



Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes
St. Ignatius', Neerim South-St. Joseph's, Warragul-St Ita's, Drouin
'Forming Missionary Communities'

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Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Saturday 10am St Joseph's Church
 Followed by Rosary and Benediction
Tuesday 9.30am St Ita's Church

Reconciliation:

St Joseph's: Wednesday 9.15am
 Saturday 10.30-11.00am
 St Ita's: Saturday 9.45-10.15am

Sunday 10th November 2024 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time - Yr B

*During the month of November we bring to prayer those who
 have gone before us marked with faith*

Weekday Mass Times (11-15 Nov)

Monday:	Warragul	9.30am
Tuesday:	Warragul	5.30pm
Wednesday:	Warragul	9.30am
Thursday:	Drouin	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul	9.30am

Sunday Mass Times (16-17 Nov)

Saturday:	Neerim South (Vigil)	5.30pm
	Warragul (Vigil)	7.00pm
Sunday:	Warragul	9.00am
	Drouin	10.30am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Swallowing Widow's Property

Wealthy beyond the imagination of people in Jesus' time, ordinary Australians squirm a little when we hear today's gospel (*Mark 12:38-44*). Jesus always has a special place for "the poor"; indeed, they are central to his Good News. He has a very good sense of who holds overwhelming power in his society and forever he is reminding the haves of their obligation to the have nots. Jesus' illustration upholds the nobility and dignity of the have nots. This particular have-not, this desperately poor widow, has a closer relationship with her creator than do the haves, the crooks and cons who actually swindle her out of what little she has. Wallowing in the wealth that most Australians enjoy, relative to the rest of humanity over time and place, of course we squirm! "Are we not entitled to earth's fruits which have fallen to us either by good luck or good management?" That's a qualified "yes". As soon as we start to defensively protest, "I earned this with the sweat of my brow, or I inherited this, no-one takes what is mine etc.", we begin to resemble those long-robed scribes in the seats of honour. Uh Oh! Creations abundance is for all humanity. Our task is to ensure the distribution is loving and equitable. So, what is the answer? Well, firstly we need to review whether we are swallowing the property of widows? Are we penny-pinching landlords, overcharging business operators or

ungenerous workers, cheaters of taxation or voters against the poor? No! Good! Earth has furnished us with abundance, and we are entitled to our share, so how do we play our part making distribution equitable? One response, as Christmas approaches, is to seek out the poor in Australia and around the world and find ways to generously give until it hurts. Then we might know a little of the widow's generosity and her closeness to God. (*hint: Plan International/ Caritas/Care Australia/Catholic Mission/ Vinnies*). **Deacon Mark Kelly**

Advent & Christmas narratives

All parishioners are welcome to a special evening explaining the coming season of Advent and the Christmas Narratives. This will be held on **Wednesday 27th November 7.30pm Marian Room**. Guest presenter is Anne Taylor from Diocese of Sale Education Limited (Doscel) For more information you can contact Joan at the Parish Office: 56231642.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIMES:

Senior Youth Group
 (High School students)
 Weekend of the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month: 8pm-10pm after the vigil Mass (Sat) in the Marian Room at St Joseph's church.
Junior Youth Group
 (Primary School students)
 1st Sunday of every month:
 11.30am-1pm after Mass, St Ita's school hall.
 Weekend of the 3rd Sunday of every month:
 5pm-6.30pm before the vigil Mass (Sat) in the Marian Room at St Joseph's church.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF WARRAGUL AND DROUIN OUR VISION - FORMING MISSIONARY COMMUNITIES

We are engaged together in the **mission** of Jesus today; as we seek to make God known and to love God and neighbour. Anything that helps people live in their full dignity and freedom, that serves the kingdom of God, is mission. We do this in **community** because we are more than individual believers and parishioners. We are one community made up of smaller communities: two parishes, three churches, our parish schools, ministry groups and families. We constantly need **formation** in our following of Jesus and we seek opportunities to grow in community for mission.

CUP OF TEA:

A cuppa will be held after the 7pm and 9am Masses this weekend.

It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share. Many thanks.

