

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

**Parish Office:** 5562 2231 **E-mail:** warrnambool@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

**Deaths:** Frank Conheady, Beatrice Garvey, Frank Wiggins, Sr Monica Butler RSM

**Anniversaries:** Jim O'Neill, Albert Stainsby, John Brown

**Project Compassion:** Thank you for giving \$7,661.00. For those who requested a receipt they are available from the Parish Office

**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 March

**Parish:** \$2,551.00 **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-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>

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 'Looking Forward'

This plan commenced in 2014 inviting parishes to work more closely together with a view towards the potential merger of parishes. Presently, consultation is happening. Last Tuesday the St Joseph's community met.

Today (Sunday) St Pius X meet following the 10.30am Mass

Monday 19th April at 7.00pm St Patrick's Port Fairy parishioners gather

Tuesday 20th April at 7.00pm Infant Jesus Koroit parishioners gather

All parishioners are invited and most welcome.

OLHC (Warrnambool East) will likely be involved at a later stage following Fr Lawrie's retirement.

### *Why is this being considered?*

- For our Catholic region to work more closely and face the challenges together
- Providing communities more time to concentrate of pastoral and spiritual needs
- Professional staff willing and able to assist and support volunteers with church and property maintenance
- Financial administration will be much more efficient
- Reductions in clergy numbers over recent years have led to a number of parishes being without a resident priest.

**Reconciliation:** Please keep the senior students of St Joseph's Primary school in your prayers as they celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday at 5.30pm

**Meetings: Tuesday:** Consultors & Personnel Board (Ballarat)

**Wednesday:** Finance Committee at 12noon

### St Joseph's Parish Prayer

God of all Creation, we praise you for the gift of this community of many diverse people.

Lord Jesus, Word of God among us, we thank you for teaching us of your wisdom and for nourishing us with the Eucharist.

Holy Spirit, we are baptised and confirmed in your name. Continue to inspire us as you inspired the First People of this land, and all our ancestors, from whatever part of the world.

Strengthen us to live as Jesus did, welcoming all people and using our talents and resources to serve each other.

As a Parish, we will endeavour to make present the Reign of God, here and now and forever.

Amen