

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 (18th October) can be viewed from 8.30am via:
YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280

Deaths: Francisca Mifsud, Nance Hammond

Anniversaries: Mary Therese Wolff

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

Petition: 'Premier Andrews, we, people of Victoria's faith community, request that you adjust the 'Roadmap for Reopening' in a way that secures the equitable treatment of religious communities and grants us the opportunity to practise our faith in a COVID-safe manner'....view and sign petition at <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/faith-equality>

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 September

Parish: \$1,693.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 NB:

Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thankful

Throughout this pandemic, there have been some uphill battles for many individuals. Yet through the eyes of our children we have been mindful to be more thankful than ever.

Thankful for the digital technology that has been a lifeline for staying connected with our family, friends, faith and children's education.

Thankful that our children are resilient and were able to adjust to changes while learning to play independently and collaboratively with each other.

Thankful for our family unit that has been healthy, active and closer than ever because we have had the opportunity to spend quality time with each other.

Thankful for the essential workers who have been on the frontline.

Thankful that we can still gather as a family on a Sunday in God's name and know that the Lord is with us.

We give thanks and count our blessings.

Carlyn Spencer

Ministry District

- ◆ The retirement of Fr Michael Linehan as Parish Priest of St Pius will necessitate some changes for the new Ministry District, and this includes some change to our existing Mass schedule. NB: Fr Michael will not be replaced
- ◆ The 2 retired priests (Fr Bill & Fr Michael) will not be scheduled on the weekend Mass roster but will assist from time to time.
- ◆ Alternate times for weekend Masses is not desirable in the new schedule. Thus the need for fixed times for the four parishes.
- ◆ There is a commitment to celebrate Mass in all 4 parishes each weekend.

Catholic Mission Month: This year's focus is the Arrupe Centre in Cambodia that cares for disabled young people - many of whom have been injured by landmines and other discarded armaments. Further information: catholicmission.org.au/mission

Food Drive: This initiative of Warrnambool Churches is to assist local Food Share to provide goods for those who are in need. Volunteers are sought to drop off bags in their local area one weekend in November with a leaflet explaining what is required and then to collect the bags the following weekend. Are you able to help? Please contact Parish Office (5562 2231)

E-News: The Diocesan e-news is published every two weeks and distributed via email. If you wish to receive updates and information about the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese please go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and click News & Events to register.