

# 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)  
Fr John Corrigan (Assistant Priest)  
Barry Wolff (Business Manager)  
Leanne McElgunn (Secretary)  
Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER Anne Maree Mugavin

**We are a Child Safe Parish**

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:** 10.00am (Liturgy of Word with Communion)

**Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)

**Friday:** 10.30am (Reconciliation)

**Deaths:** John McKeever, Kath Gardiner, Robyn Vesey

**Anniversaries:** Maureen O'Sullivan, Graeme Horan

**History:** Archive Centre located in the Parish Office has numerous items & articles. Photo albums on the refurbishment of St Joseph's is located in the Gathering Space during the Christmas season.

**Thank you:** To the very generous people who contributed to the Community Christmas Day Lunch held in St Joseph's Parish Hall. We rely on volunteers and contributions, both physical and financial, to make the meal a success. Around 100 people enjoyed lunch on this very special day.



## Stewardship - Finances

**Stewardship:** Weekly average contributions for the month of December

**Parish:** \$2,139.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,422.00

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

**Christmas Gift:** Donations to be shared between St Vincent de Paul and victims of bush fires - \$778.00 **Christmas Offering:** \$1,349.70

# The 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** to be received.

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 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 2018 Appeal money was distributed.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - 2020:** A wonderful opportunity to visit Petra, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and many other places. The pilgrimage is being led by Fr John Fitzgerald, 28th May to 10th June. Brochure & booking form available from Parish Office or contact [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com)

**Clinical Pastoral Education:** New CPE program begins February 2020. Further information and application contact Bernadette Wurlod (0455 033 321)

**Organ Concert:** Invitation to hear internationally acclaimed Organist Thomas Heywood performing Vivaldi, Handel, Mozart and more, together with guest artists Cantori. Friday 28th February 6.00 - 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. Tickets at door Adult \$30, Conc \$25, U18 free. More information in Gathering Space.