

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 (30th August) can be viewed from 8.30am via:
YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280

Deaths: Alice McKinnon

Anniversaries:

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Strength for this Challenging Time

*We pray for your love and compassion to abound
as we walk through this challenging season.*

*We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load
of making decisions with widespread consequences.*

*We pray for those who are suffering with sickness
and all who are caring for them.*

*We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable
to not succumb to the risks of the virus.*

*We pray for misinformation to be curbed
that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.*

*As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide,
May we also approach each day in faith and peace,
Trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.*

Social Justice Statement: 2020 - 2021

'To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today'.

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support.

Together we can promote the fullness of life and ensure appropriate care for everyone experiencing mental ill-health:

- ◇ When we reject stigmatisation
- ◇ When we work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health
- ◇ When we call for policies and service provision that meet the needs of the poorest, most marginalised and recognise in them the face of Christ Jesus

We recall the words Pope John Paul II spoke to mental health workers 25 years ago:

'Whoever suffers from mental illness always bears God's image and likeness in themselves, as does every human being. In addition, they always have the inalienable right not only to be considered as an image of God and therefore as a person, but also to be treated as such.'

As Church, we have the opportunity and responsibility through the Plenary Council 2020 to consider at a deeper level our care for these most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.

Download statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020 or contact Parish Office