

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)

Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

NB: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Nora Heffernan (Terang), Douglas Martin

Anniversaries: Tim Couch, Julie Shanley, George Bolden, Leo Forbes, Toni Ciffo, Pat Harney, Jim Dunn

Baptism: We welcome into God's family this weekend: Isaac Peyton, Iris Foster, Lennon Stonehouse, Tyler McDonough & Christopher Gherashe

Baptism Preparation: Wednesday, 9th May at 7.30pm. Please book at Parish Office prior to the evening.

Confirmation: Formal preparation for the celebration of this sacrament will begin shortly. If your child attends a government school and you wish your child to be involved please contact Parish Office

Publication: Please take home a copy of *Our Diocesan Community*, covering news and information throughout the diocese. (Gathering Space)

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Plenary Council

As a prelude to the Plenary Council Redemptorist Priests will be visiting the three Warrnambool parishes plus the parishes of Port Fairy and Koroit next weekend. Bishop Paul Bird has asked the people of the Ballarat Diocese to pray for the success of the Australian Church's National Synod in 2020. He has invited a team of twelve Redemptorist priests to visit the diocese to assist with our preparation. We are invited to see their visit as a mini-mission in which we hope a number of our parishioners will be involved.

Monday 23rd April: 10.00am: Regional Mass at OLHC

7.30pm: Mission Forum at St Pius X

Tuesday 24th April: 10.00am: Mass at St Patricks Port Fairy

5.45pm: Mass at St Pius X

7.30pm: Mission Forum at St Joseph's

The role of a Plenary Council is to provide for the pastoral needs of the people of God in the particular country. So this Council will be considering the needs of the Church throughout Australia and how we might fulfil our mission of sharing the good news of Christ with people today.

There is a Plenary Council prayer that we will pray on Sundays leading up to the commencement of the Council on Pentecost Sunday (20th May).

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

Easter Offerings: Fr John, on behalf of Bishop Paul and the priests of Ballarat, expresses gratitude for the Easter Offerings, together with the Sunday collection, supporting our daily living, petrol, household expenses etc.

St Joseph's is a Child Safe Parish: St Joseph's Parish is in the process of updating its policies and procedures. This is in line with the Child Safe Standards, to ensure the safety of all children within the parish, as well as ensuring the safety of all our volunteers.

Emmanuel College: Information Evening for families considering Emmanuel College for Year 7 in 2019: Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm. Emmanuel Expo & Open Day: Sunday 29th April 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Meetings: Monday: Sacramental Team Meeting at 4.00pm

Tuesday: Social Justice Group at 7.00pm

Thursday: Liturgy Committee at 5.30pm