DIOCESAN CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Thank you to all parishioners who participated in the Diocesan Consultation process over the last few months. Special thanks to Ged Shelton and Deacon Mark who facilitated these sessions and also to those who provided morning tea. The sessions were held in a spirit of respectfully listening as each shared their stories and faith experiences. Joan Robertson.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

Will be celebrated **next** weekend at the 10.30am Mass in Drouin and the **following weekend** at the 9am Mass in Warragul. All children are welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DROUIN CONFERENCE CHRISTMAS TREE

This Christmas you can help make someone's Christmas a bit brighter by taking a star from the Christmas tree in the church foyer which will indicate who you are buying for. It would be appreciated if you can take a tag and donate an appropriate gift. We would also appreciate if the gifts can come in gift bags and not wrapped. Thank for you past generosity.

Barbara Durand
President

ST JOSEPH'S:

Many of the students who recently received the Sacrament of First Communion gathered with their families for a Post Teaching Mass for Communion on Thursday evening at St Itas. The students participated in the mass by echoing lines of the Gospel reading with actions, reading prayers of the faithful and they

brought along food items which were offered up at the offertory procession. After mass, the children and their families shared a meal together. All in all, it was a lovely way to finish off the childrens' journey of preparation for the Sacrament.

ST ITA'S:

Last week our Mini Vinnies St Ita's Day pyjamas day/crazy Hair and socks day raised \$ 550 to assist the St Vincent De Paul *Assist a student Program*. It is an education program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty to provide funding to educate a student for a year, it assists with school fees, school uniform and school supplies. Every \$100 raised assist one child. On Thursday night the Parish First Communion candidates attended a special Post First Communion Teaching Mass and celebratory BBQ . It was great to see so many of our school families in attendance.

MARIST-SION COLLEGE:

On Thursday 7 November our College held a Showcase Evening, followed by performances in the Marian Theatre to celebrate the talents, skills and exhibitions of our Year 7-9 students who participated in the (LEAP) Learning Enrichment Adjustments Program. Parents, grandparents and family members, staff and students enjoyed viewing and hearing about the wide range of Passion Projects on display and delighted in the performances of our Performing Arts students.

SHINE THE LIGHT:

In today's Gospel, Jesus praises the poor widow's humble offering, contrasting it with the exploitation of the vulnerable. Domestic violence similarly preys on the weak and vulnerable, contradicting Christ's call for compassion and justice. Parishes across the Diocese of Sale are uniting in Shining a Light on Domestic Violence, praying for its end. Let us stand together to create

a safer, more compassionate community.

MILITARY ORDINARIATE COLLECTION:

The annual appeal for the Military Ordinariate (military chaplains) will be held this weekend. If you would like to donate, please send a donation in a labelled envelope to the parish office. There will not be a separate collection.

THAT CATHOLIC SHOP

Copies of the Christmas catalogue of ***That Catholic Shop*** are available in the church foyers. All proceeds assist the work and mission of ***Aid to the Church in need***. Visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the entire range and order online.

SALE "WALKS THE TALK"

Bishop Greg acknowledges and thanks the Diocese of Sale for the wonderful commitment to safeguarding in the Diocese of Sale. Further information in relation to a recent audit carried out in Sale can be found:

<https://cathnews.com/2024/11/04/audit-report-shows-sale-walking-the-talk-in-building-a-culture-of-safety/>

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

the next Contemplative Prayer Group meeting is on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Facilitator: Michael Charles.

JESUIT & IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AUSTRALIA

Have several retreats and spiritual exercises with adaptations of St Ignatius Loyola, are on offer to all interested persons. An Ignatian director gently guides you into paying attention to how God might be speaking to you in ordinary life experiences. To contact please email: info@jisa.org.au

Columban Donations

The amount collected by Fr Rob during his parish visit was \$6,570.00. Cash donations received by the office were banked at a total of \$2,065.00 and forwarded to Columban Mission by electronic funds transfer.



Other donations sent to the parish office (cheque and credit card) and tax receipt information were forwarded to Columban Mission for processing. Any queries regarding receipts should be made to Columban Mission directly on 9375 9475. Thank you for your very generous support of this cause.

Diocesan Sale Vocation Prayer 2024

HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask you to bless our diocese and the Church with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously live their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and parishes that we may be given the grace and strength to live our baptismal vocation to be holy, as You are. Bless us that we will respond to your invitation to be living witnesses and disciples of hope as we discern our life in your son, Jesus Christ.

Bless young men and women to respond openly and generously to your invitation to become ministers of your Word and Sacraments, or to serve You faithfully in the covenant of Marriage, or the dignity of single life.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who vocation to be holy, as You are. Bless us that we will respond to your invitation to be living witnesses and disciples of hope as we discern our life in your son, Jesus Christ.

