

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:

Tuesday: 9.00am (Eucharist: School Network)
Wednesday: 1.00pm (Funeral Liturgy: Thomas Ryan RIP)
Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)
NB: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Thomas Ryan

Anniversaries: Sybil O'Callaghan, Tom O'Toole, Des Delahenty

History: Archive Centre located in the Parish Office complex has numerous items & articles. The photo album on the total interior refurbishment of our present Church in 2007 is on display in the Church, near the Baptismal Font. This was a work that involved the contribution of many parishioners. You are invited to browse. **Fr John**

The 'Word of God' for Children: A colourful take-home work sheet is available following Masses today. The sheet relates to the Sunday readings in a simple form.

Cards: Tuesday cards have resumed and will be at OLHC this week. All welcome

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Australia Day 2020: As we enter a new decade for our nation let us write a new chapter in our history, based on reconciliation, healing and mutuality ... bringing together our First Nations people and our 'settler' peoples.

We all call Australia home...

Chinese New Year: We wish our friends who have Chinese heritage a **very happy Lunar New Year**. This is the 'Year of the Rat'. The rat often suffers from bad publicity but its sign ranks first on the Chinese zodiac signs. It is recognised as an animal with spirit, wit, alertness, delicacy, flexibility and vitality. In ancient times it was considered to be 'a godly creature'.

Sunday 2nd February 'The Presentation of the Lord': This feast is traditionally known as **Candlemas** when candles for use throughout the year are blessed. The candles used at Candlemas are the light to **enlighten** the world—we pray that we too may be a light in the dark places of our world. You are invited to bring your candles to be blessed next Sunday.



Organ Concert: Don't miss this **inspiring** performance of internationally acclaimed Organist, Thomas Heywood, playing Vivaldi, Handel, Mozart etc together with **local** 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.

School Network Mass: Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be with us this Tuesday, 28th January, to celebrate the School Network Mass (9.00am).

Lenten Program 2020: In this year's program '**Be Opened**' we are called to open our hearts and minds to the fullness of life in God and allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit. The program begins in the first week of Lent. If you are interested for personal reflection, or as part of a group, more information available next week.

Stewardship Program

Thank you to parishioners who commit to our Stewardship Program. It enables St Joseph's Parish to be of service to our faith community. New sets of Weekly Envelopes with statements are available today.

You may be **new** to the Parish or you may be a parent of a student at St Joseph's School or Emmanuel College. As we commence another year, this may be an opportunity to consider joining. You can join the Program through the envelope system or by direct debit or credit card. If you need further information please contact Parish Office.