

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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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: **Monday:** 10.00am (Eucharist - New Year's Day)
Wednesday to Friday: 10.00am: (Eucharist)
Friday: 10.30am Reconciliation
NB: A funeral replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Pat Smith, Mary Carroll

Anniversaries: Ray McNeice, Jim & Nance McNiece, Ray Mugavin, Irvine Guy, Lorraine Bolden

New Year's Day: There will be Mass tomorrow (Monday) at 10.00am. It is also the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, as well as the World Day of Peace.

Clergy Appointments: Bishop Paul has appointed Frs Eugene McKinnon & Peter Jose CMI to the parishes of Charlton & St Arnaud as well as continuing to minister in each of the parishes of the North Central Ministry District. A new schedule for worship across the North Central will come into effect from February 2018.

2018 World Day of Peace: January 1st (tomorrow). Migrants & Refugees: Men & Women in search of Peace. Pope Francis offers a strategy combining four actions: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.

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

Feast of the Holy Family



MAY GOD WHO
HAS COME AMONG
US IN THE BIRTH
OF JESUS CHRIST
BLESS YOU WITH
EVERY GOOD GIFT
NOW AND ALWAYS

Annual Christmas Appeal: "Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have personal links with the diocese of Ballarat I commend the Christmas Appeal to you and to your parishioners Yours sincerely in Christ" **Bishop Paul Bird**

The Christmas Appeal will be taken up next weekend (2nd collection)

See Notice Board re where the 2016 Appeal was money was distributed.

Thanks to the **many parishioners** who assisted so generously in preparing the Church, the liturgy and the environment during the Season of Advent and Christmas. The Christmas Season continues to the Feast of the Epiphany (Sunday 7th January)

Thank you for your friendship and support during 2017 and your good wishes for 2018 (**Fr John**)

Welcome: We warmly welcome Fr Barry Ryan this weekend who is celebrating the Masses at St Joseph's

Thankyou: The community Christmas Day lunch was a great success. Thanks to everyone who contributed ... without your help it would not be possible. The lunch was attended by many people who would otherwise have no-one with whom to celebrate.