



St. Ignatius', Neerim South



— St. Joseph's, Warragul



— St Ita's, Drouin

# Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

Forming Missionary Communities'

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## Churches:

**St. Joseph's:** 17 Queen St  
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**St Ita's:** 50 Victoria St,  
Drouin.

**St. Ignatius:** 79 Main Neerim Road,  
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## Parish Staff:

### Parish Secretary/Assistant

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#### Coordinator

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### Youth Coordinator

Contact Deacon Mark for further info.

## Schools:

Marist-Sion College 5623-5944  
Principal: Ms. Lisa Harkin

St. Joseph's Primary School 5623-2943  
Principal: Mrs. Ros Joyner

St. Ita's Primary School 5623-7222  
Principal: Mr. Andrew Osler

St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800  
Principal: Mr Stephen Pitt

## Music Co-ordinator

Richard Wans Ph: 0419 155 004

## 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 23rd February 2025—7th Sunday in ordinary time— Yr C

**February is the month of the Passion of Our Lord**

*Weekday Mass Times ( 24—28 Feb)*

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Drouin</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Drouin</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>

*Sunday Mass Times ( 1—2 Mar))*

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Neerim South</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Drouin</b>	<b>10.30am</b>

### 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.

## Golden Rule plus

Most major religions have directives that superficially read a lot like those from Jesus in this week's gospel (Luke 6:27-38). "Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you." "This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you." "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." These are prudent, careful sentiments. A wise way to keep out of trouble with our neighbour. If only the world tried to follow them! Some say they are all part of a universal "Golden Rule" and the "rule" in Luke 6:31 is another version of them. But you've picked the difference already haven't you! The others are all couched in the negative. What you shouldn't do. Nothing is required of you. Nothing about love here; no positive action, just don't bug other people. Sure, that's a start, but Christianity has something altogether beyond this. In this gospel

from Luke, Jesus commands us to "Be merciful as the Father is merciful" to "love our enemies", "Do good to those who hate us". That's a whole new level! And the alleluia verse (John 13:34) underscores that this commandment is not about any old love. This is the love beyond all measure with which Jesus has loved us. Jesus emphasises that we can afford to be courteous if we anticipate people being courteous back; generous in anticipation of generosity, but his radical command to love makes Christianity unique. This is way beyond! This is active, sleeves rolled up, crazy Christianity and a love beyond all other love! Elsewhere in scripture we are told, "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action". (1 John 3:16-18) Mere humans will struggle to love as Jesus loves, but in the attempt, we'll draw ever closer to God.

Deacon Mark

## JUBILEE OF HOPE "ARTISTS" CELEBRATION MASS

**23rd February 2025—11.00am**

- ◆ Jubilee Celebration Mass at St Joseph's church Warragul 11am.
- ◆ Bishop Greg's Blessing of the exhibition 12pm
- ◆ A shared lunch at Teachers Centre 1pm.

Parishioners are kindly asked to bring a plate of food to share, a mixture of Savoury and/or slice or cake would be appreciated. All foods that are donated( should be labeled) for this event are to be brought to the Teachers Centre beside the Parish Office in Conner St, Warragul ( A sign to show the way will be available) between 10am –11am and you will be greeted by Ros Joyner, Dee Jackson and Fiona McRae.

**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.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the wonderful farewell for Fr Antony. Each community was able to give thanks for the many gifts Fr Antony shared with our community during the past 18 months. During his time in the parish Fr Antony was discerning his call to ministry. His time with us enabled him to decide that his ministry passion is with the Melbourne Archdiocese. It is sad to see him go. Our prayers go with him as he continues his missionary journey. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Fr Antony, please place an envelope in the collection marked with Fr Antony's name.

Thank you. Fr Brendan

**NO 9AM OR 10.30AM MASS  
SUNDAY 23rd FEB**

Due to the JUBILEE CELEBRATION MASS at 11am at St Joseph's church followed by exhibition and shared lunch occurring the weekend of 23rd February, there will be **NO** 9am at Warragul or 10.30 Masses at Drouin.

