

# 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  
Fr John Corrigan  
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:** **Sunday:** 8.30am-10.30am-6.00pm  
**Purnim:** 11.00am (Eucharist on 2nd and the 4th Sundays)  
(Assembly of Word with Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES:** **Wednesday & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)

**Deaths:** Haydn Toone, Tess King, Morgan McAlinden, Karen Scott, Joyce Lane, Maureen Healey, Peter Cox

**Anniversaries:** Ray Mugavin

## Staying Safe:

- \* Continue wearing your mask in the church
- \* Sign in or use your phone to access the QR code on entering the church
- \* Keep in mind the importance of 'social distancing'

**Email:** If you have an email address it would be appreciated if you could inform the Parish Office. It is most helpful in having your address for communication purposes.

**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 November

**Parish:** \$1,187.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820

Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

## *The Epiphany of the Lord*

### Welcome to 2021

As of this weekend our Ministry District is without the services of Fr Michael Linehan who, we hope, is now enjoying retirement. We thank him for his 17 years of pastoral care at St Pius X Parish, Warrnambool West.

This retirement will necessitate some change in the Ministry District. To give us time and space to make the required changes, Fr Bill van de Camp will preside at the 6.30pm Koroit Vigil Mass for the following 3 weeks, enabling Fr John Corrigan and Fr John Fitzgerald to celebrate the other 6 Masses in the 4 parishes of the Ministry District.

There is a commitment to celebrate the weekly Sunday Eucharist in each of the 4 parishes. There will be fixed times for the Eucharist. Thus the previous alternate times for the Koroit and Port Fairy Masses have ceased.

The 2 retired priests (Fr Bill and Fr Michael) will not be scheduled on the weekend Mass roster but they have expressed their willingness to assist when needed. It's important we respect their retirement.

A challenge this year is the 'catching up' on the celebration of the children's sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. It wasn't possible to celebrate these sacraments in 2020 due to the coronavirus. It will be important for the 5 Catholic schools to work together in a creative way to achieve this outcome.

We have new principals appointed for St Patrick's, Port Fairy (Olga Lyons) and St John's, Dennington (Ben van de Camp) commencing late January, 2021. We wish them well in their new appointments.

Parishes would be familiar with the fact that if there is a funeral to be celebrated it replaces the weekday Mass if one is scheduled. This past week we have celebrated 3 funerals in our Ministry District. This week we already have 3 funerals.

The new Ministry District also incorporates 3 Aged-Care Homes which are an important part of parish life.

It's also worth noting that the priests have zone and diocesan commitments from time to time as well as their annual retreat and the priests in-service (plus a holiday)!

May God's blessing be upon us in our pastoral endeavours in this new year.

**Frs John Fitzgerald & John Corrigan**