

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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**PARISH STAFF:** Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)  
Barry Wolff (Business Manager)  
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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: Liturgy of Word with Communion

**Deaths:** Michael Pye, Darren Groves, Theresa Barton, Madeleine Carroll

**Anniversaries:** Nance McNeice, Tom Fitzgerald, Pam Watson

**Baptism Preparation:** Next information evening is Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm. Please book in to Parish Office prior to the evening

**Sisters of Mercy:** The Sisters of Mercy **thank you** sincerely for your prayers for our Chapter. A new Leadership Team has been elected and they will lead us into the future, after their induction in mid December.

**Online Study:** The Ballarat Diocese is offering parishioners the opportunity to an Online Study Program. The Lay Pastoral Ministry program covers a wide range of topics: youth ministry, leadership, catechesis, pastoral care. Further information contact Parish Office or [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Annual Break:** I will be away for the following 3 weeks (annual vacation). Fr Tom Brophy will 'supply' on these weekends. I'm sure you will welcome him (Fr John).

## Stewardship - Finances

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

**Parish:** \$2,288.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,248.00

NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First Eucharist

Thank you to all involved in preparing the children for First Eucharist.

It is important that we, but **especially the parents**, continue to support the children in modelling the Christian life for them.

Parents are reminded of the commitment they made at the beginning of their child's formal preparation:

**Fr John:** Will you (the parents) continue to nourish your own faith by regularly hearing and reflecting on the Word of God, receiving his Body & blood and living out the values of the gospel?

**Parents:** We will



## Special Father's Day Concert Warrnambool Organ Festival

Final Concert of the Festival 2.30pm today at St Joseph's Church

Featuring International Organist: Dominic Perissinotto  
&

Mezzo Soprano: Eva-Marie Middleton

Afternoon tea included. Tickets \$25 (available at door)

**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. Special envelopes are available for this collection (10th Sept) which can be placed on the collection plate.

**Koala Childcare Centre:** Almost 2 years ago in late 2015, investigations commenced on the establishment of a 'North Campus' to supplement the existing 'South Campus', that commenced operation in December 2014.

The successful operation of the Centre encouraged us to make use of vacant land at the rear of Bohan Place.

After much planning and negotiating with the tenant we made application with Warrnambool City Council for a Planning Permit; this was subsequently issued on 21/7/2016.

Plans for the 'North Campus' were developed and invitations to tender were sent to three contractors. The successful contractor was AW Nicholson Construction. (They also did the works on the 'South Campus' in 2014). Works commenced 13th June 2017 and apart from some inclement weather, are progressing well. Completion is expected in early 2018. Thanks to all who have been involved. We expect the success of this important asset for St Joseph's Parish will continue long into the future.