

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: **Wednesday & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)
Thursday: 2.00pm (Mass of Anointing)
Fr John has 3 class masses during this week (St Joseph's school)
NB: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Mary Williams

Anniversaries: Geoff Billington, Molly Eccles, Jack Murrphy, Michael Mee, Gerard Rea, Michael Kelly

Wedding Bells: Congratulations and God's Blessings to the following couples who were married this week: Chantai Brown & Daniel Rose

Nicole Devereaux & James Moulden

Kelly Cooley & Ashley McDonough

Jo McCormack & Braithe King



Anointing Mass: This Thursday at 2.00pm

Hospitality: All welcome for a cuppa following Mass today hosted by Family Groups

Help: Are you willing to join a roster in taking communion to those in hospital at SouthWest Healthcare on a Sunday? Please see Fr John or Leanne (Parish Office).

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of October

Parish: \$2,291.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,291.00

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

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

Refugee Christmas Envelopes: Your generosity to this appeal helps buy food for refugees which is distributed from the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre in Footscray by the Sisters of Mercy

Also envelopes for the needs of the local community (**St V de P**)

Dates to Keep in Mind

1st December (Thursday): 2.00pm Anointing Mass

20th December (Tuesday): 7.30pm Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness

Christmas Mass Times

24th December (Saturday)

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

7.00pm & 9.00pm St Joseph's Church

8.00pm St Anne's Purnim

25th December (Sunday)

8.30am & 10.30am St Joseph's Church

Halls/Offices: The completion of works is drawing closer and we thank you all for your patience. It is planned that we will have an 'Open Day' so that all parishioners can see the benefits of this major building program.

Nativity Exhibition: 10th & 11th December: Volunteers are still needed. With your help we aim to make this an annual event for the Warrnambool region. Local Catholic schools are involved this year in preparing exhibits. Do you have a nativity scene to display...are you able to help in setting up or during the exhibition? Please add your name to the sign-up sheet (Gathering Space). A planning meeting is being held this Wednesday at 4.30pm-please come & share ideas

West Papua Group: Each year members of the group gather 1st December to raise the West Papuan 'Morning Star' flag in solidarity with the people of West Papua, our nearest neighbours, who are not permitted to raise the flag in their country. All welcome to join the group this Thursday on the Civic Green at 5.30pm.

Meetings: Monday: Sacramental Team at 4.00pm

Wednesday: Nativity Exhibition Planning at 4.30pm (Gathering Space)