

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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## January 8th 2017

THE YEAR OF MERCY

### BULLETIN NOTICES

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### NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –  
CHARLTON

SATURDAY, 7.00 P.M. –  
WEDDERBURN

SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M. –  
ST. ARNAUD

SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M. –  
DONALD

\*Lay led liturgy

### NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** Val Bourke\*√

Sandra Patton \*√ Julie McGrath \* Nursing Home•

**READERS:** Marg McGrath

**PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL:** Frank McGrath

**GIFTS :** Shane Fitzpatrick family

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Darby and Poppy Fitzpatrick

**FLOWERS:** Francie Lanyon

**HOME VISITING:** Sandra Patton

**COUNTERS:** This week: Frank and Val Bourke

Next week: Bill and Maree Fitzpatrick

**CHURCH CLEANING:** M Fradd, D Mulquiny, T Sait

**Feast Days: Monday Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus.  
Friday St. Hilary**

### OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

#### RECENT DEATHS:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

- BILL MONAGHAN
- CATHERINE CHURCHILL
- JANE COONAN
- CARMEL SHEEAN
- JACK CHURCHILL



## January 9th

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- Bailey Delaney
- Vin Sait
- Fr John Keane
- Ian Bruns
- Jack Ross

**Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

**Columba calendars are now on sale at \$9.00. Please see Val Bourke.**

**PARISH APPOINTMENTS:**

Fr Peter Sherman will move from Wendouree Parish to become the Parish Priest of St. Alipius Parish Ballarat East.

Fr. James Kerr will move from the Cathedral Parish Ballarat to be associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Mildura



**“Back To St Joseph’s” Celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education**

Meeting to be held Tuesday 10th January at 7.pm in St Josephs School Community room. Ex students, teachers and friends, please come with ideas for a celebration. All Welcome!!

**St Vincent De Paul Christmas Raffle Winners:**

Margaret Thompson and Leon Fanning

**Humour from Father Paul: Laughter is great medicine!**

- A WA highway patrol pulled over a car on the main road. The copper asked, got any ID? The driver replied, about what?
- The copper pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his Ute into the ditch. The copper asked, why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head. Yep, he replied. That's why I'm dumping it here, because it says: Fine For Dumping Garbage.
- A senior citizen drove his brand new Holden Senator out of the dealership Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 120km, enjoying the power of the car .Amazing, he thought as he flew down the F3, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a highway patrol car, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 140km, then 180km, then suddenly he thought, what am I doing? I'm too old for this! And pulled over to await the coppers arrival. Pulling in behind him, the copper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the car. He looked at his watch, then said, Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding a reason I've never before heard I'll let you go ...The old gentleman paused then said, Three years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman, I thought you were bringing her back. Have a good day, Sir, replied the copper ...



On January 13, Catholics celebrate St. Hilary of Poitiers, a fourth-century philosopher whose studies made him a champion of orthodox Trinitarian theology during one of the most difficult periods of Church history. He protected the Church and its members by brilliantly defending the sacred humanity of Jesus while also defeating aranism which denied Christ's divinity.