

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 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:** 3.30pm (Nuptial Mass)
Tuesday: 10.00am (New Year's Day)
Thursday & Friday: 10.00am (Eucharist)
Friday: 10.30am (Reconciliation)

Deaths: Kath Glennen (Terang), Marion Fitzgibbon

Anniversaries: We remember in Prayer: Francis McCarthy

Wedding Bells: This weekend we congratulate three couples: Amy Henry & Martin Wynd; Regina Kenna & Brady Cassidy and Kayla Armitstead & Conor McConnell

New Year's Day: Tuesday is the very important feast of **Mary, the Mother of God** and we celebrate **World Day of Peace**. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am as we ask God's Blessing upon 2019. Celebrating the Eucharist would be a most appropriate way to begin the New Year.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of November

Parish: \$1,905.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,562.00

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

Feast of the Holy Family



MAY GOD WHO
H A S C O M E
AMONG US IN THE
BIRTH OF JESUS
CHRIST BLESS
YOU WITH EVERY
GOOD GIFT NOW
AND ALWAYS.

Fr John

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 6th January).

Thank you for your friendship and support during 2018 and your good wishes for 2019 (Fr John)

Diocesan News: In 2019 the Redemptorist Order has offered to sponsor 5 newly ordained priests to work in our diocese for 12 months. They will minister in the parishes of: Ararat, Ballarat, Hamilton, Maryborough and Redan/Sebastopol. These appointments commence on 1st February, 2019.

Monsignor Glynn Murphy has taken up ministry in Warracknabeal and Hopetoun.

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 requests come through people who have bonds with diocese of Ballarat... I commend the Christmas Appeal to you and your parishioners ... Yours sincerely in Christ' **Bishop Paul Bird**

The Christmas Appeal will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (2nd collection).

Plenary Council: There is a bookmark available this weekend. This bookmark gives some background information and offers people an opportunity to participate in the Plenary Council process, whether through a Listening and Dialogue Encounter or by submitting a response on this card. We hope this encourages people to have their voice heard about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.