ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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PARISH STAFF: Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)

Barry Wolff (Business Manager) Leanne McElgunn (Secretary)

Brian Shanahan (Gardening/Maintenance)

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: 11.00am (Requiem Mass: Bridie Ritchie RIP)

Wednesday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Thursday: 10.00am (Mercy Place)
Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)
NB: A funeral replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Thelma Loft, Bridie Ritchie, Colleen Dobson, Ivy McKenna-Eccles

Anniversaries: Kevin Mugavin (Purnim), Greg Gleeson, Joan Morriss, Kevin Brown, Vonnie Hayhoe, Tom Smith, Megan O'Neill, Rita O'Flaherty, Michael Kenneally, Richard Lourey, Mary Jane Smith, Clare Dunn, Nancy McNiece

Baptism Preparation: Next information evening is Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm. Please book in to Parish Office prior to the evening.

Magazine: Spring edition of Australian Catholics is now available (Gathering Space)

E-Conference: Mercy: A Way of Being in the World will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy & take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Tuesday, 20th September in Gathering Space.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of July

Parish: \$2,643.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,304.00

NB: Parish contribution consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debits

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Eucharist

Thank you to all involved in preparing the children for First Eucharist. It is important that we, but **especially the parents**, continue to support the children in modelling the Christian life for them.



Parents are reminded of the commitment they made at the beginning of their child's formal preparation:

Fr John: Will you (the parents) continue to nourish your own faith by regularly hearing and reflecting on the Word of God, receiving his Body & Blood and living our the values of the gospel?

Parents: We will

Warrnambool Organ Festival

Six Events: Five Venues

Opening concert at St Joseph's featuring internationally renowned organist Christopher Cook. Local musicians include Craig Doherty, Bernie Opperman and more. Next weekend, Tickets \$15, \$25 & \$65 (Festival Pass) available Parish Office. Further information (Gathering Space) or contact Laurel Myers (0411 136 850)

Parish Life: Each week we highlight one of our various committees/groups. This week is our **Parish Family Groups**: Chris & Jane Thompson (Leader) with support of Group Leaders: Ken & Marie Billington, Ron & Dorothy Earl, Maureen & Matt Finnigan, Veronica Anderson & Lousie McKee, Marie Mansfield & Geraldine Carlin, Peter & Geraldine Melican and Geraldine & Alan Ryan

World Day of Prayer for Creation: All are welcome to attend another 'Laudato Si' ecumenical prayer service and gathering to celebrate this day. This Thursday 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: This Fund currently supports eighteen retired priests. Along with the priests' own contribution this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Special envelopes are available for this collection (4th Sept) which can be placed on the collection plate.

Meetings: Wednesday: Finance Committee at 12noon