



St. Ignatius', Neerim South



— St. Joseph's, Warragul



— St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

Forming Missionary Communities'

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Principal: Mr Stephen Pitt

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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 26th January 2025—3rd Sunday in ordinary time— Yr C

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Weekday Mass Times (27-31 Jan)

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

Sunday Mass Times (1 -2 Feb)

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

Australia Day

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.



Jesus – gentle and compassionate

Having heard Luke's infancy narrative over the Christmas season and John's gospel on John the Baptist, today's gospel of Luke (Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21) begins the orderly account of the public ministry of Jesus.

"We have been reminded, in no uncertain terms, by Pope Francis, that among all the Evangelists, St. Luke is the one above all who chooses to highlight the Mercy of Jesus. St. Luke's is the Gospel too, which more than the others, gives a privileged place to the poor, and the outcast, and sinners. The Gospel of St. Luke is the Gospel, beyond all others, of the gentleness and compassion of Jesus; it's also the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, of prayer, of joy, and of the mission to the gentiles. Like St. Paul, whose companion and disciple he was, Luke was not a personal eyewitness of the life of Jesus. But he knew plenty of people who were, and his faith was one with theirs: the faith of the Catholic Church.

As holy scripture we believe that St. Luke's Gospel is inspired by the Holy Spirit; the very Spirit who filled Jesus, and who also anointed us at our baptism. As we read, then, we can presume the presence and help of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen, underscore, deepen our faith. We should ask the Holy Spirit to help us encounter Jesus ourselves directly in the text: that we may know again his fascination, his attraction, his beauty, his goodness, his holiness, his humility, his power. "Please God our reading of St. Luke's Gospel this year will renew us in faith and hope and love and will confirm us in our resolution to live as disciples of Jesus, and to be ready, if necessary, to die for him". (Pluscarden Abbey 24/1/14)

Deacon Mark Kelly

No Vigil Masses –15th Feb

Due to the Diocesan Assembly occurring the weekend of 14th and 15th February, there will be No Vigil Masses at Neerim Sth and Warragul on Saturday 14th February.

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.

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.

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

READERS, EUCHARIST MINISTERS AND OFFERTORY WANTED FOR ST JOSEPH'S

Urgently requiring volunteers to help with Reading, Eucharist and offertory ministry. **In particular we need extra Eucharistic ministers for the 7pm Mass.** Training can be offered. There is a choice to volunteer at either 7pm Saturday vigil or Sunday morning 9.30 Mass. Please Notify the Parish Office with your availabilities or speak with the celebrating priest

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Again, dear Parishioners the St Vincent de Paul gift giving at Christmas was a joyful occasion due to the great support and generosity of you all and the wider community - St Joseph's community, Marist Sion, St Joseph's, St Angela of the Cross School communities, Warragul Uniting

Church, Warragul and Phillip Island Rotary Club, Warragul Quilters Club, Warragul Leisure Centre, Coles, Woolworths, Aldi. This generosity brought Christmas joy to 47 families and residents of Gracevale. (101 children & 75 adults). May the year ahead bring peace, joy and health.

A Night Prayer

Be thankful for all your experiences of the day, no matter how small, each day open the portal of communication to the Lord

O my God, I thank you for all the benefits which I have ever received from you, and especially this day.

Give me light to see what sins I have committed, and grant me grace to be truly sorry for them.

May our Blessed Lady, St Joseph and all the saints, pray for us to our Lord, that we may be preserved this night from sin and all evil. Amen.

O my good angel, whom God has appointed to be my guardian, watch over me during this night.

Angels and Saints of God, pray for me.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy Church. Teach them that to serve you is to reign: to possess you is to possess all things. Kindle in the young hearts of our sons and daughters the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom upon earth. Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us. Help our students who are preparing for the priesthood.

Divine Mercy

The feast of the Divine Mercy will be April 27th 2025. More information of our Parish celebration will be posted in a

later bulletin. Please find a website below to access the divine mercy site which will have a main menu to access daily reflections, prayers and more: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org>



Our Year of Jubilee celebrations continue in February, with the Warragul and Drouin parishes combining to host a celebration of the many, many long-serving **artists** within all the parishes of the Diocese. This event will take place on **23rd Feb at 11:00 am Mass at St Joseph's Parish, Warragul** followed by art exhibition in the Marian Centre. Followed by shared lunch and artist and art. There will be NO mass at 0900am St Joseph and 10.30 am St Ita's church.. **ONLY 11am Mass at St Joseph's** for this occasion.

