

# 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 to Friday:** 10.00am: (Eucharist)  
**Friday:** 10.30am Reconciliation  
**NB:** A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

**Deaths:** Brian Henry, Maria Bakker

**Anniversaries:** Mary McKinnon (Wangoom), Mary O'Keefe, Michael Kelly

**Baptism:** This weekend we welcome into God's Family Riley Kerr, George Croker and Easton McKenry

**Pastoral Associate:** Kathleen Card from Melbourne has accepted my invitation to be our Pastoral Associate for a period of 2 years. The contract was finalised this week. She commences on Monday, 29th January 2018. I'm sure you will support Kathleen in her new role with us. (Fr John)

**Baptism Preparation:** 13th December at 7.30pm Please book at Parish Office

## Stewardship - Finances

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

**Parish:** \$2,409.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,267.00

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

# 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



**St Vincent de Paul Society & Refugee Collection:** Envelopes for both these worthy causes are available under the Christmas tree. Envelopes can be placed on the collection plate or handed to the Parish Office

## Christmas Masses

At our recent Southern Zone Meeting in Koroit, Bishop Paul Bird was in attendance. One of the items we discussed was the Christmas Masses with the Vigil being on a Sunday this year. The thrust of the discussion was to be reasonable, pastoral and just do what you can do and to know our people are understanding.

**24 December Sunday:** 9.30am (No 8.30am or 10.30am)

**Sunday:** 5.00pm

7.00pm

9.00pm

**NB:** 8.30pm at Purnim (Vigil)



**25 December Monday:** 9.30am

**19 December Tuesday:** 7.30pm: Communal Celebration of God's Forgiveness

**Nativity Exhibition:** 9th-11th December: To make the Exhibition a success we need your nativity scene, large or small. We also need **'helpers'** during the Exhibition. If you would like to be involved **please** leave your name & contact details on the timetable in Gathering Space.

This Saturday there will also be an opportunity for families to make their own Nativity in workshops with the help of qualified artists in the Parish Hall 10.00am to midday. Bookings essential. Please book at Parish Office.



## Concerts

Merri Singers & special guests, today 2.00pm Uniting Church Hall. Tickets \$15

A Christmas Carol: Music by Cantori: 10th December 7.30pm at Christ Church

**Al-Anon:** Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon Family Group is for you. St Joseph's meeting room: Monday 7.30-9.00pm, Wednesday 12.30-2.00pm, Thursday 8.00-9.30pm Sue (0419 670 114)