

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 (4th October) can be viewed from 8.30am via:
YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280

Deaths: Colleen Daffey (Dwyer), Sue Sherwood

Anniversaries: Keith Nelson

St Joseph's Church is 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 September

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

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maria's Reflection



I have despaired and struggled many times during the period of this pandemic, but I am very grateful that we have access to Mass on line.

Over time my experience with this has changed. Initially I was up early and dressed in my 'Mass clothes' ready for 8.30am Mass, with my ipad seated on my couch.

Sunday mornings now, I 'attend Mass' in my dressing gown with a blanket and my cat on my lap, a cup of tea and my ipad!

I have learnt that this is no less reverent or less respectable as I recall one of my favourite hymns, 'Come As You Are, That's How I Want You ...'

Although we are not together at Mass physically we are still all connected in our belief, our faith and our prayers.

I am ever mindful of all those around us with a shared hope that our faith community will soon be reunited. **(Maria Sully)**

Open Letter to the Premier from the Catholic Bishops of Victoria

Dear Premier,

It has been very encouraging to see COVID-19 numbers dropping so dramatically in recent weeks...

Throughout the various changes in restrictions over the last six months, the Catholic dioceses of Victoria have shown themselves to be resilient, well-managed and safe...

However, people of faith across regional and metropolitan Victoria have raised serious concerns about the unfairness and inconsistency in the numbers allowed for religious gatherings by comparison with other sectors in the current 'third step'...

We ask that this disparity be rectified urgently and that the principle of fairness be applied for each subsequent step on the roadmap to reopening. Catholic communities have shown their commitment to acting responsibly and cooperatively throughout the pandemic, and they will be greatly encouraged in this if they can see that people of faith are being given the same consideration as other sectors of the community.

You remain in our prayers and we look forward to finding a constructive solution to this issue, which is causing unnecessary pain and distress for people of faith across Victoria.

Most Rev Peter Comensoli (Archbishop of Melbourne)

Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR (Bishop of Ballarat)

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay (Bishop of Sandhurst)

Rev Peter Slater (Diocesan Administrator, Sale)