

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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## PARISH STAFF:

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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:

**Wednesday & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)

**NB:** A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

**Deaths:** Terry Patterson, Jan Loft, Dawn Woods (Melbourne), Margaret Battistello

**Anniversaries:** Alwyn Richardson, Fr Patrick Bohan, Barry Brown, Mary Kennedy, Veronica Keegan, Betty Rice

**Welcome:** A warm welcome to Fr Bill Melican who is with us this Sunday. Fr John had eye surgery on Friday.

**SJOG Auxiliary:** Sale of books & knitted items along with a sausage sizzle. This Saturday 9.00am to 3.00pm at 16 Melanesia Court. All welcome

**eConference:** *Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change:* 14th National eConference: Wednesday 8th August at St Joseph's Parish Hall.

**Diocesan Liturgical Commission:** Liturgy Formation Workshops: Guidelines for the use of Visual Display Systems, Prayerful Engagement with Scripture in the Liturgy and RCIA. Sunday 29th July in Hamilton. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul at 10.30am. Register at liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Parish Office

## Stewardship - Finances

**Stewardship:** Weekly average contributions for the month of May

**Parish:** \$1,738.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,328.00

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

# 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ROYAL COMMISSION

Following the final report issued by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Bishop Paul Bird has written a letter concerning measures already in place. They include:

- improvement & implementation of child protection policies & procedures across parishes, schools & catholic agencies
- appointment of a diocesan professional standards coordinator
- appointment of a safeguarding officer for all parishes, schools & agencies
- review of past settlements with survivors to ensure the settlements are fair
- developing a more professional & holistic approach to supporting survivors
- implementing a school curriculum that seeks to empower children & young people to have a voice in their education & to enhance their personal safety.

The next stage of responding to the findings of the Royal Commission for the diocese of Ballarat will include:

- participation as a diocesan community in an audit by Catholic Professional Standards of how we are implementing the safeguarding standards they have established. This is likely to be held before the end of 2018
- engagement with local survivors & their health professionals, seeking their feedback on how we are responding to the Reports recommendations
- trialling of a new approach to the governance of parish schools
- continuing to explore ways in which we can provide pastoral & practical assistance to survivors and their families.

A copy of Bishop Bird's letter is available in the Gathering Space.

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**Parishioners:** Bishop Bird asks that **all volunteers** provide their parish with a current Working with Children Check (WWC). If you are a volunteer in **any ministry** we ask you to complete this task.

We fully appreciate the time you give in the service of our parish, as without your voluntary efforts our parish simply would not be able to operate. Please rest assured these changes and requests are to ensure that St Joseph's Parish is accountable and have the correct procedures in place. If you need help with the process or require further information please contact Leanne (Parish Office)

Thank you for the many parishioners who have responded or have sought help.

**Winter Appeal:** We welcome speakers from St Vincent de Paul who will share with us today about the works of the Society. Parishioners are encouraged to support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in its endeavours to provide relief to the disadvantaged and homeless in our community. The Annual Appeal will be conducted at all Masses next Sunday (8th July).