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

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Principal: Mr Justin Greenwood

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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 15th December 2024

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Weekday Mass Times (16-20 Dec)

Monday:	Warragul	9.30am
Tuesday:	Drouin	5.30 pm
	Drouin (2nd rite reconciliation)	7.00pm
Wednesday:	Warragul	9.30am
Thursday:	Drouin	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul	9.30am

Sunday Mass Times (21-22 Dec)

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.

Joy Says the Pope

Joy is the theme of this Third Sunday of Advent (Luke 3:10-18) and joy is the theme of our Pope's whole pontificate. Remember him calling out "sourpuss" Christians who find fault with everything and everybody (other than themselves of course); folk who can only see doom and gloom in the world around them. In Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis quotes Pope Saint John 23rd fifty odd years ago at the commencement of the Second Vatican Council (11/10/62):

"At times we have to listen, much to our regret, to the voices of people who, though burning with zeal, lack a sense of discretion and measure. In this modern age they can see nothing but prevarication and ruin ... We feel that we must disagree with those prophets of doom who are always forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world were at hand."

Perhaps this Advent, particularly following the Plenary Council of our Australian Church, the Synod on Synodality and in anticipation of our own Diocesan Assembly, any "sourpusses" can be persuaded to join in the eagerness and excitement of the Lord's coming. Certainly, there are evils in our world and our church but they "must not be excuses for diminishing our commitment and our fervour. Let us look upon them as challenges which can help us to grow."

We are not alone! Again, Pope Francis quotes Pope Saint John, "In our times, divine Providence is leading us to a new order of human relations which, by human effort and even beyond all expectations, are directed to the fulfilment of God's superior and inscrutable designs, in which

everything, even human setbacks, leads to the greater good of the Church".

Deacon Mark Kelly

VOLUNTEERS -CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are looking for volunteers to help at our Christmas masses: Greeters, Readers, Offertory Procession and Special Ministers. If your available, please fill in the sheet, located in the foyers of the churches. Enq: Joan at the parish office: 56231641 or Barb Durand: 0414 965 079.

2024 CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday December 24th

(Christmas Eve)

6.30pm	Marist Sion Hall (Carols 6.00pm)
9.00pm	St. Ita's Church Drouin (Carols at 8.30pm)

Wednesday December 25th

(Christmas Day)

9.00am	St. Ignatius Church Neerim South
9.00am	St. Joseph's Church Warragul
10.30am	St. Ita's Church Drouin

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

As well as regular times there is to be a communal service for Reconciliation at St. Ita's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome

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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU CELEBRATION

Friday, 20 December 2024
5.30 p.m. - Marian Room Warragul

NOTE: CHANGES TO OUR CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Moving forward, please note the following change:

1st collection will now be for the church.

2nd collection will be for Presbytery.

Thank you for your generous contributions.



CUP OF TEA:

There will be a cup of tea after the 9am Mass this week, and after 7pm mass next week. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share. Many thanks.

OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE:

The Parish Office will be **closed from 22nd December and reopen on 15th January 2025**. For Mass intentions, speak to Fr directly. For any **emergency** you may contact the priests via email (as in the column to the left) or call the Presbytery on 5623 1642. Messages left on the phone will be monitored.

PARISH CENSUS

A reminder to those who have still to fill out census cards. Please place them in the collection baskets for return. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

ROSTERS FOR WELCOMING AND OFFERTORY AT ST ITA'S SUNDAY MASSES

Hello everyone, I will soon be doing new rosters for welcoming and Gifts. Many thanks to the people already participating. If you are not on the roster and would like to take part, Please let me know

by **December 16th - 0458 988 899.**

Also if you are taking part, but no longer available, please let me know
Regards
Jenny Winterton.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2025

Attention: Families with Students in Grade 3 and Above in 2025.

Dear Parents/Guardians, Our program for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation begins early in Term 1, 2025. If your child is Baptized and will be in Grade 3 or above in 2025, and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, we invite you to attend our **Information Meeting on Thursday 6th February, at 7pm in the Marian Room at St. Joseph's Church, Warragul.** Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Fr. Elio Capra, SDB. He is a knowledgeable and engaging speaker. At this gathering we will hand out information packs, containing enrolment forms, and outline the events and details concerning this wonderful Sacrament. For further enquiries please feel welcome to contact Liz . Email: Warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org.au Ph: 5623 1642

ST JOSEPH'S

We have had a fabulous week at St Josephs. This year we tried something different by combining our Graduation Mass and End of Year Mass. Whilst still reflecting with gratitude on the past year, the whole school had the opportunity to acknowledge and farewell the grade six students. After mass, Frederic Ozanam Scholarships, generously donated by the St Vincent de Paul Society, were awarded to four of our students for diligence and unrelenting effort in their school work and the promotion of Christian values in the School Community. Each of the grade six students received a small wooden cross, replicas of our school cross, as a reminder of the love Jesus has for them and of the special part they have been of our school community.

FAREWELL FOR OLIVIA YOUTH MINISTER

A final Christmas party-youth gathering will be held this Saturday after 7pm Mass. As Olivia Daley is leaving us, a farewell cuppa for Olivia and her assistant Daniel Walker, will be held next Saturday 21st December after 7pm Mass. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share and send good wishes for her valued contributions towards our Youth these past few years.

