

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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**PARISH STAFF:** Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)  
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**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 to Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)

**Deaths:** Noel Robinson (Melb), Gerard Lawlor, Tony Toleman (Bright)

**Anniversaries:** Gordon & Elizabeth Barley, Ronnie Coe (Barley), Jack Maguire, Veronica Brown, Jill Kelly, Vic Kelson, Amado Mendoza

**Baptisms:** We welcome into God's Family: Jonathan Coolahan & Herbert Neagle

**Nativity Exhibition:** This year we are holding a **local exhibition** at St Joseph's, Sunday 13th December. Do you have an interesting, beautiful, old, new, small, large nativity scene to display? Please contact Parish Office if you would like to be involved and/or assist on the day.

**Children's Liturgy:** Next Sunday at 6.00pm

**Parish Office:** Office will be closed Thursday

**Meetings: Wednesday:** Finance Committee at 12noon

**Wednesday:** Pastoral Leadership Team at 5.00pm

## Stewardship - Finances

**Stewardship:** Weekly average contributions for the month of October:

**Parish:** \$2,534 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,335

NB: Parish contribution consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debits

**Counters:** This week: Team 7: Pat Blackney (5562 7189)

Next week: Team 8: Stan Carroll (5562 7658)

## First Sunday of Advent

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



**St Vincent de Paul & Refugee Christmas Envelopes:** Envelopes for both these worthy causes are available under the Christmas tree. Envelopes can be placed on the collection plate or handed to the Parish Office.

**Stewardship Ministry: Eucharistic Ministers** - Formation Evening this Tuesday, 7.30pm (Gathering Space)

The Formation Evening is for **all present Eucharist Ministers** as well as our **new Eucharistic Ministers**

**The Royal Commission:** The Commission continues this week in Melbourne. This is a time for victims to be heard. Some are telling their stories for the first time.

**Marie Morgan** who is a member of the local **Catholic Community "Moving Forward"** group, will say a few words today as the Royal Commission continues with its Hearings. Prayer cards are available.

**Community Christmas Day Lunch:** Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends but for many this is not possible. Come and join us on Christmas Day 12noon to 1.30pm. Please note change of venue: Warrnambool Uniting Church. Please register to Cath (5561 4120) or Mary (0409 158 177)

**Online Training:** We encourage all to complete their training as soon as possible. Please forward **certificates** to the Office. For those who are **volunteers** and have no access to computers, the parish will assist shortly.

## Dates to Keep in Mind

**9th December (Wednesday):** 2.00pm Anointing Mass

**15th December (Tuesday):** 7.30pm Communal Celebration of God's Mercy

**Christmas Mass Times:**

**24th December (Thursday)**

5.00pm at St Joseph's School (All welcome)

7.00pm & 9.00pm St Joseph's Church

8.00pm St Anne's Purnim (Assembly of Word with Communion)

**25th December (Friday)**

9.30am St Joseph's Church