

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)
Barry Wolff (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: Suspended until further notice

Mass Online: St Joseph's Parish Mass (2nd August) can be viewed from 8.30am via:

YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280 or

St Joseph's Church Warrnambool YouTube

Deaths: Fr Leo Harney (Bendigo), Terry Lenehan

Anniversaries: Joan & Kevin Morris

Thanksgiving Program: New envelopes and receipts are available from the Parish Office. Thank you to the parishioners who have continued to gift to the Presbytery and to the Parish over the past weeks. Thanks for your care and generosity.

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 will receive an electronic receipt for any payments made.

The link can be found on St Joseph's website and scrolling down to the CDF portal or go to <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/>

Further information or query please contact Parish Office. (Leanne)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of June

Parish: \$2,470.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$150.00

NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Looking Towards our 'Ministry District' 2021

Appointments: Tony Herbert has been appointed the new Business Manager for St Joseph's Parish following Barry Wolff's retirement. This is a part-time position (0.6) and his role will extend to the 'Ministry District' in 2021.

Louise Dryburgh has been appointed Assistant Business Manager. Louise already works in this role at West Warrnambool, Port Fairy & Koroit ... thus Louise will also work for the parishes of the 'Ministry District' in 2021.

St Patrick's School Port Fairy: Olga Lyons has been appointed the new principal, commencing January 2021.

Yambuk & Orford Churches: The contracts for sale of both churches have been signed, with settlement at a later date: Orford (late-August.), Yambuk (mid-Sept). Yambuk sold for \$333,000 (incl gst) and Orford sold for \$165,000 (incl gst). It has been a positive result for all.

We congratulate and welcome Tony, Louise and Olga as we prepare and look ahead to what the future may hold.

Thank You: Fr John and the many parishioners who gave me support following the recent death of my husband, George. I have really appreciated your love and care - it brought home to me the meaning of 'community'. (*Mary Lancaster*)

Weekday Prayer: The Church (St Joseph's) will be closed for the immediate future. due to the severe restrictions in place in Victoria at present.

A Personal Experience: Since the shut down of our churches I have been involved in providing the Mass to St Joseph's parishioners and others. Our 'Sunday Mass' is celebrated and recorded on a Saturday, then uploaded to YouTube and the Facebook page. One might think it is a matter of turning up at the church, filming and going home. No, there is a lot more to it than that. Decisions need to be made in relation to the camera, the music, sound and lighting check. It is important that those viewing the Mass feel a part of the celebration eg when reading the lector needs to look into the camera: a somewhat different experience than looking into the body of the church at the congregation. The responses: you can't allow your mind to wander, you need to stay in the present. Those who prepare the liturgy come together each week to run through the Mass, making sure everything will run smoothly on the day of filming.

This new experience of being involved in Mass online has opened my eyes in a different & more personal way, helping me feel more connected with the Mass. As much as I miss coming together each week with parishioners I feel privileged to be involved. I am very mindful of those who are missing Mass in their lives, but hope and pray our congregation will be back together soon. (*Leanne McElgunn*)