

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, Thursday & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)
Wednesday: 10.00am (Assembly of Word with Communion)
Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

NB: If there is a funeral it replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: John Tobin (Melbourne), Fr Leo Lane, Helen Larkin (Melbourne)

Anniversaries: Frank Keegan, Des Delahenty, Mary Goggin, Ruth McKee

Baptism: Maeve & Lily Barraclough are welcomed into God's family this weekend

Baptism Preparation: Please phone Parish Office for details (5562 2231)

The Mercy of the Lord: Invitation to a day with **Fr John Corrigan**, Saturday 6th February, 10.00am to 3.30pm, at St Joseph's. Mass & Benediction will be celebrated. Please bring bible & lunch to share, cuppa provided. Further details Joy (5562 3441)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of December

Parish: \$3,046.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,288.00

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

Counters: This week: Team 5: Peter Stacey (5562 1469)

Next week: Team 6: Barry Wolff (5562 7913)

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast: Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday, 2nd February

Blessing of candles at 10.00am Mass this Tuesday (The Presentation of the Lord) has for hundreds of years been called 'Candlemas'. Whenever we are talking of candles, in a Christian context, we are talking of Christ 'the light of the world'. The high-point of our liturgical year is Easter, with its new fire and its new Paschal Candle.

You are invited to bring candles to Mass to be blessed on Tuesday.

Lenten Program

We are joining with Christ Church Anglican Parish again this year. The program runs from Monday 8th February during the weekdays of Lent.

You may wish to join a reflection group or use the booklet for private reflection.

A sign-up list showing available groups and further information can be found in the Gathering Space. Contact person: Mary (0409 158 177). Cost of booklet \$8.00

'The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy...' **Pope Francis**

Fr Sajan Ezhunnootil recently arrived in Australia from India to commence ministry in the Diocese of Ballarat. He will be a part-time Chaplain to the **Syro-Malabar Indian community** in the diocese as well as being part-time assistant priest in a parish. As part of his induction he is visiting St Joseph's Parish & in particular the Syro-Malabar community this Monday & Tuesday. Contact Fr Sajan (0487 770 232) or Parish Office (5562 2231)

Fr Sajan will be the celebrant at Mass on Tuesday.

Stewardship Program: New envelopes are available. **Statements** also available for parishioners who chose to give monthly, quarterly or yearly. If envelopes have been misplaced and replacements are required please advise the Parish Office.

Census: If you have changed your address or phone number please advise the Parish Office of your details (5562 2231).

Meetings: Wednesday: Finance Committee at 12noon

Wednesday: Pastoral Leadership Team 5.00pm

Thursday: Liturgy Committee at 5.30pm

Ash Wednesday (10th February): Mass at 10.00am & 6.00pm