**Vigil Masses on Saturday 22nd Feb will still remain.**

**NEW PARISHIONERS or UPDATE  
DETAILS & GIVING:**

Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us at Warragul and Drouin parishes. If you are **new** to the parish, have **changed** your details or need planned giving **Envelopes** or to **update your giving**, please complete your details and drop the form on a collection plate or return to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New parishioner

Change of details

Planned Giving by cash (envelope)

or electronic giving

**PRESENTATION OF THE CREED**

Next Saturday at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, Mia Hickey, Luke Farrugia, Kimberley Page and Lachy Walsh will be presented with a copy of the Apostles Creed. Please pray for our candidates as they journey to Easter.

**ST ANGELA'S SCHOOL**

Students at St Angela of the Cross have been busy with sporting events this term. Several students progressed to the Division Swimming and will be representing our school. We also held our House Athletics Carnival, where students came together to compete in various events, cheer on their teams, and show fantastic school spirit. It was a wonderful day of participation and fun for all. We look forward to more exciting sporting events ahead

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Some of our students recently competed in the District Swimming sports. They had a wonderful day competing, showing great sportsmanship. The competitors returned to school with big smiles, some of the team progressing through to the next stage.

**ST ITA'S SCHOOL**

Last week students from Grades 3-6 participated in the school swimming carnival. Students had a fun day of races and novelty events. Winners from the races on this day went on to compete in district swimming on Monday. Congratulations to all students who competed in district swimming. We have also had our first Mass and assembly of the year and our Grade 6 leaders have been presented with their badges.

**MARIST-SION COLLEGE**

A group of senior students recently volunteered to assist with the West Heidelberg Bread Run. They travelled to the Exodus Community where they packed the donated bread and rolls to then be delivered to local individuals and families in need. Last weekend, several staff members attended the Diocesan Assembly at Federation Uni to establish

which pastoral goals and actions need to be given priority over the next five years. On Tuesday, staff and students gathered in the College Chapel to celebrate Champagnat House. This was a rich opportunity to celebrate student achievement and contribution to House life and to make connections between Catholic Social Teaching and our House spirit.

**LENTE PROGRAMME:  
'Start Anew in Christ'. From  
the Catholic Archdiocese of  
Brisbane**

All parishioners are invited and welcome to participate in this Lenten Prayer, Reflection, and discussion group. All participants will be provided with a book. A small donation would be appreciated. As well as the theme of repentance, the season of Lent is a reminder of our own Baptism and our own hunger to be enlightened and rejuvenated in our faith.

**Session date and Time:**

Tuesday's: beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm St. Ita's Meeting Room  
Friday's: beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March after the 9.30am Mass Marian Room.  
Enquiries: Joan at Parish Office: 56231642. Barb Durand: 0414965079

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\*Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.

**POWERPOINT OPERATORS:**

More volunteers with WWCC & COC are needed to operate the powerpoints at the 7pm and 9am Masses at St Joseph's weekend Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist.



## ST ITA'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Psalm 40:3 "He taught me to sing a new song, a song of praise to our God"

Presents our 1st Monthly Healing Mass for repair of the body and soul.

Psalm 40:2,3 "Surely, I wait for the Lord; who bends down to me and hears my cry, *Draws me up from the pit of destruction, out of the muddy clay,*"

**CELEBRANT: FR PETER BICKLEY**

St Ita's Church, Drouin, Thursday 27th Feb at 7pm –Start with the Holy Rosary—stay for cuppa and fellowship (Please bring a Plate to share). Contact : Julie 0422 334 299



### The Travelling Chalice

*-will be used in the PILGRIMS OF HOPE celebrations. This chalice will be used by Bishop Greg in our Artists Mass then forwarded to the next Parish for use until the journey ends in 2026- 21 parishes total.*

*Its History- 1879, made for the 1st church of the Gipps land Mission, St Patrick's at Tarraville, (Named after Governor Gipps) The first priest to use the chalice was Fr Philip Kavanagh. Died administering the*



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - DROUIN:

This year St. Ita's is the host church for the World Day of Prayer service. This is being held on **Sunday 2nd March at 2 pm**. The focus Country this year is the Cook Islands. All parishioners are invited to attend and a plate of food for afternoon tea would be appreciated. For further information please contact Barbara Durand 0414965079.

