

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: 6.30pm Mass of Holy Oils—Ballarat
Tuesday: 7.30pm Communal Celebration of God's Mercy
Wednesday: 10.00am Eucharist
Easter Triduum: see next page

Deaths:

Anniversaries: John Boyce, Les Jones, Kathleen Magee

Hospitality: All welcome to stay for a cuppa following Masses today, hosted by Parish Family Groups.

Purnim Community: *Congratulations* as we celebrate **150 years** today!
Official Celebrations: 12.00 — 4.00pm at the Purnim Hall, Hopkins Hwy

Divine Mercy Sunday: St Pius X Church, Sunday April 8th 2.30pm - 4.00pm.

Palm Sunday Crosses: The Crosses that will be blessed today were created by students from St Joseph's School and Cate Dickson—thank you.

Project Compassion Boxes: These may be returned on Holy Thursday night at the Mass of the Lord's Supper or as soon as possible. Thank you.

Good Friday: This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Meetings: Tuesday 12.00 noon Finance Committee

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of February

Parish: \$2,040.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,319 .00

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday

HOLY WEEK

This is the most significant week of the Church's year in which we journey as a faith community, through days of triumph and tragedy to 'New Life in Christ'.

Passion (Palm Sunday) begins Holy Week

The palms symbolise Christ's triumph, while the cross is the symbol by which his triumph is achieved.

26th March: Mass of Holy Oils at 6.30pm (St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat)
This Mass has special significance for those who will use the *Blessed Oils* in 2018: the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed.

27th March: Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness at 7.30pm
(Tuesday) Parishioners and visitors are invited:
to *hear* the Word of God
to *examine* our conscience
to *repent* of our sins
to *seek* forgiveness of Almighty God

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

29th March: Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (7.00pm)
NB: (including the Reception of Oils & the Washing of Feet)

30th March: Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (3.00pm)
St Anne's Purnim: Stations of the Cross (11.00am)

31st March: Easter Vigil: 6.00pm (The Vigil begins with the Easter Fire)

1st April: Easter Sunday: 8.30am & 10.30am (NB: No 6.00pm Mass)

It is hoped as many parishioners as possible participate in the above celebrations that lie at the **heart** of our faith. The celebration of the **Easter Triduum** is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Good Friday Collection: Annual collection for the upkeep of the Holy Places as well as for pastoral and social works of the Church in the Holy Land.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER IN HOLY WEEK

26th March (Monday): **Uniting Church** at 7.30pm: Holy Week Prayer
27th March (Tuesday): **St Joseph's** at 7.30pm: Celebration of God's Mercy
28th March (Wednesday): **Christ Church** at 7.30pm: Holy Week Prayer

Way of the Cross: Good Friday at 11.00am. Walk to commence at Cannon Hill and link up with other participants at the Lake Pertobe Maze. See Notice Board.