

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: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

NB: A funeral replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Bruce Nelson (Melb)

Anniversaries: Gerard Kelly, Mary McKinley (Lee), John Looney, Patricia McNamara, Walter McDowall, Anne Jewell

Hospitality: All are welcome to stay for a cuppa following Masses today

Rosters: Please collect a roster (Gathering Space) or check your email! Thank you.

World Day of Prayer: Ecumenical celebration of prayer, friendship and refreshments. Friday, 2nd March, 1.30pm at St Pius X Church. All welcome

Publication: The autumn edition of Australian Catholics is available to take home

'Being with God in Nature': This year's program from the *Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality* in Melbourne offers participants opportunities to spend time together experiencing God's presence in nature in a variety of ways-in the Australian wilderness and in urban settings. Details in Gathering Space

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of January

Parish: \$2,549.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,419 .00

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Plenary Council - Towards 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.

The previous Plenary Council was held in Australia in 1937

The official launch will be on Pentecost Sunday this year. From 21st April to 7th May, twelve Redemptorist Priests will lead something of a 'mini mission' throughout the Diocese - with four of them in the Southern Zone.

The hope is that many Catholics, active and disaffected, will take the opportunity to help plan the future of our Australian Church. As this is an open consultation 'everything is on the table'! (Fr John)

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)

Project Compassion: Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A *Just Future* has started with your support.

Week 2: Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

"Hope is a path of solidarity.... Do not be afraid of solidarity, service and offering a helping hand, so that no one is excluded from the path" - Pope Benedict XVI

Moving Forward: This is an invitation for anyone to join with the Group this Saturday 3rd March at 11.00am. Please phone Marie for details (0409 519 150). Guest Speaker: Lee Schlooz, sharing his work with education.

Tutoring Program: The aim of this program is to provide support to primary school students who are at risk of disengagement from school learning. It supplements the learning they do at school. Following the success of last year, *St Vincent de Paul* are looking for more volunteers to be trained as tutors. Further information in Gathering Space or phone Christina (0447 156 690)

St Vincent de Paul: Looking for a couple of hours of your time on a Friday morning to help with cleaning & making beds. Further enquiries to Jack (5562 2372)

Meetings: Tuesday: Southern Zone Meeting: Priests & Pastoral Ass at OLHC