



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

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 Principal: Mr. Andrew Osler
 St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800
 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 27th October 2024 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary time - Yr B

Weekday Mass Times (28- 1 Nov)

Monday:	Warragul	9.30am
Tuesday:	Warragul REMEMBRANCE MASS (No 5.30 Mass)	7.00 pm
Wednesday:	Warragul	9.30am
Thursday:	Drouin	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul ALL SAINTS DAY	9.30am
	Drouin ALL SAINTS DAY	6.30pm

Sunday Mass Times (2 ~3 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.

Which group am I?

Some years ago, Pope Francis preached on this Sunday's gospel (Mk 10:46-52), highlighting Bartimaeus' great act of faith in recognising Jesus and calling to him to cure his blindness. Pope Francis goes on to observe parallels of modern behaviours in Jesus' audience. Some in the gospel story fail to hear the blind man's cry, as some today don't hear the cry of many in need of Jesus. Pope Francis criticises these as selfish people, living for themselves and unable to hear the voice of Jesus. Then there are those "who don't hear, don't want to hear the cry for help, but prefer to use the People of God, use the Church, to conduct their business". Including disciples, some "hear this cry for help, but want to silence it, keeping Jesus for themselves; separate from those who cry out, who are in need of faith, who need salvation." Modern examples are the "gatekeeper" excluders and those hypocritical exploiters who "instead of responding to the cry for salvation, push people away." But Pope Francis upholds another group "who help people to approach Jesus" saying to Bartimaeus: "Be brave, get up, he's calling you!" Modern parallels are "Christians who are consistent between what they believe and what they live, who help people who cry out, asking for salvation, asking for grace, asking for spiritual health for their soul, helping

them to get close to Jesus."

The Pope concludes that, "each of us can answer in our heart, which group I am in: those deaf to cries of need, those pushing away the needy or those who hear the cry of so many people and help them to approach Jesus?" [Pope Francis, What kind of Christian are we? Thursday, 28 May 2015].

Deacon Mark Kelly

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:

First Holy Communion will take place at all Masses in Warragul and Drouin this weekend, 26th/27th October, and also at Drouin on 3rd November. Please keep these children in your prayers as they make this important step in their faith journey.

LITURGY MEETING:

There will be a Liturgy meeting on Wednesday 6th November 7pm Parish Office to begin planning for parish Christmas Masses. Inquiries 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. As these are First Holy Communion Masses it would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of morning tea to share. Many thanks.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP:

The next Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Tue 29th October 7pm in the Parish Centre. The facilitator that evening is Michael Charles.

REMEMBRANCE MASS:

This year's Remembrance Mass, which is organised by the Parishes Bereavement team will be held on: **Tuesday, 29th October 7.00pm St. Joseph's Church Warragul** All Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend this Mass. Mass will be followed by a cuppa in the Marian Room. It would be appreciated if those who are attending could bring a plate of supper to share.

This weekend at all 3 Church centres, a Remembrance Book will be displayed and available for parishioners to enter the names of deceased relatives and friends. Inquiries: Joan Robertson: 56231642 Parish Office or Barbara Durand: 0414 965 079.

ST JOSEPH'S:

Many blessings and congratulations to all of the children in our parishes receiving the Sacrament of First Communion over the next few weekends. We look forward to gathering with your families at our post communion mass and dinner in a few weeks time.

Our Super Zooper Dooper days are back again this term. Students have the opportunity to purchase an icy pole on Thursdays, with the money raised donated to the Catholic Missions appeal in Mongolia.

ST ITA'S:

We have a number of students

making their First Holy Communion at this weekend's Masses, please continue to pray for them and their families as they continue their faith journey. All classes have undertaken lessons on "The Eucharist", with younger students learning more about the Church and what happens at Mass. Foundation students have also been learning about creation this term, from the stories in the Old Testament and also the Aboriginal Dreamtime stories. On Friday our staff celebrated World Teachers Day with a special morning Tea. We appreciate all our staff do to educate and care for all our students.

ST ANGELA OF THE CROSS:

We are delighted to congratulate our students who will complete the sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend. This is a significant milestone in their spiritual journey, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication and commitment. May this sacred occasion bring them closer to their faith and fill their hearts with joy and peace.

This week, we bid farewell to our inaugural Principal, Mr. Justin Greenwood. Mr. Greenwood has been appointed to the position of School Leadership Consultant in the Catholic Identity, Leadership, Learning, and Teaching Team for the Diocese of Sale Catholic Limited.

We are deeply grateful for his visionary leadership and lasting impact on our school community. While we will miss his presence, we wish him all the best in his new role and are confident he will continue to inspire and lead with the same dedication and passion.

