

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 Wednesday Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

NB: A funeral replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Martin Moran, John Murrhiy (Melb)

Anniversaries: Pat Stacey, Myra, Tommy & Will Austen, Ilse, Bill & Billy Taylor, Eileen, Vera & Mark Arnold, Phoebe Trusler

Baptism: Dakota Anderson is welcomed into God's Family this weekend

Publication: The autumn edition of Australian Catholics is available to take home

St Joseph's School Fair: Sunday 25th March: 10.00am to 3.00pm. Devonshire tea. Bbq, pizza show bags, cake stall, raffles something for everyone. All welcome

St Vincent de Paul: Looking for a couple of hours of your time on a Friday morning to help with cleaning & making beds. Further enquiries to Jack (5562 2372)

Volunteer with Palms Australia: Schools, clinics and community organisations in the Pacific, Asia & Africa seek volunteers to share their skills with our global family, to help reduce poverty and make a fairer world. Further information at www.palms.org.au/volunteer or Christine (02 9560 5333)

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

Third 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 3: Bayan is a young Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas' support, Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Scrutinies: These are liturgical rites on the middle three Sundays during Lent for adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. This weekend **Kellie Mentha**, our catechumen, celebrates the 1st Scrutiny. Lent is a time when we are called to examine our minds and hearts and think about what we do and what we fail to do. Having Kellie in our midst is an inspiration and source of renewal for us all on our Lenten journey.

Plenary Council - Towards 2020: Providing an occasion for the whole Church to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Church at this time. The previous Plenary Council was held in Australia in 1937. The official launch will be on Pentecost Sunday this year. From 21st April to 7th May, twelve Redemptorist Priests will lead something of a 'mini mission' throughout the Diocese - with four of them in the Southern Zone.

The hope is that many Catholics, active and disaffected, will take the opportunity to help plan the future of our Australian Church. As this is an open consultation 'everything is on the table'! (Fr John)

Funerals: It has come to my attention over a number of months that quite a few regular worshippers who die are not given a Requiem Mass by their family. I suggest that you might consider making a note in your Will if you desire a Requiem Mass as you depart this life to eternal life. (Fr John)

Tutoring Program: The aim of the program is to provide support to primary school students who are at risk of disengagement from school learning. It supplements the learning they do at school. Following the success of last year, *St Vincent de Paul* are looking for more volunteers to be trained as tutors. Further information in Gathering Space or phone Christina (0447 156 690)

Meetings: Wednesday: Pastoral Leadership Team at 5.00pm
Thursday: St Joseph's School Board at 7.30pm