

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 (25th October) can be viewed from 8.30am via:
YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280

Deaths: James Farley

Anniversaries: Mary Watt, Mary Kermond, Lindsay Kermond, Nell O'Neill, Jack Gartner, Phyllis Jones, Flora Munro, Frank Gleeson

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

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

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

We are now seven months into COVID-19 and it has been a bit of a roller coaster ride. We feel very fortunate to be living in this part of the world, here in Warrnambool. Whilst the observance of restrictions is sometimes difficult, we feel safe. We have also been fortunate in being able to participate in weekly Mass through online technology. We extend our grateful thanks to Fr John Fitzgerald, Fr John Corrigan and all the faithful assistants who gather each week to make the online Mass possible. Your professionalism and persistence is very much appreciated. We have passed onto many other friends and relatives the fact that Mass at St Joseph's is available online.

We now realise that this pandemic is going to affect our lives for quite some time yet. Even if a vaccine is found, it seems that it is unlikely to be 100% effective, and thus, the elderly and the frail and those with health issues will still be living in a world of uncertainty and sometimes fear.

It is wonderful to see the community responding to the observance of restrictions. Who would have ever thought we would see everyone wearing masks? It seems that this situation has also brought out the best in human kind, this in itself is inspiring.

Although things started off with a tone of indifference it has also been great to be able to watch the AFL football season unfold. We thought at times the season would have to be aborted but through good management and co-operation we have reached the ultimate with the Grand Final being played this weekend. We wish both teams well and hope Richmond run a 'good' second!

Bernice & Barry Wolff

Ministry District

- ◆ The retirement of Fr Michael Linehan as Parish Priest of St Pius X 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.

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)