

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)

ALL LITURGIES: Suspended until further notice

Deaths: Margaret McCarthy

Anniversaries: John Grayson, Stuart Nicolson, Tania Greening

Mass at Home: Mass can be viewed from 8.30am Sunday 22nd March on Youtube-St Joseph's Church Warrnambool or FaceBook- St Joseph's Warrnambool and follow the links

Opportunity for Prayer: Although public Mass and liturgies will not be celebrated, St Joseph's will remain open each day 8.00am to 4.00pm each day for personal prayer, reflection and devotion.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: The May/June Pilgrimage has been cancelled due to the coronavirus. It's disappointing to the people who were looking forward to this experience. Perhaps another opportunity may come their way.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent



A LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

18th March 2020

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria,

The Prime Minister announced that non-essential indoor gatherings will be limited to 100 people, effective today.

Given the seriousness of COVID-19, we support this measure as being responsible and sensible, and we encourage everyone to follow public safety guidelines respectfully.

Immediate suspension of public liturgies

All other gatherings are suspended

We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms.

All Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.

Let us not panic, nor be anxious, nor reduce ourselves to caring only for ourselves.

This is a time to be sensible, practical, prayerful and to share Christ's peace with those who are struggling to feel calm and safe.

Thank you for all your patience, prayers and resilience.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR
BISHOP OF BALLARAT

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay
BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Most Rev Patrick O'Regan
BISHOP OF SALE

NB: A copy of the complete letter is in the Gathering Space