

# 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 (27<sup>th</sup>Sept) can be viewed from 8.30am via:  
YouTube - [www.tiny.cc/joe3280](http://www.tiny.cc/joe3280)

**Deaths:** Bernie Fitzgerald (Melb), Sr Tirsa Bale (Philippines), Ann McCabe (Ireland)

**Anniversaries:** Joan Carey

St Joseph's Church will be open for private prayer 10.00am to 12noon (Monday to Friday)

**Looking after Yourself and Others:** Stick to a routine. Get out once a day. Find some time to move each day. Reach out to others.

**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 August

**Parish:** \$1,713.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820

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

# 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Terry's Reflection

One definition of a Parish is 'a place where faith flourishes' - a corollary to that version may be that we ask ourselves the question—is our faith able to flourish in the unparalleled circumstances of not being able to attend Mass in numbers which provide for a sense of Community? For many of us, especially the older generation, Sunday Mass and occasional weekday Masses have been integral elements of our faith life and our capacity to care for the spiritual side of our lives, and certainly not being able to receive Holy Communion is a body blow. Are there other ways by which Communion may be available to us?

However, we are fortunate to be able to access our local Mass through live streaming and it is done very well here with our priests, planners and volunteers. My experience is that we need Hospitality and a sense of Community - we thrive on good liturgies which elicit a vitality of worship and good homilies which are challenging, confronting and comforting. Obviously we are dependent upon good communication and open dialogue - can we do this differently? And care for the poor is mandatory for a Christian Community.

There is no question that we need to do things differently lest we lose the already fragile links we have with our parishioners. Just simply waiting for everything to get back to normal is unlikely to be effective, simply because what we took for granted just a few months ago will almost certainly not be the model of Church which will be effective in the foreseeable future. **(Terry McSweeney)**

## Diocesan Vision Statement

We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea.

Inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist,

we follow the example of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

reaching out in joyful and humble service,

caring for all of God's creation,

growing in love day by day

and looking forward to life with God forever.

**Sr Tirsa RIP:** Sr Tirsa Bale cssjb, a member of the Baptistine Congregation, died back in her homeland in the Philippines last week. Sr Tirsa was the Pastoral Care Associate in the Parish of Horsham for several years and her presence will be sadly missed. We extend our sympathy to Sr Manuela and to Sr Jesuista.