

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: **Monday:** 10.00am (Requiem Mass: Rita Neagle RIP)
Tuesday: 11.00am (Requiem Mass: Kevin King RIP)
Wednesday: 10.00am (Liturgy of Word with Communion)
Friday: 10.00am: (Eucharist)

Deaths: Rita Neagle, Kevin King, Kevin Ryan, Dick Prendergast

Anniversaries: Graeme Horan, Gerard Ryan

Wedding Bells: Congratulations and God's Blessing to Rachael Ryan & Tom Batten

Cards: Tuesday cards resumes this week at St Joseph's. All welcome

Playgroup: This Tuesday we welcome back families who are part of our parish playgroup. Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and children are welcome to join playgroup each Tuesday from 10.00am till 12noon (Parish Hall). Enquiries please contact Parish Office (5562 2231) or Lauren (0447 778 891)

Help: The ladies who arrange the flower arrangements in our Church are in search of more helpers, please! Contact Parish Office or Judith (0432 578 694)

Re-union: Fr John will be in Melbourne for a couple of days this week for his year re-union with fellow year mates.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of December

Parish: \$2,482.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,189.00

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

Epiphany of the Lord



The Feast of Symbolism

We, the **hearers** of the story, are invited to **recognise** ourselves in the scene. There is a natural inclination to **interpret** the Gospel stories in a far more **literal** way than they were ever **intended**.

We are encouraged to reflect on the **meaning** behind these stories.

Just as the **magi** from the East came in **search** for Christ;
We too are on a search (journey of faith).

We have a '**star**' to follow (Christ);
We have '**gifts**' to bring.

We encounter the deviousness of the '**Herod**' within us;
And like the magi we can go home a '**different**' way (the Christian way).

Annual Christmas Appeal

"Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have personal links with the diocese of Ballarat I commend the Christmas Appeal to you and to your parishioners Yours sincerely in Christ" **Bishop Paul Bird**

The Christmas Appeal will be taken up at all Masses today (2nd collection)
See Notice Board re where the 2016 Appeal money was distributed.

Sacristan: We express our gratitude to **Maria van de Camp** who has been our sacristan at St Joseph's for the past 8 years. She will continue with her ministry but in a minor capacity. The following are our sacristans:

8.30am Mass - Joan O'Neill

10.30am Mass - John Gleeson

6.00pm Mass - Lyn Sheppard

Weekday Masses - Mick Wilkinson

Requiem Masses/Services - Maria van de Camp

Enjoy your well earned 'Sabbatical' Maria!

Thanks also to the parishioners who do the washing, the flowers, the cleaning.....it makes such a difference when our Church is loved and well cared for.