

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 (20thSept) can be viewed from 8.30am via:
YouTube - www.tiny.cc/joe3280

Deaths: Nell Carey

Anniversaries: Michael Jackman

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.

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mother & Daughter Connecting Together at Home

Keeping my faith alive has been made possible by the efforts of some wonderful people. I wish to thank all those involved who tirelessly 'produce' Mass each week. My mum and I set up our 'Church' at the kitchen table with a candle, flowers, crucifix and a photo of my precious dad. At first it was strange to 'voice' the prayers. I'm getting better. I still can't sing the songs though. My solo voice isn't the best to listen to!

Nothing can replace the reverence of being in a Church. The live-stream Mass on the computer is a great option; a necessary requirement until we may gather again as one. (*Helen Jones*)

It is wonderful to be able to praise and glorify God through the Holy Mass together in spirit while not being able to attend Mass. This winter, my body has reacted to the cold, so it is a blessing to view the Mass at home. (*Lenore Jones*)

There must be people who are unable to attend Mass in the Church for various reasons. I wonder whether the online Mass could continue once this pandemic is over. A little brainstorming would be required to see how this may happen. (*Helen & Lenore*)

Correspondence from Bishop Paul Bird

As you would be aware, the Victorian Government has announced some easing of the restrictions that have been in force to counter the spread of COVID-19.

- # Weddings will be able to have up to 10 people
- # Funerals will be able to have up to 20 people
- # Outdoor religious gatherings will be allowed for up to 10 people

We will now be able to reopen our churches and chapels, at least for private worship. I encourage parish and school communities to open churches and chapels for some time each day so that people can spend a while in personal prayer in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It is still possible for parishes to live-stream Mass with the minimum of people.

Together with the other bishops of Victoria, I have been making representations to government for an easing of the restrictions in relation to places of worship. I have proposed that places of worship should at least be treated in the same way as other places where people can gather socially. I pray particularly that we will soon be able to share the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.

God bless you all

Bishop Paul

NB: St Joseph's Church will be open 10.00am to 12noon (Monday to Friday)