

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land - The Gunditjmara People. We acknowledge their ancestors with respect & commit to working for reconciliation & justice.

PARISH STAFF: Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)
Barry Wolff (Business Manager)
Leanne McElgunn (Secretary)
Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER Anne Maree Mugavin

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, Thursday & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)
Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

Deaths: Noel McNamara (Melbourne)

Anniversaries: Eileen Delahenty, Anne Kelly, Patricia McNamara, Leanne Bidmade, Julie Anderton

Baptism Preparation: This Tuesday at 7.30pm. Please book in prior

Publication: Autumn edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available to take home

St Joseph's School Fair: Sunday 24th March

Golden Anniversary: On March 16th 1969, 4 Redemptorists were ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat: Des FitzGerald (Woolsthorpe), Gerard Neagle, Frank Smith & Terence Kennedy. Fr Des will celebrate 10.30am Mass next Sunday (17th March) in recognition of this special occasion.

Global Justice Course: Conducted by Caritas at Emmanuel College on the 18th & 25th May. Further information & registration: John O'Sullivan (5560 0848)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of February

Parish: \$2,181.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,443.00

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

1st 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)

Please take home a Project Compassion Box or Envelope

Week 1: Thandolwayo, a 12 year old girl, lives in a village in Zimbabwe. Every morning she walked seven kilometres to collect water. She'd then go to school exhausted. Caritas helped the village install solar-powered pumps and two 10,000 litre water storage tanks. "Now I can bathe every day ... we now drink clean, safe water and diseases are no longer affecting us" Thandolwayo says.

"The future does have a name ... and its name is hope" - Pope Francis

Bishop Paul's Visit: From Friday, 29th March to Monday, 1st April (inclusive). He will meet with the Pastoral Leadership Team, Finance Committee, 'Moving Forward' Group and any other group that desires to meet with him. He is also happy to meet any individual parishioners if they wish (contact Parish Office). Bishop Paul will also participate in:

Anointing Mass at 2.00pm on Friday 29th March

Celebrate all the **Sunday Masses** at St Joseph's

Visit residents at **Mercy Place & St John of God Hospital**

Visit **St Joseph's School** and **Emmanuel College**

Visit our **Parish Archive Centre**

Retreat in Daily Life: 29th April to 25th May; An opportunity for those who are unable to undertake a residential Retreat. Participants continue their daily lives and meet weekly in small groups led by Fr Edward Rwimo, a 46 year old Jesuit priest, who will lead the process of prayer, listening, sharing and discernment. Fr Edward was born in Tanzania and studied philosophy at Arrupe College (Harare) and theology at Hekima College (Nairobi) before being ordained to the priesthood in 2013.

Reconciliation: (Gr 6) students have commenced their formal preparation. The Sacrament will be celebrated Tuesday, 26th March at 5.30pm

Meetings: Tuesday: Representatives of the South West Network of Parishes at 7.30pm, facilitated by Mark Bromley (Ballarat)

Wednesday: Liturgy Committee at 5.30pm