

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: Jim Guinan (St Joseph's School-interim)
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: Ron Earl, Bernard Smith, Pat Stanhope

Anniversaries: Alice Callaghan, John & Maggie Ryan, Coral Harney, Rangi Te Tau, Annie Fitzgerald, Harry Sinn

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family this weekend: Gracie & Freddie Jess, Fletcher Haberfield and Andrew Mugavin

Meeting: Wednesday: Parish Leadership Team at 5.00pm

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of April

Parish: \$1,341.00.00 **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>

The Ascension of the Lord

First Eucharist

We welcome the children who are celebrating First Eucharist today. These children prepared for the sacrament last year during Remote Learning, so their preparation has been somewhat different to previous years. It is important that we, the church community, but **especially the parents**, continue to support the children in modelling the Christian life for them.



Ministry District: The Catholic communities of Koroit, Port Fairy, Warrnambool West and Warrnambool have had the opportunity to gather, dialogue and to seek greater clarity in relation to the potential merger of the above parishes. We thank all who took time to gather for the consultation process. We now invite you to forward a **name** that you believe would be appropriate and acceptable for the 'new' parish. Please forward to Leanne at St Joseph's Parish Office or to one of the priests. Thanks to those who have already presented a name for consideration.

Sacraments of Healing: This Pastoral Formation Day is a series of workshops on pastoral care and the Sacraments of Healing, Reconciliation, Anointing of the sick, and Communion to the sick and dying. Further details to follow.

Congratulations: Fr Michael Linehan celebrates 50 years of ordination to the priesthood next weekend. To mark this occasion he will celebrate 10.30am Mass at St Pius X on that day.

Mass Count: The annual national mass count continues this weekend.

Statement: Over the past week a number of media articles have mentioned one of our former clergy and his association with sexual abuse. Once again this brings sorrow to our diocesan community and awakens past hurts and violations for survivors and their families. On such occasions for many, a loss of confidence and trust in church leadership comes to the fore, as does a loss in their confidence in belonging to the church community.

In this time of remorse we wish to assure people that the diocese is making every effort to secure a safe passage for all in our future endeavours to live as the *People of God*. (Fr John Fitzgerald & Fr John Corrigan)



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