

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: 1.00pm (Requiem Mass: Sr Sheila Gleeson RIP)

Wednesday: 10.00am (Liturgy of Word & Communion)

Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

NB: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Sr Sheila Gleeson, Pat Grace, Betty Mahony, Douglas Martin

Anniversaries: Molly Couch, Kath & Mick Kavanagh, Shane McGrath, Jack & Molly McGrath

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

Divine Mercy Sunday: Invitation for prayer at St Pius X Church, today 2.30pm - 4.00pm. Please bring a plate to share.

Cantori Singing: Today at the 10.30am Mass, Cantori will sing William Byrd's four-part Mass setting, written in the 1590's. Byrd was a practicing Roman Catholic when this was expressly forbidden in Tudor England. Cantori is a Warrnambool based group that sings unaccompanied music from the 14th to 21st centuries.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of March

Parish: \$2,317.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,745 .00

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

Second Sunday of Easter

BOHAN PLACE

Open Day - Saturday, 14th April, 9.00am to 1.00pm

Parishioners are invited to attend an Open Day of Koala Childcare Centre at Bohan Place, 174 -178 Lava Street. Both the existing South Campus (former St Joseph's Primary School) and the newly developed North Campus will be open for inspection.

The new North Campus will accommodate 60 places and will add to the 103 places that are catered for in the South Campus. This should assist the Centre to meet the high demand, that has been experienced in the past, and serve the community well into the future.

Our Parish should be very proud of the first-class facility that has been established after a lot of hard work and planning by Parish Committee Members and the support of Fr John. (Barry Wolff)

Vicar General: As Fr Justin Driscoll comes to the end of his five year term as Vicar General, Bishop Paul Bird has announced Fr Kevin Maloney will be the new Vicar General beginning Monday 2nd April. Fr Kevin will continue as parish priest of Redan and Sebastopol.

St Joseph's is a Child Safe Parish: *Responsibilities and Organisational Arrangements:* Everyone employed or volunteering at St Joseph's Parish has a responsibility to understand the important and significant role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Project Compassion: Thank you to the people who participated in this year's Project Compassion. This has enabled us to share in the lives of many of our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. If you haven't returned your box or envelope please do so in the coming week.

Meetings: Tuesday: Fr John: Consultors Meeting in Ballarat

Plenary Council: The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced preparations for a Plenary Council to be held in 2020. A Plenary Council provides an occasion for the whole Church to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Church at this time. A website for the Plenary Council has been launched to help people better understand how they can participate in the process: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Redemptorist Priest Visit: As a prelude to the *Plenary Council - Toward 2020*, Redemptorist Priests will be visiting Warrnambool parishes from Saturday, 21st April to Tuesday, 24th April 2018. You are welcome and encouraged to attend this 'mini-mission'. Further details to follow.