

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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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: 9.00am** (Emmanuel College staff)
Wednesday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)
Thursday: 2.00pm Anointing Mass

NB: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Terry McMeel (Hamilton), Nellie Parsons, Lorraine Russell (Coragulac)

Anniversaries: Nancy Mitchell, James Smith, Clem Lourey, Harm Bakker

Wedding Bells: Congratulations and God's Blessings to Kim Sujeong & Chris Smith on their wedding this weekend

Baptism Preparation: This Wednesday at 7.30pm. Please book in at the Parish Office prior to the evening.

Clergy Appointment: Fr Peter Sherman has been appointed the new Parish Priest at St Alipius, Ballarat East commencing in January 2017

Masses: **NB** the Tuesday Mass is 9.00am to cater for the Emmanuel College staff. It is the weekday Parish Mass. Thursday is the Anointing Mass at 2.00pm

Meetings: Wednesday: Finance Committee at 12noon

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of November

Parish: \$2,051.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,423.00

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

THIRD 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

St Vincent de Paul: Envelopes available for the needs of the local community

Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness

Tuesday 20th December (7.30pm)

We are invited: to **listen** to the Word of God
to **examine** our conscience
to **repent** of our sins
to **seek** forgiveness of Almighty God

NB: This is an excellent way to prepare for the up-coming feast of Christmas

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

Christmas Mass Ministries: Please consider being a part of the Mass you will be attending. List available in Gathering Space or contact Parish Office. Thank you

Christmas Day Lunch: Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, but for some this is not possible. Come and join us on Christmas Day 12noon to 1.30pm at the Uniting Church. Bookings essential: Cath (5561 4120) or Mary (0409 158 177)

Child Safety Standards: New standards will be introduced in Victoria from January 1st 2017. As a Parish community we wish to provide a supportive, enriching & safe environment for our children. The Parish Pastoral Leadership Team are ensuring all necessary policies & procedures are in place & preparing an induction manual for Parish volunteers & staff. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. (**Anne Maree Mugavin** - Parish Safeguarding Officer)