

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (A)

February 26th 2017

THE YEAR OF MERCY

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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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, 7.30 P.M. –  
ST. ARNAUD**

**SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M. –  
DONALD**

\*Lay led liturgy

## NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

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

Anne Calnin√ \* Bernadette Zagame \* Nursing Home•

**READERS:** Anne Calnin

**PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL:** Brian Heenan

**PROCESSION OF GIFTS:** Brian Fitzpatrick family

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jackson and Ned Zagame

**FLOWERS:** No flowers in Lent

**HOME VISITING:** Val Bourke

**COUNTERS: This week:** Matt and Elaine Donaldson

**Next week:** Frank and Nance Sait

**CHURCH CLEANING:** F Byrne Lee, J Holmes Brown, Marie Byrne

Welcome to Fr. Bill Melican, who this weekend will preside at our Mass Reconciliation: **on request**

**Feast Days: Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. This is a day of Fast (eating less or the like) and a day of Abstinence (no meat) Friday is the feast of St. Casimir**

Mass and the distribution of Ashes will take place in the Church of St.

Joseph's at 11.30 am for all and the students of St. Joseph's and at 7.30 pm in the Evening.

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL REUNION

We will be celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton on Show Weekend, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

We need photos prior to 1983 & if anyone has class photos of 2004 we would appreciate a copy.

**Did you know?**

The School Committee conducted Euchre and Dance in St Joseph's Hall in 1928. A dainty supper was served in the Supper Room and done full justice to.

If you have any photos, newspapers clippings or memorabilia could you please see Val Bourke (Chairperson) or Anne Kenny (Secretary).

## OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

### RECENT DEATHS:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

- BERYL SAIT
- SR.THERESE PARISH
- WILLIAM KILLEEN
- FRANK GASTIN

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

**Catholic Social Services: We must always say 'no' to violence in the home - Pope Francis**

You would have seen the [2016 statement from the Bishops of Victoria on domestic violence](#), acknowledging the importance of this issue, and urging the Catholic community to play a part in preventing and responding to violence within the family. It was distributed electronically, in December, and in the parish together with [a supporting document](#) designed to help all of us in responding when we are aware of abuse. As foreshadowed at that time, a more extensive resource kit has been prepared, and hard copies of this has been distributed to all parishes. This resource kit contains the following items: Introductory letter; Statement by Bishops of Victoria; 'Fast facts' about victims of violence; A guide for women experiencing violence; A guide for men experiencing violence; A guide for men seeking to change behaviour; A guide for family, friends, workmates; A Prayer to End Domestic and Family Violence; Services that can help – emergency referrals. And, for distribution and display are an Overview of Catholic response and A4 Poster. The kit, and individual items, are also available online, at [www.css.org.au/dv](http://www.css.org.au/dv). It is possible that your publicity about this kit, and your display of the poster, may prompt people within your parish who are experiencing violence to disclose their situation to you or others. The material in the kit is designed to assist you in supporting such people, including the provision of succinct information about family and domestic violence, together with phone numbers for referrals. The key messages in responding to victims are *sensitivity* and *confidentiality*. We do not advise you to counsel or attempt to mediate. An appropriate response is pastoral listening and referral to a professional service. Any queries or comments on this material or related issues would be very welcome – Denis Fitzgerald at Catholic Social Services Victoria would be the best point of contact on [dfitzgerald@css.org.au](mailto:dfitzgerald@css.org.au), ph. 0418 136 372.

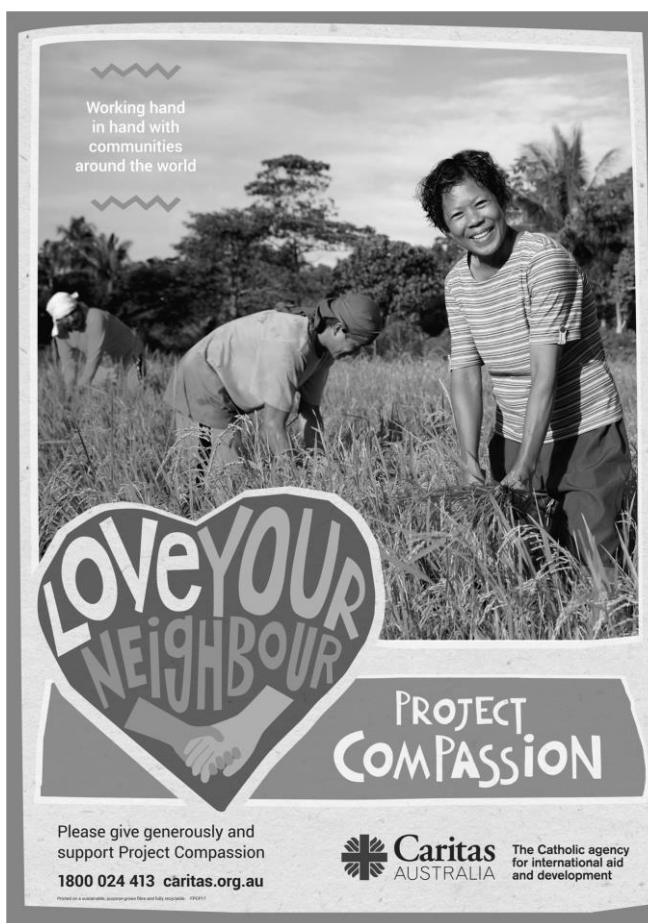
# Project Compassion

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY – 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

**Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “Love your neighbour”.**

**As Pope Francis said, “Love of God and love of our neighbour is one and the same thing.”**

**You will be helping to empower our world’s most vulnerable neighbours to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to build a better future for our common home.**



## MEETINGS:

**St Vincent De Paul: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am**

**Parish Council: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE- ST MARTINS ANGLICAN CHURCH 10.30 AM FRIDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>. VAL BOURKE SPEAKING ABOUT HER TRIP TO THE PHILLIPINES**

**We are missing some of the Communion Host containers. If you could please return them to the Church. Thanks in anticipation.**