

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (A)

March 12th 2017

THE YEAR OF MERCY
2nd Sunday of Lent

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

3rd 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: Mary McLoughlin*√
Carmel Fitzpatrick√ * Val Bourke * Nursing Home•

READERS: Michael Bourke

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Brian Fitzpatrick

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Marg and Frank McGrath

ALTAR SERVERS: Maddison and Elliot Fitzpatrick

FLOWERS: No flowers in Lent

HOME VISITING: Jo Russell

COUNTERS: This week: Brendan Bourke and Paul Fitzpatrick

Next week: Brian Heenan and Brian Fitzpatrick

CHURCH CLEANING: J McGrath; B Good; Julie McGrath

Weekday Mass Times Lay Led Liturgy

Mass Tuesday 5.30 p.m.: Wednesday 10.30 a.m. EWHS:

Thursday 9.30 a.m.: Friday 11.30 am

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

- MOIRA TORMEY
- MONICA WALSH
- LENA NOBLE
- GWEN TRACY
- KEITH CHURCHILL
- ISLA SCOTT
- MAY MERCOVICH
- SARAH DONOVAN

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

PROJECT COMPASSION 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 12 2017



Like many other women in Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. Facing poverty and an uncertain future, she sought refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program in Timor-Leste. The program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering economic empowerment, the chance to afford education for her children, and a safe life in a supportive community

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 10, 2017

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 10, 2017. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

2017 Project Compassion theme: "Love your neighbour:

During Lent, through prayer we can say, "I am not self-sufficient, I need You, You are my life and my salvation" (Pope Francis) As we reach out to each other we find ourselves, and we find God. *Taken from the Caritas Project Compassion 2017 Lent Calendar.*

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL REUNION

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

Thank you to those who have provided photos. We need photos prior to 1983 & if anyone has class photos of 2004 we would appreciate a copy.

Did you know?

Excellent entries have been received for the juvenile boxing tournament to start on Thursday. On Saturday night the star attraction will be clever boxing displays by boys from St Vincent de Paul's Orphanage.

Some of the local boys who competed were: P. Spain, R. Blanchard, V. Dabron, W. O'Connor, K. Carlson, C. Monaghan, J. Bridget, K. Fanning *Information from Charlton Tribune 09/09/1936*

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

Parish Council Meeting 8th March 2017

Chris and Simone Mason's letter of resignation from the Parish Council was received and accepted. Thanks to Chris and Simone for their positive and supportive action last year.

The St. Joseph Primary School Mass was celebrated in February.

The 41 students with 7 new Preps make up the enrolment this year.

St Joseph's Students participated in a swimming program led by Jess McGurk and Rachel Smyth and had a great swimming sports day at the end.

This year the St Joseph's is to be reviewed by an independent group and there is a Principal's review at Frank's contract is coming to the end of the current period.

Finance Committee The quote of Martin Clifford to paint the veranda floor of the presbytery has been accepted.

Lent Two groups will do the program "HOPE": One group is the staff at St. Joseph's and the other is on led by Jo Russell. Still time to join Jo's group.

A report on the 120 years of Catholic Education in the parish shows things are happening. Any helpers: see Anne Kenny or Val Bourke.