

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (A)

March 26th 2017

THE YEAR OF MERCY
4th Sunday of Lent

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

1st 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: Margaret Fradd*√
Margaret McGrath√ * Francie Lanyon * Nursing Home•

READERS: Des Lanyon

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Francie Lanyon

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: Jo and Bill Russell

ALTAR SERVERS: Oscar Bourke and Elise Fitzpatrick

FLOWERS: No flowers in Lent

HOME VISITING: Mary Anne Sait

COUNTERS: This week: John Stahl

Next week: Leo and Kathy Noonan

CHURCH CLEANING: J McGrath; B Good; Julie McGrath

Tuesday 5.30 p.m. Wednesday 9.50 a.m. Kara Court
Thursday 9.30 am Friday 12 noon Saturday 9.30 a.m.
Lay Led Liturgy: Monday 8.30 a.m.

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

- NOEL BLIGHT (MATT DONALDSON COUSIN)

ANNIVERSARIES:

- KATH FITZPATRICK
- EDITH MCCORMACK
- MARY RICHARDS
- BRIDGET POWELL
- EMMA CURTHOYS
- EDWARD MINOGUE
- GWYNIN GRIFFITHS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

PROJECT COMPASSION 4th SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26 2017



With Limited support in Vietnam for the education and social inclusion of children with disabilities, young Nguyet lived an isolated life. Then, through a neighbour, her family became involved with a Caritas-Australia supported program offering her education, creative outlets and community interaction, and strengthening her parents' skills and support networks. Now Nguyet's mother has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community.

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

ST JOSEPH'S **SCHOOL** **REUNION**

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

Do You Remember?

The first combined Catholic Schools sports were held at Birchip in 1961. There were over 1500 children present. Schools participating included: Charlton, Wycheproof, Birchip, Kerang, Warracknabeal, Sea Lake, St Arnaud and Ouyen.



Our thanks go to Kim Collins (Laffin) who has produced Charlton Sunday bulletins over the last three years. Her work has been significant in keeping us all informed of parish news and events. Thank you Kim.

We have a need now to find someone to take up this task and to keep things going. Do you have any suggestions? If you do see Father Paul or Sandra Patton.

Cardinal Pell blasts Senate's 'unjust' attack Published: 21 March 2017 CathNews.com

Cardinal George Pell has accused the Senate of launching an “extraordinary and unjust” attack against him and interfering with due process, reports *The Australian*.

A Greens motion, agreed to by the upper house in February, called on the senior ranking clergyman to return to Australia to face allegations of misconduct.

“The use of parliamentary privilege to attack me on this basis is both extraordinary and unjust,” Cardinal Pell wrote in a letter tabled in parliament yesterday.

“Given that the investigation is ongoing, any calls from the Senate for my return to Australia can only be perceived as an interference on the part of the Senate in the due process of the Victoria Police investigation.”

Cardinal Pell has denied all allegations of wrongdoing, saying he was willingly interviewed by police in Rome last year and continued to cooperate with their investigations.

Police and prosecutors had not requested his presence in Australia, he said.

Cardinal Pell appeared on three separate occasions to give evidence at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. “Any fair-minded person would conclude that I have made every effort to be available to the royal commission and to Victoria Police to assist with their inquiries,” he said.

The vast majority of allegations highlight in the Senate’s motion related to the period before his time as Archbishop, Cardinal Pell said.

“It is unjust and seriously misleading to link all offences and allegations against church personnel to me.”

When the motion was presented, Greens senator Rachel Siewert told MPs under parliamentary privilege: “Cardinal Pell has done a very good job at avoiding a return to Australia — it is time he came back.”