

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: **Christmas Mass times:** See opposite page
Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Deaths: Shirley Brooks

Anniversaries: John (Jock) McDonald, Bill Murrihy, Peter Kelly, Rita Travers

Baptism: Harley Hird is welcomed into God's Family this week

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Regina Kenna & Brady Cassidy and Amy Henry & Martin Wynd who will be married next weekend

Hospitality: All are welcome to stay for a cuppa following 10.30am Mass hosted by our Parish Family Groups

St Brigid's Crossley: Christmas Carols tonight (Sunday) at 7.30pm. Barbecue meal from 6.30pm. All welcome

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of November
Parish: \$1,905.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,562.00
NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Mass Times

24th December (Monday)

5.00pm

7.00pm

9.00pm

8.30pm at Purnim

25th December (Tuesday)

9.30am



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. Envelopes can be placed on the collection plate.

Sharing the Tradition: Mary, the mother of God, has a unique and integral place in Christian tradition. Catholics honour her because she was chosen by God to give human form to his Son - a task she freely and willingly accepted.

Throughout the Scriptures, God often chooses those who are lowly and apparently powerless to assist in his plan for salvation. Mary's simplicity and faith are a model for all believers. Her response to God's call is one we can all emulate.

Christmas Mass Ministries - Welcomers, Eucharist Ministers, Ushers: Please consider being a part of the Mass you will be attending. List available in Gathering Space or contact Parish Office. *Thank you*

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)

HOPE

JOY

PEACE

LOVE