

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9 am - 1 pm; 1:30pm - 4 pm

Diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Joseph's is a Child-Safe Parish

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)

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER: Anne Maree Mugavin

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS: Michael Gray (St Joseph's School)
Peter Morgan (Emmanuel College)

WEEK-END LITURGIES: **Sunday:** 8.30am, 10 am & 6 pm
Purnim: 11am (Eucharist on 2nd and 4th Sundays)
(Assembly of Word with Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAY LITURGIES: **Wednesday:** 10.00 am (Liturgy of the Word with Comm) **Friday:** 10.00 am (Eucharist)
7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Deaths: Ron Dowd, Jim Claridge, Terry Lynch

Anniversaries: Jan Anderson, Jim Lenehan, Cecilia O'Keefe, Raymond O'Keefe

Baptism: Fredrick Kopke is welcomed into God's family this weekend

Reconciliation: Senior school students (Grade 6) will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday, 20th April. A parent information evening will be held this Tuesday, 7.30pm in the Gathering Space.

Staying Safe: Wearing a mask is no longer mandatory, however, the government recommends that we wear a face mask when we cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance. Sign in or use your phone to access the QR code on entering the Church

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of February

Parish: \$1,878.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820.00

Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

St Joseph's Parish has joined with CDF (Catholic Development Fund-Ballararat) 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>

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Season of Lent

The **Season of Lent** is a time of prayer, self-denial and for helping others. In this way the whole Church prepares for the great Feast of Easter.

Please take home a **Project Compassion Box** or **Envelope** today.

Stations of the Cross: All Fridays in Lent: 7:30pm (St Joseph's Church)

'Look to Jesus': A Lent & Easter resource for individuals or groups providing daily reflections and prayer through Lent to early Easter.

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/adult-formation/resources-and-publications/>

Project Compassion: Week 4 Indonesia

Arsad and his family were often sick due to unhealthy hygiene practises. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. This also enabled him to build a toilet in his house and facilitated others in his neighbourhood.

Scrutinies: These are liturgical rites on the middle three Sundays during Lent for adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. This weekend Rebecca James and Jenaya Kelly celebrate the 2nd Scrutiny (at St Pius). Lent is a time when we are called to examine our minds and hearts and think about what we do and what we fail to do. Having Rebecca and Jenaya in our midst is an inspiration and source of renewal for us on our Lenten journey.

Ministry District: A meeting was held last week with representatives from each Parish and Mark Bromley (Diocesan Finance & Administration Officer) to discuss the future of the Ministry District. A new Ministry District Committee has been formed. A document will be available 27th/28th March for parishioners perusal. Each parish to schedule a gathering to consider the proposal of merging Pastoral & Administration responsibilities.

Communion to the Housebound: There are parishioners not receiving communion at home as we don't have enough ministers to assist. If you are interested in this Ministry of Service, please contact Parish Office. Thanks to those who are involved in this Ministry.

Prayer Leaders re the Ministry District: Thank you to parishioners who have shown an interest in becoming a Prayer Leader of the Assembly of the Word. The Workshops will be held on Thursday 18th & 25th March 7-8:30pm.

Easter Arts Festival: An all-inclusive and celebratory series of arts events with the theme 'Reflection of Easter'. May this celebration through the arts community bring a new appreciation of Easter. Further information in Gathering Space.

Blokes Brekky: Naringal Baptist Church, Saturday 27th March 8.30am. \$10 All men welcome to enjoy breakfast and listen to Guest Speaker Tim Costello. Register <https://naringalchurch.elvanto.com.au/form/a299b031-e2c5-422a-8237-54bb51c4f90b>