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Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in Salvation, Amen

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5.30pm: Mason Family (Deceased members)
Saturday 7pm: Rabl family (Deceased members)
Sunday 9.30 am: Bev & Kerrie Pyle (Death Anniversary)
Monday 9.30 am: Wall Family (Deceased members)
Tuesday 5.30pm: Mary Jane Smith (Death Anniversary)
Wednesday 9.30 pm: Denise Miron (Deceased)
Thursday 9.30am: Meggetto family (Deceased members)
Friday 9.30am: Gallagher Family (Deceased members)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Kealy & Mary Moors

ANNIVERSARIES: Dominic Rigano, Graeme Dunkley, Trevor Register & Brendan McCabe

RITE OF WELCOME: This weekend we welcome Holly Pratt & Nikita Ziino and their families who begin their journey towards baptism.

BAPTISMS:
 This weekend we welcome Noah & Evan Adams and Arabella Beggs-Bunter into our parish family.

First Collection (to support our Priests)
 083879 941199437
St Joseph's & St Ita's Presbytery account.

Second Collection (Planned Giving)
St Joseph's Church Account
 083879 489045334

St Ita's Church Account
 083879 568166097
St Joseph's Building Works Account
 083879 971765356

ROSTERS

9/10 Nov

Readers

7pm J Parsons 9am F&D Matchado

Minister

7pm M.Gleeson 9am D. Matchado

Offertory

7pm V & J Rowe 9am D Monterrosa

Greeters

7pm M. Gleeson 9am P Heffernan & Elsa Romanin

16/17 Nov

Readers

7pm Youth 9am P.Bertacco

Minister

7pm Dc Mark 9am P.Bertacco

Offertory

7pm Youth 9am T.Giblin

Greeters

7pm Volunteer* 9am B.McIntosh

St. Ita's 10/17 Nov

Readers

10 Nov B&P Maunder 17 Nov J.Eury & Family

Minister

10 Nov J.Durand 17 Nov M. Collins

Communion to the sick

10 Nov M.Collins 17 Nov B. Pickthall

Welcoming

10 Nov C.Butterworth 17 Nov I. McLean

Offertory

10 Nov Sally/Shelley 17 Nov B&J Durand

Piety Stall

10 Nov E. Hamer 17 Nov L & A Schellekens

Cleaning

9 Nov Volunteer* 16 Nov J.Bibby

Amberlea

14 Nov Mari Lara- 21 Nov B.Durand

Laghou

Lyrebird

19 Nov G & M Collins 3 Dec Mass, C.Harkin & J.Fitzgerald

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baptisms: Celebrated on Sundays by prior arrangement including participation at an information meeting for Parents.

Marriages: By prior arrangement, six months notice requested.

CatholicCare: Services include counselling Individual, Family & Natural Family Planning Counselling
 Ph 1800 522 076

St. Vincent de Paul

Conference helpline: Warragul Ph: 0499 201 517
 Drouin Ph: 5625 4715

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

(last week's Sunday collections)

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st collection): \$789.15

Planned Giving envelope: \$470.00

Church (2nd collection) cash \$217.95

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$25,000.00

(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Presbytery (1st collection): \$774.45

Planned Giving envelope: \$585.00

Church (2nd collection) cash \$250.50

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

Monday: St Ita's Rosary, 10.30am followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Tuesday: Contemplative Prayer Group, 7.00pm Marian Room

Wednesday: SVDP Warragul, 10.00am St Joseph's Meeting Room.

RCIA, 7.30pm Marian Room Enq Joan, Parish Office: 56231642

Thursday: SVDP Drouin, 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room.

St Joseph's Pastoral Care Group, 11am Warragul Country Club.

That's the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group, 7.00pm St Ita's Church

Friday: St Ita's Rosary, 7.00pm followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and

prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the

blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began.

Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.

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A collective sum of \$1463.60 was collected in the recent annual appeal across both parishes, with thanks.

Advent preparation: THE LIGHT from Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

Advent is such a busy time of year, and we so easily forget that—at its heart—it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. All parishioners are invited and welcome to participate in this Advent Prayer, reflection and discussion Group. The sessions will include video reflections (designed to deepen your spiritual journey offering profound insights) and contemplative thoughts (that invite you to explore the depths of your faith and anticipate the joy of God's presence in the world.)

SESSION DATE AND TIME:

Friday's: beginning 29th November after the 9.30am Mass
Marian Room St. Joseph's Warragul.

Enquires: Fr. Antony