

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)
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: Suspended until further notice

Mass Online: St Joseph's Parish Mass (13thSept) can be viewed from 8.30am via:
YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280

Deaths: Peta Vandewouw, Jack Lanigan

Anniversaries: Tom Fitzgerald, Peter Morris, John Hyland

Diocesan News: Our churches to remain closed and will not reopen before 23rd November.

Caring for our Parish: 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 receive an electronic receipt for any payments made. Further information please contact Parish Office (Leanne).

The link for St Joseph's Parish is: <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=12>

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of August

Parish: \$1,713.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lockdown has been a Very Challenging Time

Not being able to communicate face to face with people has been very difficult and initially it took me some time to accept the fact. One learning I have gained is that I have no desire to be a hermit! I have really missed the opportunities to be involved with groups in the parish and in the local community. Isolation from other Mercy Communities feels more pronounced in these days too. Phone calls and cards are substituting for visits where possible.

Being able to 'attend' Mass by watching the streamed one has been a blessing for which I am very grateful. That experience highlights again, the absence of community involvement which to me is a natural follow on after being at Mass.

I have used time for gardening and house cleaning and I am pleased to say I have flowers which I planted as seeds in lockdown 1, now in bloom. I have spent time reflecting on what matters most to me and what I really need to be happy. As hard as it has been, I am most grateful that I live here and I will hold in prayer the sick, the lonely, the frontline people, the bereaved and their families. *(Sr) Marie Mansbridge*

Looking after Yourself and Others: Stick to a routine. Get out once a day. Find some time to move each day. Reach out to others.

Child Protection Sunday: 13th September: This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.



Not everything is Cancelled

Sunshine is not cancelled; Spring is not cancelled;

Love is not cancelled; Caring is not cancelled;

Relationships are not cancelled;

Reading is not cancelled; Afternoon naps are not cancelled;

Devotion, Prayer & Reflection are not cancelled;

Music is not cancelled; Dancing is not cancelled;

Imagination and Creativity are not cancelled;

Kindness is not cancelled;

Conversations are not cancelled;

Smiles and Happiness are not cancelled.