

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (A)

June 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

THE YEAR OF MERCY

12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

## BULLETIN NOTICES

Please forward any notices for the bulletin to Lara Thompson

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### NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M. – CHARLTON**

**SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. – WEDDERBURN**

**SATURDAY, 7.00 P.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:** Kim Thompson

**PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL:** Jeff McLoughlan

**PROCESSION OF GIFTS:** Brian Fitzpatrick and family

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Maddison and Elliott Fitzpatrick

**FLOWERS:** Elaine Donaldson

**HOME VISITING:** Sandra Patton

**COUNTERS: This week:** John Stahl

**Next week:** John Stahl

**CHURCH CLEANING:** M. McLoughlan, J. Russell, L. Bruns

**Please Note: Please check in the kitchen at Church, as there are still a number of plates and containers to be collected from recent funeral catering.**

#### 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.

#### Catholic Truth Society (London)

The Catholic Truth Society (London) is a unique Catholic Charity that has been publishing non-stop since 1868. With its mission to communicate the truths of the Catholic faith, the CTS is one of the oldest and most inspiring Catholic organisations existing today. The CTS publish books and resources that Catholics need to help them gain a deeper understanding of their faith and to share it with others. We respond to the challenges facing believers and non-believers today with materials that are attractive, truthful, engaging and affordable. For more information go to the website [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org)

#### Uniting Church 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Combined Churches Service

Will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2017, 7.00pm at the Ballarat Central Uniting Church preceded by a street party BBQ at 5.00pm. There are also other events throughout the week. For more information ph. 5333 1361 Tuesday-Thursday from 8.30am- 2.20pm.

### OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

#### RECENT DEATHS:

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#### ANNIVERSARIES:

- MAUREEN THREADGOLD
- TERRY LANE
- EILEEN NOONAN
- MOLLIE DONALDSON

### 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, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October 2017.**

From Our Lady of the Missions  
archives:

"In response to an invitation from Fr Kelly, Parish Priest of Charlton, four sisters came from Perth to take charge of the school. They were delighted to find such a flourishing school and to meet the bright happy children who, for many years, had been receiving a Catholic Education from devoted lay teachers.

In 1930 boarders were taken in and secondary classes began in 1940s. Their work progressed and numbers increased so that in 1959 a new school of four classrooms was built and another two were added later.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions withdrew from the parish in 1968 after teaching in its school for 45 years."

More stories and information of the history of Catholic Education in Charlton will be displayed at our reunion in October.

**Wanted:** If you have any photos of school days could you please hand them to the school or Anne Kenny.

## **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants**

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the July study cycle closes on 10 July - or you can start in September or later in the year. Details on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (link is on front page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## **Youth and young adults: Pope Francis' Online Survey closes 2 July!**

Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) For more information: [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5337 7125.

## **Fr Frank Madden – note of thanks**

On behalf of the Madden family we wish to express our thanks for the support, kindness and well wishes from so many people at the time of Fr Frank's passing. May god bless you all.

## **Sea Sunday Appeal - July 9, 2017**

Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to: BSB Number: 083-347; Account Number: 649 518 680, Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## **Sisters of the Good Samaritan - The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award**

The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award seeks to encourage and support the development of younger writers interested in exploring ideas, contemporary issues and stories about people and happenings from a contemporary Christian perspective. The award is open to ALL secondary school students and post-school young adults in Australia, Japan, the Philippines and Kiribati. Entrants are invited to submit a piece of writing, between 750 and 1000 words adopting one of the following writing styles: journalistic feature writing (e.g. profiles of people or issues-based articles based on interviews); opinion writing; creative writing or first person reflective writing. In their chosen writing style, entrants are asked to explore the theme "Who is my neighbour?". Entries for the award close on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Thanks to the generous support of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and Good Samaritan Education, a total of \$3,000 in prize money is on offer. More details can be downloaded from the Good Samaritan Sisters' website [www.goodsams.org.au](http://www.goodsams.org.au)

## **RCIA Victorian State Conference - Melbourne**

Saturday, August 26, 2017. "Ask, See, Knock: Joyful Encounters of RCIA".