### 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 \$313.25  
Planned Giving envelope: \$375.00  
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$332.40

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$25,530.00  
(Running total of donations)

#### **St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):**

Church (1st collection) cash \$609.35  
Planned Giving envelope: \$380.00  
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$639.45

*Thank you for your generous contributions.*

### MEETINGS

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

**Tuesday: Contemplative Prayer Group** 7pm, Parish Centre

**Wednesday: SVDP Warragul**, 10.00am St Joseph's Meeting Room  
**RCIA**, 7.30pm Marian Room Enq Joan, Parish Office: 56231642

**Thursday: St Ita's Charismatic Prayer Group**, Rosary at 7pm, St Ita's Church.

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

### Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 5.30pm:** Joyce Don (Death anniversary)

**Monday 9.30am:** Litzzy Lara Banvelos (spiritual needs & Physical healing)

**Wednesday 9.30am:** Michael Johnston (Thanksgiving)

**Friday:** Peter Gleeson (Death Anniversary)

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bill de Riter, Jessie Wallace, Tony Osler, Jim Harrison, Antoinetta Zierro & Josephine Laxton,

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Find a way to relate and listen to the Lord - Ignatian, Centering, Teresian, Lectio Divina, Taize to name some methods. Contemplative Prayer Group on Tuesday 25th Feb @7pm Parish Centre. This week led by Angela Rankins.

### 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 22 /23 Feb

#### Readers

7pm A.Yaqoo

9am No Mass

#### Minister

7pm DcM.Kelly

9am No Mass

#### Offertory

7pm P.Heffernan & J.Robertson

9am No Mass

#### Greeters

7pm B.Rabl

9am No Mass

#### St Joseph's 1st/2nd March

#### Readers

7pm J.Charles

9am F.Huxley

#### Minister

7pm M.Charles

9am J.Marvin

#### Offertory

7pm V & J Rowe

9am Kuriakose Family

#### Greeters

7pm V.Rowe

9am P.Heffernan & Elsa Romanin

#### St. Ita's 23rd Feb & 2nd March

#### Readers

23 Feb NO Mass

2 Mar Youth

#### Minister

23 Feb NO Mass

2 Mar G.Collins

#### Comunion to sick

23 Feb NO Mass

2 Mar C.Bogart

#### Welcoming

23 Feb NO Mass

2 Mar I. McLean

#### Offertory

23 Feb NO Mass

2 Mar Chrissy & Tahlia

#### Piety Stall

23 Feb NO Mass

2 Mar S.Gordon & I.McLean

#### Cleaning

22 Feb T.Meggetto

1 Mar M. Franklin

#### Amberlee

5 Mar Fr & D.Stewart

12 Mar J & M Marvin

#### Lyrebird

4 Mar Mass & G & M Collins

18 Mar C.Harkin & J.Fitzgerald

\* with current WWCC & signed COC please

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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EX OFFICE : PARISH PRIEST, DEACON MARK, JOAN ROBERTSON AND PRINCIPALS ON ROTATION FROM ST JOSEPH'S, ST ITA'S, ST ANGELA OF THE CROSS AND MARIST SION.



## CUP OF TEA

Next weekend, 1st & 2nd March, there will be a cuppa after the 7pm Mass hosted by Sunday night's Rosary group and the 9am Mass hosted by St. Vincent De Paul Warragul Conference.

All parishioners are invited and welcome to attend. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share.