

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:** 10.00am (Liturgy of Word with Communion)
Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Deaths: Pat Martin, Helen Goss, Clare Ryan, Frank Bowman

Anniversaries: Rita Neagle, Graeme Horan

Caring for Parishioners: Are you aware of any parishioner who would appreciate receiving the Eucharist? Are you available to help with taking Communion to those who are housebound? Please contact Leanne (Parish Office).

Baptism: Atticus Sherry is welcomed into God's family this weekend

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.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of December

Parish: \$2,670.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820

Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

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. <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=12>

Baptism of the Lord

2021

Fr Michael Linehan's 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 next couple of weeks enabling Fr John Corrigan and Fr John Fitzgerald to celebrate the other 6 Masses in the 4 parishes of the Ministry District. This weekend Fr John C will be at St Joseph's and Fr John F will preside at St Patrick's (Port Fairy) and St Pius X.

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 primary 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 now be familiar with the fact that if there is a funeral to be celebrated in a particular parish it replaces the weekday Mass (if one is scheduled).

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

Frs John Fitzgerald & John Corrigan

Prayer Leaders re the Ministry District: To prepare for all situations there will be 2 Workshops in February/March to form Lay Leaders of Worship. It is hoped 2-4 parishioners from each of the 4 parishes of the Ministry District could be in attendance at these Workshops. Further information contact Parish Office.

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'

Publication: Please take home a copy of the current 'Our Diocesan Community'.