

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)
Barry Wolff (Business Manager)
Leanne McElgunn (Secretary)
Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

SAFEGUARDING 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: Anne Chiller

Anniversaries: Peter Carey, Stuart Nicolson, Kevin McDowall, Francis O'Keefe, Tish Rea, Sr Sheila Gleeson, Doug Martin

Baptism Preparation: Tuesday 9th April at 7.00pm. Please book in prior

Global Justice Course: Conducted by Caritas at Emmanuel College on the 18th & 25th May. Further information & registration: John O'Sullivan (5560 0848)

CBC Past Students: Catch up with class mates at Emmanuel Centre Monday 29th April 5.30 to 7.00pm. Further information Emmanuel College (5560 0888)

Symphony of the Passion: Sunday 7th April 2.30pm at Christ Church. This is a joint project of the Warrnambool & Hamilton Symphony Orchestras with special guest instrumentalists. Tickets \$30 from Collins Booksellers, Dale Cleves or at the door.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of February

Parish: \$2,181.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,443.00

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

4th Sunday of Lent

Pastoral Visitation

A warm welcome to Bishop Paul Bird CSsR who is with us for a few days to encourage and thank us for continuing the mission that Jesus began.

Season of Lent

Week 4: Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise for people with chronic illnesses at the 'The Purple House' in Alice Springs, supported by Caritas Australia. In caring for patients as they receive dialysis, they also pass on their traditional knowledge to Michaela. Through healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps, they can stay connected to culture. "Hope means having something to look forward to. If we keep our culture alive we can feel strong" says Michaela.

"The future does have a name ... and its name is hope" - Pope Francis

Stations of the Cross: All Fridays in Lent: 7.30pm (St Joseph's Church)

Parish Appointments

- Fr Bill van de Camp retires from his role as Parish Priest of Koroit & Port Fairy (5th May)
- Fr John becomes the Administrator of the Koroit & Port Fairy parishes (6th May) as well as continuing in his role here at St Joseph's
- Fr John Corrigan will be Assistant Priest at Koroit & Port Fairy as well as St Joseph's

It is highly unlikely that another priest will be appointed to our region when Fr Michael Linehan retires in late 2020. With this in mind preliminary discussions have commenced to investigate the advantages and shortcomings of parishes working together more collectively to form a new entity.

Regional Retreat

29th April to 25th May: This retreat is for men and women, young and old, married or single. It is designed for people just like you. The retreat allows you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual round of going to work, caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life. All you need is the desire to open yourself to God and the generosity to take some practical steps to find time for prayer. It will be led by Fr Edward Rwino sj (Tanzania). For more details: Mary Lancaster 0409 158 177 or marylanc@bigpond.com

Meetings: Wednesday: Pastoral Leadership Team at 5.00pm