

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 (23rd August) can be viewed from 8.30am via:
YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280

Deaths: Dorothy Greening

Anniversaries: Michael Pye, Lisa Volders, Greg Gleeson, Gwen Te Tau, James Byrne, Clare Dunn

Pastoral Leadership Team: At a recent Zoom meeting the Leadership Team discussed the various challenges our parish is experiencing. On the Agenda: the sacramental needs of our parish children from our school, the new Ministry District, IT in the Church and the streamed Masses, maintaining our health during this difficult time and the updated Code of Conduct to protect children and vulnerable adults.

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. Further information please contact Parish Office (Leanne).

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

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Parish Appointments for 2021 Warrnambool, Warrnambool West, Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy

Dear Friends,

Some time ago, Fr Michael Linehan asked if he might retire from the position of Parish Priest at the end of 2020. In line with his request, Fr Linehan will conclude his role as Parish Priest of Warrnambool West and Dennington on December 31 this year. On behalf of our diocesan community, I thank Fr Linehan for his service in these parishes and for the many services he has rendered in our diocese over nearly 50 years.

From January 1, 2021, the Parishes of Warrnambool West and Dennington will be entrusted to the pastoral care of Fr John Fitzgerald and Fr John Corrigan. This will be in addition to their care of the Parishes of Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy, I am very grateful to Fr Fitzgerald and Fr Corrigan for the teamwork they are already showing in their ministry and for their generosity in accepting these further responsibilities.

To highlight the team approach, I have nominated Fr Fitzgerald and Fr Corrigan as Co-Pastors, with Fr Fitzgerald as the Moderator. This is in accord with the provisions of canon 517.1 "Where circumstances so require, the pastoral care of a parish, or of a number of parishes together, can be entrusted to several priests jointly, but with the stipulation that one of the priests is to be the moderator of the pastoral care to be exercised. This moderator is to direct the joint action and to be responsible for it to the Bishop."

May Christ continue to guide Fr Linehan in his service to his parishioners in the months ahead and then be with him as he moves into retirement. May Christ also guide Fr Fitzgerald and Fr Corrigan in their current service and be with them in their expanded responsibilities in the new year.

God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Bird CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat