

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 (16th August) can be viewed from 8.30am via:
YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280 or
St Joseph's Church Warrnambool YouTube

Deaths: Martin Van Rooy (Canada), May Sanson (Gavin), Shaun Kelson

Anniversaries: Claire Jackman, Myra Sinn, Edward Gleeson

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

The link for St Joseph's Parish is: <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=12>

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

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.

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel: Matthew: 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

St Joseph's Primary School & COVID-19

Resilience, empathy, persistence and a "can do" attitude is a culture at St Joseph's that has amplified the creative performance of all during this pandemic time. We have seven class groups at school (125 students) and 480 students working from home. The program has been characterised by quality engagement from families, professional help from staff and the resilience, persistence and great heart of our students.

Importantly, our Sacramental preparation is continuing via home programs, supported by Fr John, video presentations and our teaching teams.

The bright and hopeful good news for our community is we have 81 students enrolled at Foundation (Prep) for 2021. Families engaged in this process via on-line tours, accessing video staff presentations and on-site interviews.

We ask our parishioners to continue to pray for us all in this pandemic time. We aim to stay positive, do our best and know we are "stronger together."

(Michael Gray, Principal)

Parish Office: The Office is 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)

RCIA: Towards the end of 2019 Tracy O'Connell and her daughter, Ellie, were welcomed into the Catechumenate; the intention being that they would celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Sadly this didn't happen due to COVID-19. Over the past few months the RCIA team has kept in weekly contact with Tracy (and Ellie) via Zoom and when restrictions are lifted a special celebration will be held to welcome them into the Church and our parish community, rather than wait until next Easter. Please remember Tracy and Ellie in our prayer as they prepare for their new life in the Church.