ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land - The Gunditjmara People. We acknowledge their ancestors with respect & commit to working for reconciliation & justice.

PARISH STAFF: Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)

Kathleen Card (Pastoral Associate) Barry Wolff (Business Manager) Leanne McElgunn (Secretary) Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER: Anne Maree Mugavin

Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 1.00pm; 1.30pm - 4.00pm

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS: Michael Gray (St Joseph's School)

Peter Morgan (Emmanuel College)

WEEK-END LITURGIES: Sunday: 8.30am - 10.30am - 6.00pm

Purnim: 11.00am (Eucharist on 2nd and 4th Sundays) (Assembly of Word with Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEK-DAY LITURGIES: Tuesday: 10.00am at St John of God Chapel

Wednesday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist) Thursday: 6.00pm: Grade 6 Graduation Mass

Deaths: Val Farley, Barbara Ralston, Wilf Amarant

Anniversaries: Kevin Lafferty, Mary McKinnon (Wangoom), James Smith

Baptism Preparation: This Tuesday at 7.30pm. Please book prior

Roster: The new roster for Welcomers, Lectors, Gift Bearers & Ministers of Communion is now available (Gathering Space) or please check your email.

Nativity Exhibition: Thank you to the volunteers who helped over the weekend and to those who offered their nativity scenes for display.

Memorial Service: Mark Gliddon, a parishioner here for several years before emigrating to the United States, died unexpectedly in October. Family and friends are invited to attend a Liturgy of the Word tomorrow (Monday) at 11.00am at St Joseph's followed by refreshments at the Warrnambool Club. Celebrant Fr John Corrigan.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of November **Parish:** \$1,905.00 **Pledged Amount**: (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery**: \$1,562.00 NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

Second Sunday of Advent

ADVENT CANDLE PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world; we ask you to bless all of us present today as we light the second of our Advent candles:

May our hearts be warmed by its glow and directed by its light.

May we be conscious of a world that is in need of healing;

a world that is often violent and in desperate need of peace and unity;

a world that is in need of hope and joy.

May we be conscious of a world whose people are in need of love, a love which only you can give. Lord, light up our lives with your love.

Advent has a **two-fold** purpose:

- * to prepare for Christmas when Christ's birth is remembered
- * to await Christ's second coming at the end of time

Envelopes are available where your donation will be shared with St Vincent de Paul and drought victims. Envelopes can be placed on the collection plate.



Christmas Mass Times

24th December (Monday)

5.00pm

7.00pm

9.00pm

8.30pm at Purnim

25th December (Tuesday)

9.30am



18th December (Tuesday): 7.30pm: Communal Celebration of God's Forgiveness

Christmas Day Lunch: Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, but for some this is not possible. You are welcome to share a luncheon on Christmas Day (St Joseph's Hall) 12noon to 1.30pm. Bookings essential. Kylie (0413 734 595) Mary (0409 158 177)

Carols for Compassion: The Carols are put on by 'Love Makes A Way'. This Friday at 12noon in Liebig St (near Fairy penguins).

Carols on the Green: Friday December 21st December. Kids program & bbq from 6.30pm followed by Carols at 7.30pm. All Welcome