



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 22nd December 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT- Yr C

Weekday Mass Times (23-27Dec)

Monday:	Warragul	9.30am
Tuesday:	Christmas Eve Masses (see below)	
Wednesday:	Christmas Day Masse (see below)	
Thursday:	Drouin	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul	9.30am

Sunday Mass Times (28-29 Dec)

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

There is No Exposition or 5.30 Mass in Drouin on Tuesday 24th Dec

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.

Motherette

If we held a "reality" entertainment show to find a mother for the divine incarnation, then Mary of Nazareth wouldn't get a start. She wouldn't make it through auditions. In fact, she wouldn't get a call up at all. An unmarried peasant child from the least of the clans, the least of the Jewish people! Thank God, his ways are not our ways. God did the selecting and, from all of human history, he chose this unlikely girl. Why? Mary is a volunteer. She has the free will to refuse the mission. What would have happened to us if she had? Would God have entered the world? Would humanity have been saved?

As God knew she would, Mary was a willing, faithful, loving, and obedient believer. She gives the angel a believer's, "Yes!" Rightly, Elizabeth proclaims, "Blessed is she who believed!" (Luke 1:39-45) Pope Francis reminds us that, "Mary's 'yes' at the Annunciation was more than a yes to bearing the Son of God but was also an acceptance of everything she would endure after – something every mother experiences with a new child. "It was not easy to answer with a 'yes' to the angel's invitation; yet she, a woman still in the flower of youth, answers with courage, despite not knowing anything about the fate that

awaited her."
 "Mary at that moment looks like one of the many mothers of our world, brave to the extreme when it comes to welcoming in her womb the story of a new human being who is growing. Her 'yes' to the angel at the Annunciation was just the first step "in a long list of obedience" leading to the moment she stands at the foot of her Son's cross." (Pope Francis 100517)
 Deacon Mark Kelly



CUP OF TEA:

There will be a cup of tea after 7pm mass this week, we also farewell Olivia. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share. Many thanks.

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

**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.

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. No bulletin notices until the office reopens.

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

FAREWELL FOR OLIVIA YOUTH MINISTER

A final Christmas party-youth gathering will be held this Saturday after 7pm Mass. As Olivia Daly 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. The date is Sunday 12th January 2025 from 12pm at the Civic Park Drouin,

Bring a plate/food and a game or two to share, all welcome.

Acknowledgement of Country:

The acknowledgement of country has been brought to the attention of the Parish Pastoral Council. We are reviewing the best way to respond to the 5th Plenary Council Decree Article 1 to acknowledge in a prominent and appropriate manner the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which our buildings stand. In the new year we will present the parishes' way of responding to the plenary decree.

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.

JANUARY ROSTER:

4th/5th JAN Warragul:

Readers

7pm A Yaqoo 9am R & R Tarraran

Minister

7pm M Gleeson 9am J.Marvin

Offertory

7pm V&J Rowe 9am Thompson Family

Greeters

7pm N. Azzopardi 9am P.Heffernan &E.Romanin

11/12 JAN Warragul:

Readers

7pm A.Rankins 9am R.Stephenson

Minister

7pm Dcn Mark 9am P.Bertacco

Offertory

7pm A.G Rankins 9am M Kittelty

Greeters

7pm B.Rabl & A.Hoffman 9am B.McIntosh

18/19th JAN

Readers

7pm J Parsons 9am F.Huxley

Minister

7pm M.Gleeson 9am J.Marvin

Offertory

7pm P.Heffernan & J.Robertson 9am Kuriakose Family

Greeters

7pm V Rowe 9am A.Hoffman & G.Pandolfo

25th/26th JAN

Readers

7pm G.Rabl 9am F&D Matchado

Minister

7pm Volunteer* 9am D.Matchado

Offertory

7pm Gabrielle & Tony 9am D.Monterossa

Greeters

7pm A.Youlden 9am M.Stadegaard & R.Tarraran

DROUIN:

