

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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**PARISH STAFF:** Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)  
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**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:** **Sunday:** 8.30am - 10.30am - 6.00pm  
**Purnim:** 11.00am (Eucharist on 2nd and 4th Sundays)  
(Assembly of Word with Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

**WEEK-DAY LITURGIES:** **Tuesday & Friday:** 10.00am: (Eucharist)  
**Wednesday:** 9.00am (Eucharist)  
**Thursday:** 6.00pm (St Joseph's School Graduation)

**Deaths:** Sharyn McCluskey

**Anniversaries:** James Smith, Kay Harbeck, Peter (Red) Kelly

**Junior Organ Students Concert:** Performing 'A Taste of Christmas', Saturday 16th December 2.00pm in St Joseph's Church. All welcome to come and hear our students

**Emmanuel Staff Mass:** This Wednesday at 9.00am at St Joseph's Church. This will be the normal parish weekday Mass. All welcome. Please note earlier time

**Pastoral Associate:** Kathleen Card from Melbourne has accepted my invitation to be our Pastoral Associate for a period of 2 years. The contract was finalised this week. She commences on Monday, 29th January 2018. I'm sure you will support Kathleen in her new role with us. (Fr John)

**Br Frank O'Shea:** Br O'Shea who is a Missionary in Africa, and former Emmanuel student will be speaking at OLHC this Wednesday at 7.30pm. All welcome

**Carols On the Green:** This Friday 6.30pm Games & family BBQ. 7.30pm Carols

## Stewardship - Finances

**Stewardship:** Weekly average contributions for the month of November

**Parish:** \$1,964.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,375.00

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

## Second Sunday of Advent



Advent has a **two-fold** purpose:

- \* **to prepare** for Christmas when Christ's birth is remembered
- \* **to await** Christ's second coming at the end of time

**St Vincent de Paul Society & Refugee Collection:** Envelopes for both these worthy causes are available under the Christmas tree. Envelopes can be placed on either collection plate

## Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness Tuesday, 19th December at 7.30pm

We are invited: to **listen** to the Word of God  
to **examine** our conscience  
to **repent** of our sins  
to **seek** forgiveness of almighty God

This is an excellent way to prepare for the up-coming feast of Christmas.

## Christmas Masses

**24 December Sunday:** 9.30am (No 8.30am or 10.30am)

**Sunday:** 5.00pm  
7.00pm  
9.00pm

NB: 8.30pm at Purnim (Vigil)



**25 December Monday:** 9.30am

**Christmas Eve: 5.00pm Mass:** On the recommendation of St Joseph's Liturgy Committee and in dialogue with our parish school the 5.00pm Christmas Eve Mass will be held this year at St Joseph's Church (and not at the school) All most welcome

**Ministries:** Please give some consideration to helping with the Christmas ministries. List available in Gathering Space.

## Nativity Exhibition

A great way to engage with the true meaning of Christmas and move the focus from commerce to the reality of the Birth of Christ and all that this means. A fascinating range of cribs from around the world are on display.

**Christmas Day Lunch:** Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, but for some this is not possible. You are welcome to share a luncheon on Christmas Day (St Joseph's Hall) 12noon to 1.30pm. Bookings essential. Cath (5561 4120) Mary (0409 158 177)