

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 Wednesday Thursday Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Friday: 10.30am: (Reconciliation)

NB: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Moya Lee, Laurence Anderson (Lara), Denis Sheehan (Melb)

Anniversaries: Joe Harney, Mary Healey, Sybil O'Callaghan

Baptism Preparation: Next preparation evening is Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm. Please book at Parish Office prior to the evening.

Soup Kitchen: Resumes tomorrow (Monday) in the Parish Hall

St Joseph's Play Group: Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and children are welcome to join Playgroup each Tuesday from 10.00am to 12noon in the Parish Hall. Enquiries please contact Lauren (0447 778 891) or Parish Office (5562 2231)

Cards: Tuesday afternoon cards has resumed. If interested in Solo or Euchre please come along and join in. This week they are at St Joseph's. All welcome.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LENTEN PROGRAM

'Blessed + Broken' - Pray, share and live the Gospel

This is an excellent way to prepare for Easter. More information and sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space. You may wish to join a group or use the booklet for private reflection. Cost of booklet \$8.00. Contact Mary (0409 158 177)

"While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them and said, "Take it ... this is my body" (Mark 14:22)

SEASON OF LENT

Lent commences Wednesday, 14th February with Mass and the distribution of Ash.

Mass Times: Ash Wednesday: 10.00am & 6.00pm

The Season of Lent is a time of prayer, self-denial and for helping others. In this way the whole Church prepares for the Great Feast of Easter.

Dates to keep in mind: 17th February (Saturday): Rite of Election (RCIA)

1st April (Sunday): Easter Sunday

Pastoral Associate: Kathleen Card, our Pastoral Associate, will introduce herself and share a few words with us today (at all Masses).

Candlemas: Because of a funeral last Friday, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be celebrated on this coming Friday. The Presentation is a proclamation of Christ ... the 'Light' who came into the world to dispel sin and darkness. Another name for this Feast is 'Candlemas'. Over many hundreds of years candles have been blessed at Mass for use throughout the year. You are invited to bring your own candles to be blessed this Friday.



Reconciliation: Senior school students (Grade 6) will commence their formal preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation 19th February. For registration or further information please contact Parish Office (5562 2231)

Employment: Ballarat Diocese will be employing a Project Worker in Youth & Young Adult Ministry. Further information at youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Amanda (5337 7125)

Meetings: **Monday:** Sacramental Team at 4.00pm

Wednesday: Finance Committee at 12noon

Wednesday: Liturgy Committee at 5.30pm