

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, Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

NB: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Sr Josephine SJOG (Mena Carroll), Frank Vogels (Timboon)

Anniversaries: Mollie Jackman, Noel McNamara, Wilhemina Sinn, Mary Barling

Publication: Australian Catholics Autumn edition now available

World Day of Prayer: Friday 1.00pm at Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lava St)

The Venetian Sonnets: Musical performance created by Paul Venzo, Karien Sinclair, Jane Duffy & 'The Monks'. Mozart Hall 19th & 20th March 8.00pm Tickets \$30/\$25 concession from trybooking.com

Clergy Appointments: Fr Mick McKinnon is taking up an appointment in Peru
Fr Matthew Thomas has been appointed Parish Priest of the parishes of Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs

Fr Anthony Nagothu appointed as Administrator of Robinvale & Ouyen parishes.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of February

Parish: \$1,813.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,587.00

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

Third Sunday of Lent

Season of Lent

The season of Lent is a time of **prayer, self-denial** and for **helping others**. In this way the whole Church prepares for the Great Feast of Easter.

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

Week 3: Thanks to the Caritas supported Red Dust Healing program, Barry was able to participate in a cultural healing program, enabling Barry and participants deal with their past and look to a brighter future.



Scrutinies: These are liturgical rites on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays during Lent for adults who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. This weekend **Tracy O'Connell**, our catechumen, celebrates the 1st Scrutiny. Lent is a time when we are called to examine our minds and hearts and think about what we do and what we fail to do. Having Tracy in our midst is an inspiration and source of renewal for us on our Lenten journey.

Pastoral Statement from the Diocese

The spread of coronavirus, COVID-19, continues to present challenges to health authorities around the world. Many dioceses have temporarily altered certain practices in the Mass to ensure the health and safety of parishioners. With the wellbeing of all parishioners of our diocese in mind the following directives to all in the Diocese of Ballarat:

- The Body of Christ (the host) can be distributed to all; Communion of the Precious Blood will be for the **celebrant** only;
- Communion will be received only in the hand and **not** on the tongue;
- At the Sign of Peace, parishioners who may feel uncomfortable about shaking hands may wish to exchange with a smile or a bow;
- All ministers of Holy Communion are to use **hand sanitisers** before the distribution of Holy Communion, and are not to physically touch anyone in the act of blessing;
- Holy water fonts are to be **emptied** or removed

These directives are informed by the latest advice from the **Australian Government of Health**, and will remain in place until the need for them ceases. Thank you

Healing Workshop: Saturday 23rd May 10.00am-4.30pm. Facilitator: Prof Clare Johnson from ACU. The Workshop is for those involved in pastoral care in hospitals & parishes, parishioners bringing communion to the sick, Bereavement Ministry and chaplains. Further information to follow