

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)
Tony Herbert (Business Manager)
Louise Dryburgh (Assistant 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: Suspended until further notice

Mass Online: St Joseph's Parish Mass (9th August) can be viewed from 8.30am via:
YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280 or
St Joseph's Church Warrnambool YouTube

Deaths: Sylvia Daffy

Anniversaries: Pat Conheady

Thanksgiving Program: New envelopes and receipts are available from the Parish Office. Thank you to the parishioners who have continued to gift to the Presbytery and to the Parish over the past weeks. Thanks for your care and generosity.

St Joseph's Parish has joined with CDF (Catholic Development Fund-Ballararat) and CDF Pay where you can electronically make a one-off payment or set up a regular payment. You will receive an electronic receipt for any payments made.

The link can be found on St Joseph's website and scrolling down to the CDF portal or go to <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/>

Further information or query please contact Parish Office. (Leanne)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of July

Parish: \$899.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$98.00

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bishop Paul Bird writes

..... 'to counter the renewed spread of COVID-19 Stage 3 restrictions apply

from midnight August 5th until September 13th. The regulations require that religious ceremonies and private worship be **broadcast only**.

In regional Victoria, there may only be 5 people for a wedding and up to 10 people for a funeral (plus those conducting the funeral).

It is very sad that we will not be able to gather for Mass in the coming weeks. However, medical advice indicates that the restrictions are necessary for the health of the community. I hope and pray that these steps will be effective in reducing the impact of the pandemic and that we will be able to come together again soon to give thanks to God.

In the meantime, we can pray anywhere and anytime in our own heart. Families can pray together at home. We might also pray with others online or simply with a phone call.

Christ promised to be with us always. May we know his presence in the weeks ahead'.

First Eucharist: This sacrament is for Year 4 students who have been baptised and confirmed. First Eucharist will be run a little differently this year, with children working through the material with their parents at home, rather than the group meetings at school. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they begin to prepare for this sacrament.

Plenary Council Update: The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. The six discernment papers have been released and are available at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. The Diocese of Bathurst has taken the discernment papers to another format; recording audio versions to help with the reception of the documents. These can be accessed at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Meetings (via Zoom): Tuesday: Consultors Meeting
Wednesday: Parish Leadership Team at 5.00pm

Parish Office: The Office will be closed but your phone calls and emails are very welcome and will be attended to. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the Parish Bulletin via email, please let me know, thank you. (Leanne)