

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (A)

June 4th 2017

THE YEAR OF MERCY

Pentecost

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SATURDAY, 7.00 P.M. – CHARLTON

SATURDAY, 7.00 P.M. – WEDDERBURN*

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. – ST. ARNAUD

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. – DONALD

*Lay Led Liturgy

NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Michael Bourke*√

Anne Calnin*√ Bern Zagame* Nursing Home

READERS: Marg McGrath

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Frank McGrath

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Brian and Dawn Mulquiny

ALTAR SERVERS: Patrick and Hugh Sait

FLOWERS: Moria Olive

HOME VISITING: Mary-Ann Sait

COUNTERS: This week: Matt and Elaine Donaldson

Next week: Frank and Nance Sait

CHURCH CLEANING: M. Sait, M. Olive, Briony Zagame

Family Matters - Strengthening Respectful Relationships Forum

All are welcome to attend this Forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held in Ballarat on June 24, Warrnambool July 22, and Mildura August 26. These free events are being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat together with many workshops provided by Centacare. Please register your attendance at one of the venues listed: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> Details about workshops will be released soon. Alternatively, contact Danielle Peters or Tony Haintz - social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Young people: Pope Francis wants to hear from you! Online Survey now open

This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on 2 July 2017. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au For more information: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017: 28 May – 4 June 2017

"Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us" (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20). The Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Inter Religious Relations invites all to an active participation in this week of prayer. Resources are available [here](#). Rev Gregory Tait, Chair.

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

- PETER MCGRATH JNR
- DONNA WOLLIN
- GERALDINE LOUGHNAN
- Sr KATHLEEN MERCOVICH
- PETER ROGAN
- MOINCA FANNING
- PATRICK CARMONDY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- BAILEY DELANEY
- VIN SAIT
- FR JOHN KEANE
- IAN BRUNS
- JACK ROSS



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL REUNION

**Celebrating 120 years of
Catholic Education in
Charlton on Show Weekend,
21st & 22nd October 2017.**

For many years St Joseph's School participated in the Charlton Music Club Students' Concert. In 1962 for the first time the Music Club awarded 2 scholarships – one for a pupil of Miss E. Paterson and one for a pupil of St Joseph's College. If you know who won the scholarship in 1965, 1966, 1973 or 1974 could you please let Anne know.

St Joseph's participated successfully in the Northern Catholic Schools Picnic Sports Association – commonly referred to as the Birchip, Sea Lake or Warracknabeal Sports. Photos needed of 1965 & 1967 Junior winners at Birchip and 1976 Juniors at Warracknabeal. Also 1975 Seniors at Warracknabeal.

Did you know?

A cake and poultry stall was held in Mr Babidge's buildings on Friday, November 7, 1941, in aid of St Joseph's school funds. (Information from Charlton Tribune)

**Our next meeting will be at
6pm on Wednesday 24th May.**

"Lessons from the Long Paddock" econference

The Diocese of Wilcannia- Forbes is offering an econference online event called "Lessons from the Long Paddock" on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This econference opens the conversation for many people who are curious about what the experience of faith actually feels like in ordinary life. Participants engage with conversations which signpost essential spiritual markers relevant to knowledge about what leads into fuller humanity, Christian, Catholic and Australian life. This econference draws participants to seek Christ at the heart of human experience and nurtures a capacity to trust that individuals have all they need to begin the journey into constant conversion. The econference has two keynote speakers, Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality. The workshops will be facilitated by Kate Englebrecht, Diocesan Director of Mission. For more information please contact Kate on, ph. 0420 309 689 or <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/>

National Pastoral Leader and Planners Conference

"Vines and Branches: Yearning to Belong" will be held in Melbourne from September 4 – September 7, 2017. This conference will be an opportunity for clergy, pastoral associates and pastoral planners to reflect upon the signs of the time and move forward with hope.

Time to Draw the Line – East Timor

Many of you have a close relationship with East Timor communities. Here is a way to ACT for JUSTICE in support of these communities. Please share this petition in your parish and where possible invite members of your local community to be informed and to sign the petition. All petitions are required before July 30, 2017. Sr Susan Connelly rsj has initiated a formal Petition to the Australian House of Representatives on the maritime border with East Timor. A formal petition means it will be read in parliament. Hopefully, you are aware of this protracted dispute between Australia and its much poorer neighbour, East Timor.

Shannon's Bridge

Shannon's Bridge is a new not for profit volunteer organisation to help connect patients and existing palliative care services and supports. We are here to support you with issues about illness, dying and loss. The aim is to remove the taboo and change attitudes about death and dying. The focus is on not just a "good death" but "better living". Shannon's Bridge is based on the "Compassionate Communities" international movement to help people to live well within our communities to the very end of our lives. A Compassionate Community is one that acknowledges that care for one another at times of crisis and loss is not simply a task solely for health and social services but is everyone's responsibility. Shannon's Bridge welcomes interest and questions from members of the public, other volunteer groups, faith or spiritual groups, community organisations, service providers, local government, health services and educational institutions. Contact Jeremy McKnight, ph. 0448 827956 or www.shannonbridge.com.

**Growing
Together
in Faith**