

# 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:** **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:** 10.00am (Eucharist)

**Christmas Mass times:** see opposite

**NB:** A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

**Deaths:** Bruce Robinson (Melbourne), George Swarbrick

**Anniversaries:** Mary Mugavin (Purnim), Nancy Ryan, James Kelson, Tottie O'Brien, Lucas Alvarez, Maria Isabel Mendez, Norm Densley, Norman Rowe, Glenys Balchin, Peter Kelly, Robert Roache, Leon Greene, John (Jock) McDonald

**St Brigid's Crossley:** Christmas Carols **this** evening at 7.30pm. Barbecue meal from 6.30pm. All welcome

**Child Safety Standards:** We have displayed the Child Safety posters and the Commitment Statement to Child Safety in the Gathering Space. The parish Safeguarding Officer, Anne Maree Mugavin will speak to us in the new year.

**Clergy Changes:** Fr Damian Styles, assistant priest in Mildura, will be returning to full time chaplaincy with the Australian Army. Fr James Kerr who has served in the Cathedral Parish for the past three years will be the new assistant priest in Mildura.

## Stewardship - Finances

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

**Parish:** \$2,051.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,423.00

**NB:** Parish contribution consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debits

## FOURTH 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



**Refugee Christmas Envelopes:** To purchase food for refugees which is distributed from the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre (Footscray) by the Sisters of Mercy

**St Vincent de Paul Envelopes:** For the needs of the local community

## Communal Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness

**Tuesday (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

**NB:** This is an excellent way to prepare for the up-coming feast of Christmas

## Christmas Mass Times

**24th December (Saturday)**

5.00pm at St Joseph's School (All welcome)

7.00pm & 9.00pm St Joseph's Church

8.00pm St Anne's Purnim (Fr F Madden)

**25th December (Sunday)**

8.30am & 10.30am St Joseph's Church

**NB:** There is no 6.00pm Mass next Sunday

Fr Anthony Nagothu, from the Cathedral Parish, has kindly offered to assist St Joseph's Parish on Christmas Eve

**Christmas Mass Ministries:** Please consider being a part of the Mass you will be attending. List available in Gathering Space or contact Parish Office.

**Reconciliation (Confession):** This Friday at 10.30am & 6.00pm

**Christmas Day Lunch:** Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, but for some this is not possible. Come and join us on Christmas Day 12noon to 1.30pm at the Uniting Church. Bookings essential: Cath (5561 4120) or Mary (0409 158 177)