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)

Kathleen Card (Pastoral Associate) Barry Wolff (Business Manager) Leanne McElgunn (Secretary) Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER: Anne Maree Mugavin

Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 1.00pm; 1.30pm - 4.00pm

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS: Michael Grav (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 Wednesday Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)

Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

Deaths:

Anniversaries: Thomas Hanrahan, Marcelino Mendoza, Graeme Horan

Baptism Preparation: This Tuesday 7.30pm in Gathering Space. Please book prior

Cards: Tuesday cards has resumed and will be at OLHC this week. All welcome

Friday cuppa: Following 10.00am Mass each Friday a cuppa is served allowing parishioners to catch up and celebrate 'milestones' together. It resumes this week and everyone is welcome.

Playgroup: Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and children are welcome to join playgroup each Tuesday 10.00am to 12noon (Parish Hall). Enquiries please contact Parish Office (5562 2231) or Lauren (0447 778 891)

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of December **Parish:** \$2,028.00 **Pledged Amount**: (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery**: \$1,498.00 NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

Bishop's Christmas Appeal: \$884.50

Baptism of the Lord



Clothing with the White Garment

N, you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ.

See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity.

With your family and friends to help you by word and example bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

Receive the Light of Christ

Parents and God-parents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.

This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ.

He/she is to walk always as a child of the light.

May the child keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart.

When the Lord comes, may he/she go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.



Our History: It's important to acknowledge our past and be grateful to those who laid the foundations of our Parish. Later this year we celebrate 130 years since the completion of St Joseph's Church. Russell Anderson and Dorothy Earl, the Parish Archivists, have assembled a large collection of historical information that is now stored in the 'Archive Centre' in the Parish Office. Currently there is a small display of information in the Gathering Space.

During the year there will be photos and other information on display. If you have any historical items of interest concerning the Parish please let us know.

Closure of St Joseph's Church Yambuk: A final Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 3rd February at 10.30am, followed by BYO picnic luncheon in the church grounds. Special invitation to former parishioners.

Plenary Council: A bookmark is available giving some background information and offering people an opportunity to participate in the Plenary Council process.

For Sale: 1,000 litre water tank with 2.5hp pump and 4 meter hose & fittings. Suitable for watering plants off trailer. \$500.00. Enquire: Pat Negri (Parish gardens & maintenance) or Parish Office.