Cathedral (Ballarat) for the Rite of Election and to meet with Bishop Bird.

Reconciliation: (Gr 6) students commence their formal preparation this week. The Sacrament will be celebrated Thursday, 15th March at 5.30pm

Moving Forward: The Royal Commission into child abuse is over **but we are not**. There is still work to do. This is an invitation for anyone to join with the Group on Saturday 3rd March at 11.00am. Please phone Marie for details (0409 519 150). Guest speaker: Lee Schlooz, sharing his work with education.

Parish Visitation: Do you know of any parishioners who are 'socially' isolated from our parish community due to age, illness or disability etc? If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit please contact Parish Office. Alternatively, if you would like to volunteer in visiting these parishioners contact Parish Office. Further details in Gathering Space (**Siobhan Dunphy**)

St Joseph's Play Group: Tuesday's 10.00am to 12noon in the Parish Hall. Enquiries please contact Lauren (0447 778 891) or Parish Office (5562 2231)

For Sale: Water pump, 1,000 litre tank along with 4 metre hose & nozzle. Further information contact Pat (Gardening /Maintenance) 5562 2231

Meetings: Tuesday: Social Justice Group at 7.00pm