MARIST-SION COLLEGE:

On Tuesday our College community farewelled our Year 12 students with a Mass of Gratitude, celebrated by Fr. Brendan, Fr Antony and Deacon Mark, supported with beautiful music and singing by the members the Year 10 Music Ministry class.

Students shared breakfast on arrival

in the morning before celebrating Mass, followed by speeches in their House groups and a guard of honour by students, teachers and staff as they left the College. Our Year 10 students took part in an engaging Reflection Day activity on Thursday, presented by Scott Darlow, an Aboriginal singer, songwriter, musician, public speaker and educator from Yorta Yorta country. Scott used his music and his engaging presentation to share his culture and commitment to Reconciliation. This activity complemented our Year 10 Religious Education unit on Australian Indigenous Spiritualities."

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP:

If there is enough interest, an Advent reflection group will run after Wednesday morning Mass in Warragul during Advent. Commencing on 27th November, the sessions will run once a week ending on 18th December. The 'Hope Reigns' booklet (posters in the churches) with reflections by Br Damien Price will be used. Register your interest with the parish office by 13th November.

SHINE THE LIGHT:

In today's gospel Bartimeus called for help and received two types of responses. Many in the crowd scolded him and told him to keep quiet while Jesus heard Bartimeus, recognised his need and responded to him. When someone talks to us about their experiences of domestic and family violence, we can choose to act like the crowd or like Jesus. Of the two choices, only Jesus's led to healing. We see his actions reflected in the 3Rs to break the cycle of domestic and family violence: Recognise, Respond and Refer. **From October 27th to November 17th**, parishes across the Sale Diocese will unite in Shining a Light on domestic violence and praying for its end. Let us stand together to create a safer, more compassionate community.



CATHOLIC MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL

Reach out. Give life.



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at Second week after appeal: catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

Envelopes are in the churches, scan the QR code, call, or visit our website donate.



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catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7.00pm: Elisha Gregory (Death Anniversary)
Sunday 10.30 am: Zena Menezes (Death Anniversary)
Monday 9.30 am: Tomasa de Jesus Marroquin (Death Anniversary)

Wednesday 9.30am: Doreen O'Hara (Recently Deceased)

Thursday 9.30am: Thanksgiving Mass (Blessing of Good health for Gillian)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peg De Vries & Aniello (Tony) Corbisiero

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Casey, Mario Meggetto & Lorraine Bradford.

RITE OF WELCOME: This weekend we welcome Harvey & Freya Borlace & Sebastian Draper and their families who begin their journey towards baptism.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome Lucas Edwards, Luca Cooley & Finn Wilson into our parish family.

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

26/27 Oct

Readers

7pm A. Rankins 9am R. Stephenson

Minister

7pm Volunteer* 9am P. Bertacco

Offertory

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

Greeters

7pm V. Rowe 9am (MR) A. Hoffman (FE) M. Kittely

2/3 Nov

Readers

7pm J. Charles 9am F. Huxley

Minister

7pm Dc Mark Kelly 9am J. Marvin

Offertory

7pm Gabriel & Tony 9am Kuriakose Family

Greeters

7pm A. Youlden 9am (MR) M. Stategard (FE) S. Hilder

St. Ita's

Readers

27 Oct J. John/J. Fahey 3 Nov youth

Minister

27 Oct G. Collins 3 Nov B Durand

Communion to the sick

27 Oct D. Gleeson 3 Nov J. Durand

Welcoming

27 Oct Volunteer* 3 Nov Volunteer*

Offertory

27 Oct K. & J. Fahey 3 Nov J. John

Piety Stall

27 Oct C & T Hegarty 3 Nov I. Mc Lean & A. Philips

Cleaning

26 Oct T. Meggetto 2 Nov M. Franklin

Amerleia

31 Oct D. Stewart 6 Nov Mass

Lyrebird

29 Oct C Harkin & J Fitzgerald 5 Nov B. Maunder

* 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:

Presbytery (1st collection): \$732.15
Planned Giving envelope: \$860.00
Church (2nd collection) cash \$67.50

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$25,000.00
(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Presbytery (1st collection): \$1344.90
Planned Giving envelope: \$585.00
Church (2nd collection) cash \$161.90

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

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

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

Thursday: SVDP Drouin, 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room.
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 *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 125. R. v.3*

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading *Hebrews 5:1-6*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation *See 2 Timothy 1:10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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COLUMBAN CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Columban calendars are available for purchase in the St Joseph's piety stall for \$11.00 each. Christmas cards are \$3.50 for a pack of 8.

Next Week Readings:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Yr B

Deut 6:2-6; Ps 17:2-4,47,51; Heb 7:23-28 & Mk 12:28-34

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: Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

We are also offering a weekend Information/
Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676
Or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website: wwme.org.au

