

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: **Sunday:** 8.30am-10.30am-6.00pm

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

ST ANNE'S PURNIM: Fr Lawrie will celebrate this Mass (2nd & 4th Sundays) until further notice

Deaths:

Anniversaries:

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 as this year has shown.

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 November

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

Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome Back



Advent has a two fold purpose: to prepare for Christmas when Christ's birth is remembered and to await Christ's second coming at the end of time

It's been 36 weeks, just prior to the 4th Sunday of Lent when we learnt that churches were to close due to COVID-19. Since then a few of our friends have died, others have become frail, and for some, being absent from the Eucharist for such a long time, may take some time to return. Thus let us not be too disappointed if numbers are significantly less than prior to the coronavirus.

May we rejoice that the 'doors' have opened and that we may celebrate our faith again on a regular basis with our faith community.

May we be patient in these times as there are a few regulations to contend with in order to ensure a healthy environment for all.

God bless (**Fr John**)

St Anne's Purnim: A meeting for interested parishioners this Wednesday, 9th December 7.30pm in the church

Liturgical Roster: The celebration of Mass relies on the assistance of volunteers. A roster will be organised for the New Year. In the meantime we will rely on your help. It is presumed all who have been included on the roster (pre-Covid) will continue, unless you notify the Parish Office to the contrary. Thank you

Community Christmas Day Lunch: This has always been a wonderful occasion but unfortunately it will not be held this year. We may be able to help in another way, so if you would like further information please contact the Parish Office or Mary (0409 158 177)

St Vincent de Paul: You can donate to the 2020 Vinnies Christmas Appeal via vinnies.org.au/christmasappeal or phoning 13 18 12

After-School Tutoring Program is looking for volunteers to help tutor primary school aged students in 2021. This will be based at St Pius or OLHC primary schools. Further information: Rebecca Janes 0447 156 690