

# 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, Thursday & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)  
**Wednesday:** 12noon (Requiem Mass: Lesley Gardiner RIP)  
**NB:** A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

**Deaths:** Barry Kelly, Vincent Gilfedder, Lesley Gardiner

**Anniversaries:** Frank Keegan, Jeremiah Harney

**Baptism Preparation:** Tuesday 11th February. Please phone office to book in prior

**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 this week at St Joseph's

## 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

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**'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.



**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 28<sup>th</sup> February 6.00 - 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. Tickets at door Adult \$30, Conc \$25, U18 free More information in Gathering Space.

**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.

**Picnic:** Multi-Faith Picnic (today) at Botanical Gardens from 12noon. Bring own food, drinks etc. An opportunity to meet people from the diversity of faith groups in Warrnambool. All welcome. Enquiries Geoff Barker (0407 349 578)

**Plenary Council:** The next Listening & Discernment session "A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community" will be held at OLHC 7.00pm Thursday 27th February. A copy of the snapshot report is available from the Parish Office or at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**Back to school:** Every blessing to students and staff, parents and guardians as a new school year begins

**Meetings:** Wednesday: Finance Committee at 12noon  
Wednesday: Parish Leadership Team at 5.00pm

**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 for collection (Gathering Space).

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.

**Census:** Have you changed address? Do you have a mobile number? Do you have an email address? We are currently updating our Census so it would be appreciated if you could advise the Parish Office of any change of details