

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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**PARISH STAFF:** Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)  
Barry Wolff (Business Manager)  
Leanne McElgunn (Secretary)  
Brian Shanahan (Gardening/Maintenance)

**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 & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)  
**Wednesday:** 10.00am (Liturgy of Word & Communion)  
**Thursday:** 10.00am (Mercy Place: Eucharist)  
**Friday:** 10.30am (Reconciliation)

**NB:** A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day.

**Deaths:** Kevin Carroll, Terence Auld

**Anniversaries:** Barbara Hughson, Catherine May Lourey

**Baptism Preparation:** Next information evening is Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm. Please book in to Parish Office prior to the evening.

**St John of God:** Fr Frank Madden will celebrate Mass at SJOG Chapel this Wednesday at 2.00pm. All Welcome

**E-Conference:** Mercy: *A Way of Being in the World* will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy & take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Tuesday, 20th September in Gathering Space.

## Stewardship - Finances

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

**Parish:** \$2,643.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,304.00

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

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

This Fund currently supports **eighteen** retired priests. Along with the priests' own contribution this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Last year our parish contributed **\$2,971.00** to this collection, which raised nearly \$54,000 throughout the Diocese. **Special envelopes** are available today for this collection which can be placed on the collection plate. You may take home your envelope and return it next week.



### World Day of Prayer for Creation (1st September)

On Thursday evening parishioners and fellow Christians gathered for prayer here at St Joseph's. Each year this day, 1st September, will be dedicated to God's 'home' which is our 'home'.

- # Environmental degradation is a sin against humanity
- # When we harm the environment, we harm ourselves
- # Many animals and plants are becoming extinct

**Parish Life:** Each week we highlight one of our various committees/groups. This week is the **Parish Sacramental Team:** Fr John, Michael Gray, Monica Curren, Regina Kenna, Leanne McElgunn, Nick Murrell, Mark Hyland, Karen Everall

**Thank you:** Barry McKinnon (Br Frank OMI) wishes to express his gratitude to all who attended and supported the family over the past week in relation to his mother's death (Bridie Ritchie)

**Emmanuel College:** The Emmanuel Centre is nearing completion and will be officially opened by Bishop Paul Bird on **Friday 18th November**. Many parishioners, past students, parents and friends of St Ann's, CBC and Emmanuel have dedicated a seat to this facility. There is still an opportunity to donate and have a plaque installed. Phone (5560 0847) or email [seatappeal@emmanuel.vic.edu.au](mailto:seatappeal@emmanuel.vic.edu.au)

**Nativity Exhibition:** *St Joseph's 10th & 11th December:* Please put this weekend in your diary. Last year's exhibition was a success and we would like to build on that this year. Do you have a nativity scene to display? Would you like to be involved in the preparation and organisation of the exhibition? Please contact the Parish Office.

**Meetings:** **Wednesday:** Governors of Emmanuel College (Colac) at 10.00am  
**Wednesday:** Pastoral Leadership Team at 5.00pm