

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land - The Gunditjmara People. We acknowledge their ancestors with respect & commit to working for reconciliation & justice.

PARISH STAFF: Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)
Kathleen Card (Pastoral Associate)
Barry Wolff (Business Manager)
Leanne McElgunn (Secretary)
Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER: Anne Maree Mugavin

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, Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)
Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mary & Michael O'Keefe, Jill Kelly, Vic Kelson

Baptism: We welcome today Freddie Feeney & Clancy McKenry into God's Family

Weddings: Congratulations to Stephanie Moloney and Stuart Shambrook who will be married this Saturday.

Baptism Preparation: Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm. Please book prior

Memorial Service: Mark Gliddon, a parishioner here for several years before emigrating to the United States, died unexpectedly in October. Family and friends are invited to attend a Liturgy of the Word on Monday 10th December 11.00am at St Joseph's followed by refreshments at the Warrnambool Club. Celebrant Fr John Corrigan.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of October

Parish: \$2,286.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,284.00

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

First Sunday of Advent

Nativity Exhibition

A great way to engage with the true meaning of Christmas and move the focus from commerce to the reality of the Birth of Christ and all that this means. A wonderful range of cribs from around the world are on display, including contributions from students from neighbouring schools



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

Envelopes are available where your donation will be shared with St Vincent de Paul and drought victims



Plenary Council: It is hoped that many Catholics, active and disaffected, will take the opportunity to help plan the future of our Australian Church.

Do you have something that may help in re-shaping the Church?

Responses can be made by individuals or groups. They do not have to be formal - they can be written or in poems or pictures, songs or prayers.

There are Submission Forms available (Gathering Space) along with a box where you can post your comments. Also there is an insert in the publication 'Our Diocesan Community'.

Further information at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or Gathering Space.

Your voice is important in shaping the future of the Church.

Rite of Welcome: Today (8.30am) Alison Boylan Turner is welcomed as a catechumen as she commences her formation in becoming a Catholic at Easter. Francine Lindsey is her sponsor.

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. Kylie (0413 734 595) Mary (0409 158 177)

Carols on the Green: Friday December 21st December. Kids program & bbq from 6.30pm followed by Carols at 7.30pm. All Welcome

Meetings: Tuesday: Priests & Pastoral Associates (Koroit)