Jubilee Healing Mass "ENCOUNTER GOD"

Fr Michael Barry is the founder of Mary's Table" a ministry that feeds the poor and homeless. He also opened a home for the single and unwed mothers called Veronica's home of Mercy. He will be celebrating a jubilee Healing Mass at 5 different venues and all are welcome to attend. Dates as follows:

Frankston: 17th Feb-2pm St Francis Xaviour church

Traralgon: 18th Feb-7pm St Michael's Church

Leongatha: 19th Feb- 7pm St Laurence Church

Pakenham: 20th Feb-7pm St Patrick's Church

Narre Warren 21st Feb-7pm Our Lady help of Christians Church.





2025 Diocesan Assembly

The **Diocesan Assembly** will take place on **Friday, 14th and Saturday, 15th of February 2025**. The venue for the assembly is now **Federation University Auditorium, Churchill**. This significant gathering will bring together representatives from all parishes across our diocese, along with members of the Diocesan Mission Council, representatives from Catholic Schools, DOSCEL (Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Office) and representatives from other faith communities.

Over the past year, the Animation Team has been working diligently to organise this event, ensuring that it provides a meaningful opportunity for reflection, discussion, and planning for the future of our diocese.

We ask all parishioners to keep the Assembly in your prayers as we come together to discern our shared mission and priorities for the coming years.

Mothers Who Pray for Their Children

Join Mothers Who Pray for Their Children, for the 2nd Australian Conference on February 15, 2025, at the Catholic Leadership Centre in Melbourne. Be inspired by powerful testimonies, enriching talks, and the strength of united prayer as we gather to support one another in this beautiful vocation of

motherhood. Don't miss this day of faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. To book your tickets :

Visit www.motherswhoprayerfortheirchildren.com



Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

- Sunday 9am:** Mass for Holy Souls in Purgatory (especially deceased members of FOSS)
- Monday 9.30am:** Felicia Wilson & Family (healing & spiritual needs)
- Wednesday 9.30am:** Simon Cook (Spiritual Needs)
- Thursday 9.30am:** Christopher Tilley (Young Dad suffering cancer)
- Friday 9.30am:**
- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Merrilyn Nunan
- ANNIVERSARIES:**
Tom Lia, Marie Walsh, Milka Slivar, Peter Malady, Rachele Piazzon
- BAPTISMS:**
This weekend we welcome Archi, Pippa, Eddie & Grace Blackwood 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

<u>ROSTERS</u>	
St Joseph's 25/26 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
St Joseph's 1 / 2 Feb	
Readers	
7pm J.Charles	9am MT.Tuck
Minister	
7pm M.Charles	9am D.Monterossa
Offertory	
7pm M.Gleeson	9am Elsa & Gina
Greeters	
7pm M.Gleeson	9am P.Heffernan & MT.Tuck

<u>St. Ita's 26th Jan & 2nd Feb</u>	
Readers	
26 Jan B & P Maunder	2 Feb Youth
Minister	
26 Jan B.Durand	2 Feb J.Durand
Communion to the sick	
26 Jan B. Pickthall	2 Feb C. Bogart
Welcoming	
26 Jan B & P Maunder	2Feb J.John
Offertory	
26 Jan Sally & Shelley	2 Feb B & J Durand
Piety Stall	
26 Jan Liz & Anna Schellekens	2 Feb D.Oliver and I.McLean
Cleaning	
25 Jan L.McNamara	1 Feb C.Rushbury
Amberlee	
31 Jan J. Gidley	5 Feb Mass & D. Stewart
Lyrebird	
4 Feb Mass & G & M Collins	11 Feb 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 \$525.50
 Planned Giving envelope: \$515.00
 Presbytery (2nd collection): \$590.10
 St Joseph's Building Fund: \$25,510.00
 (Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius)
 Church (1st collection) cash \$527.30
 Planned Giving envelope: \$2080.00
 Presbytery (2nd collection): \$743.75

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS & PRAYER

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

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading **Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10**

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,

the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **(R.)**



Second Reading **1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

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

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you

hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'