Olivia would also like to make an invitation out to all parishioners to share a happy day to say Goodbye. Bring a plate/food and a game or two to share. This will be Sunday 12th January 2025 from 12pm at the Civic Park Drouin, all welcome.

CLEAN UP MARIAN STORE ROOM

The Marian store room beside the kitchen will need to be cleaned out to make room for future use. Anyone who has items belonging to them please come and collect them before the end of this month. Anything left will be taken out and viewed as unwanted.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

warraguldrouincatholic.au

Catholic Parishes of Warragul and Drouin This new website is a work in progress with further pages waiting to be added. It can now be accessed using above web page to explore further information about our parishes.

Christmas Gifts from Palms!

Are you looking to give something really special this year? Something that makes a tangible difference?

Palms has the shop for you! Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese GIFTS for your loved one's home, you'll find that perfect GIFT here!



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Happy shopping! And yes, your purchase assists the amazing communities overseas



Third Sunday

Behold, I am sending
my messenger ahead of
you; he will prepare
your way before you.

Matthew 11:10



Pilgrims of Hope

In 2025 Pope Francis has invited all followers of Christ to a year of Jubilee, a year of grace and conversion. A jubilee is held every 25 years or during other years as called by the Pope. You may recall in 2000 we celebrated the Great Jubilee and in 2015 the Holy Year of Mercy

In our Diocese the Jubilee Committee has set a calendar providing opportunity for parishes and diocese to come together and to rejoice in the work of God in our lives. Each month we will be recognising ministries and charisms in our community.

We invite all parishioners to an opening Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on New Years day at 11:00 am celebrated by Bishop Greg.

Throughout the year we will have many opportunities to encourage, evangelise and affirm each other as Pilgrims of Hope. Don't let fear prevent us from committing to our Jubilee

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 7pm:** Les Gnaden (Death Anniversary)
Sunday 9am: Lynda Veronica Quirk (Death anniversary)
Monday 9.30am: Judy Ward (Death Anniversary)
Tuesday 5.30pm: Private Intention
Wednesday 9.30am: Peter & Thera Slegers (Death Anniversary)
Thursday 9.30am: Ken Humphrey (Death Anniversary)
Friday 9.30am: Lorenzo Exposto

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Morrison, Judy Ward, Jacqueline Thompson, Monica Carse, Peter Hengel, James Linahan, Maria Persico, Elizabeth Woolfe, Gary Sweeney, Lynda Veronica Quirk and Paul Delfsma.

BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome Hannah Rose Lee Joyner into our parish family.

First Collection (Planned Giving)

St Joseph's Church Account

083879 489045334

St Ita's Church Account

083879 568166097

Second Collection (to support our Priests)

083879 941199437

St Joseph's & St Ita's Presbytery account.

St Joseph's Building Works Account

083879 971765356

ROSTERS

St Joseph's 14th/15th Dec

Readers

7pm Youth 9am F. Huxley

Minister

7pm Dc Mark 9am J. Marvin

Offertory

7pm Youth 9am Kuriakose family

Greeters

7pm A. Youlden 9am D. Monterrosa

St Joseph's 21st/22nd Dec

Readers

7pm J.Parsons 9am F & D Matchado

Minister

7pm M.Gleeson 9am D.Matchado

Offertory

7pm P.Heffernan 9am D. Monterrosa

& J.Robertson

Greeters

7pm M.Gleeson 9am A.Hoffman & M.Kittely

St. Ita's 15th/22nd Dec

Readers

15 Dec H.Kelly & G. Ward 22 Dec K.R Collier

Minister

15 Dec B.Durand 22 Dec B.Durand

Communion to the sick

15 Dec M.Collins 22 Dec B.Pickthall

Welcoming

15 Dec B&M. Maunder 22 Dec J. Bibby

Offertory

15 Dec C. Butterworth 22 Dec J.John

Piety Stall

15 Dec I.McLean & A. Phillips 22 Dec E.Hamer

Cleaning

14 Dec J. Winterton & 21 Dec T.Meggetto

C. Butterworth 24 Dec L.Schellekens

Amberlee & S.Jensen

19 Dec M Lara-Laghou 26 Dec Volunteer*

Lyrebird

17 Dec B. Maunder 31st Dec G&M Collins

* 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

Safeguarding- Our parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

(last week's Sunday collections)

St Joseph's Parish:

Church (1st collection) cash \$989.00

Planned Giving envelope: \$520.00

Presbytery (2nd collection): \$92.75

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

(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash \$613.60

Planned Giving envelope: \$307.00

Presbytery (2nd collection): \$456.95

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

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

Thursday: 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

Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is
the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
(R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I
repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your
tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very
near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts
and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?'
he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share
with the man who has none, and the one with
something to eat must do the same.' There were tax
collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to
him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them,
'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked
him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?'
He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be
content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people,
who were beginning to think that John might be the
Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you
with water, but someone is coming, someone who is
more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the
strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy
Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear
his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his
barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never
go out.' As well as this, there were many other things
he said to exhort the people and to announce the
Good News to them.

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There was at this time in the wilderness of Judea a great
preacher, John the Baptist. Many people came to hear him
and to be baptized.