Readers

5 Jan Volunteer* 12 Jan J.Winterton & A. Storti

19 Jan J.John & J. Fahey

26 Jan B & P Maunder

Ministers

5 Jan Volunteer* 12 Jan K. Fahey

19 Jan G.Collins 26 Jan B.Durand

Offertory

5 Jan B&J Durand 12 Jan Volunteer*

29 Jan Volunteer*

Welcoming

5 Jan J. Winterton 12 Jan Volunteer*

29 Jan Volunteer*

Communion to the sick

5 Jan D.Gleeson 12 Jan J.Durand

19 Jan M. Collins

Piety stall

5th Jan D.Oliver & I. McLean

12th Jan S.Jordon & I.McLean

19th Jan E.Hammer

Amberlea 9 Jan J. Gidley

16th Jan D.Stewart

Lyrebird 21 Jan B.Maunder

Cleaning 4 Jan Volunteer*

18 Jan J & K Fahey

MORNING TEA

A morning tea following

Christmas Day 9am Mass.

Will be held for the Timorese Ladies. All parishioners welcome, a plate of food would be appreciated.

70th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Noel and Norma Coster who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday 18th December. The whole family will be gathering together to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Warragul SVPD Christmas Appeal:

Thank you to all who gave generously to this year appeal. A total of \$3648.20 was raised.



Fourth Sunday

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23



Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7pm: Antoinette Schellekens (Death Anniversary)

Sunday 9am: Mass for Holy Souls in Purgatory (especially deceased members of FOSS)

Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Masterson (Death Anniversary)

Monday 9.30am: Mass for Holy Souls in Purgatory (especially deceased members of FOSS)

Thursday 9.30am: Raffaele, Rosina, Assunta & Rikki Colosimo (Deceased)

Friday 9.30am: Ginno Rocco (Deceased)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jeanette Petersen & Tony Gangemi

ANNIVERSARIES: Ronald Ettery, Brendan Redder, Mary Porter, Margaret Clancy, Robert Smart, Amy & Bryan Hickey, Mary and Jim Harrison Jr



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 Calander 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

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 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 Joseph's 28th/29th Dec

Readers

7pm G.Rabl 9am P.Bertacco

Minister

7pm Volunteer* 9am P.Bertacco

Offertory

7pm Gabrielle & Tony 9am T.Giblin

Greeters

7pm Volunteer* 9am M.Stadegaard & R.Tarraran

St. Ita's 22nd/29th Dec

Readers

22 Dec K.R Collier 29 Dec M.Laghou &

Minister

22 Dec B.Durand 29 Dec M Collins

Communion to the sick

22 Dec B.Pickthall 29 Dec C.Bogart

Welcoming

22 Dec J. Bibby 29 Dec D.Oliver

Offertory

22 Dec J.John 29 Dec Sally & Shelley

Piety Stall

22 Dec E.Hamer 29 Dec L & A Schellekens

Cleaning

21 Dec T.Meggetto 28 Dec M. Franklin

24 Dec L.Schellekens & S.Jensen

Amberlee

26 Dec Volunteer* 1 Jan Mass/ Volunteer*

Lyrebird

31st Dec G&M Collins 7JanMass/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

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 \$892.25

Planned Giving envelope: \$965.00

Presbytery (2nd collection): \$714.00

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

(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash \$533.80

Planned Giving envelope: \$307.00

Presbytery (2nd collection): \$587.10

Thank you for your generous contributions.

GOOD NEWS STORY

Myra Finlay a parishioner of St Ita's thanks everyone for their prayers for her great-grandson, **Vann Abblitt**, who was born 3yrs ago(10-12-21) with a tumour on his wrist. He has recently been declared cancer free. No more MRI's or drugs or loss of arm, thanks be to God for the intercession to our patron saint Mary MacKillop for continuous praying of the **Novena Prayer** that commenced 25/12/2021 and concluded 2/01/2022.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives
birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will
extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for
sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey

your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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Communion Antiphon

Isaiah 7:14

Behold, a Virgin
shall conceive
and bear a
son;
and his name will
be called
Emmanuel.



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.