

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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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: **Thursday & Friday:** 10.00am: (Eucharist)
Tuesday: 7.30pm (Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness)
Wednesday: 10.00am (Assembly of Word with Communion)
Friday: 10.30am Reconciliation

Deaths: Patricia Beks

Anniversaries: Robert Roache, Tottie O'Brien, Nancy Ryan, Norman Rowe, Glenys Balchin

Baptism: This weekend Sadie, Billy & Poppy Main are welcomed into God's Family

Nativity Exhibition: Thankyou to those who displayed their nativity scenes and to the volunteers who helped over the weekend.

Carols for Compassion: This Friday at 12noon Liebig St (pedestrian crossing near the fairy penguins). Join in singing songs of Celebration and Hope. Further information Katherine 0459 615 564

Christmas Day Lunch: Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, but for some this is not possible. You are welcome to share a luncheon on Christmas Day (St Joseph's Hall) 12noon to 1.30pm. Bookings essential. Cath (5561 4120) Mary (0409 158 177)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of November

Parish: \$1,964.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,375.00

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

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



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

Bishop Paul Bird re the Royal Commission: Bishop Paul has made available this weekend material in relation to the Royal Commission.

He writes: 'From the failure to protect children in the past, may we learn to place the welfare of children at the centre of our concerns the challenge before us now is to be part of a national commitment to care for children in our time'.

Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness

This Tuesday at 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

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

Christmas Masses

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

Christmas Eve: 5.00pm Mass: On the recommendation of St Joseph's Liturgy Committee and in dialogue with our parish school the 5.00pm Christmas Eve Mass will be held this year at St Joseph's Church. All most welcome

Sunday 24th: Please note this Sunday, Mass will be at 9.30am (no 8.30 or 10.30am)

Ministries: Please give some consideration to helping with the Christmas ministries. List available in Gathering Space.