



St. Ignatius', Neerim South



— St. Joseph's, Warragul



— St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

Forming Missionary Communities'

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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.

Sunday 6th March 2025—5th Sunday of Lent- Yr C

April is the month of "The Holy Eucharist"

Weekday Mass Times (7–11 April)

Monday:	Warragul	9.30 am
Tuesday:	Drouin	5.30 pm
	St Joseph's (2nd rite Reconciliation)	7.00 pm
Wednesday:	Warragul	9.30 am
Thursday:	Drouin	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul	9.30 am

Sunday Mass Times (12–13 March)

Saturday:	Neerim South (Palm Vigil)	5.30pm
	Warragul (Palm Vigil)	7.00pm
Sunday:	Warragul Palm Sunday	9.00am
	Drouin Palm Sunday (Time Change)	11 am

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.

Lightness of Mercy

Frequently we hear the whinging: "how come this person or these people are assisted by the government or the church etc. when they haven't earned it the way we or I have?" "I'm getting cheated! I'm an honest, hard-working taxpayer and these marginal layabouts are parasites "on the system"". No empathy or fellow feeling here! They would enforce harsh law – "justice" – over compassion. They visualise a bucket of goodies. "If anyone else shares it, then we will lose out." Or maybe they just enjoy feeling superior. The same people feel particularly cheated, quite affronted, and resentful at God's mercy too. At the notion of "sinners" (most other people) being forgiven. "I'm an upright God-fearing, church attending citizen. I always pay my bit to the collections, but I live by the rules and these other losers don't." Their subtext is, "I've earned my salvation. I've ticked the boxes and I'm entitled to a place in God's Kingdom, both now and in eternity." Close on the heels of this notion is, "How come these other characters who haven't been righteous like me are granted a place?" And of course, the answer is illustrated in this week's gospel (John 8:1-11). Firstly, no-one but Jesus is perfect, so no wonder the accusers drift away in shame. Jesus doesn't interrogate the woman caught in adultery and she doesn't deny her sin. He doesn't suggest she hasn't sinned but what Jesus shows is a mercy, not dependent on ticking boxes or technical righteousness, but on God's unfathomable love. God's mercy defeats our sins. She is sent to live her life sinning no more.

Pope Francis compares God's mercy to the sun: "we look at the sky, the many stars, but when the morning sun comes, we don't see the stars. Such is the mercy of God: it is a great light of love, of tenderness". (Pope Francis Forgiveness in a caress, 7 April 2014)
Deacon Mark Kelly

Prepare your soul for Easter by attending either the 1st or 2nd rite of reconciliation

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

2nd rite -Tuesday, 8 April 7.00pm, St. Joseph's Church, Warragul.

Palm Sunday

Saturday 12 April **5.30pm** Neerim Sth
Or **7pm** St Joseph's
Sunday 13th April **9am** St Joseph's or
11am St Ita's Drouin

HOLY WEEK -PASCHAL

TRIDUUM

TENEBRAE 15 April

Tuesday 7pm St Ita's Drouin

HOLY THURSDAY: 17 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper:
7.30pm at St. Ita's Drouin

THE WAY OF THE CROSS: 18 April

Warragul: St. Joseph's Church 10.30am.
Drouin: (Civic Park) 10.30am.

GOOD FRIDAY: 18th April

Service of the Lord's Passion:
3.00pm at St. Joseph's Warragul
3.00pm St. Ita's Drouin

HOLY SATURDAY: 19 April

EASTER VIGIL:

7.30 pm St. Joseph's Warragul.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 20 April

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



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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST

Sat: 10am St Joseph's Church followed by rosary and Benediction

Tue: 9.30am St Ita's Church

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

St Joseph's: Wednesday 9.15am

Saturday 10.30–11 am

St Ita's Saturday 9.45–10.15 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Warragul: cancelled at St Joseph's only this week due to choir practice in the church for Vigil.

Drouin: St Ita's 7.30pm

OUR PARISH NEED SINGERS FOR CHOIR TRIDUUM HOLY THURSDAY & VIGIL:

Practice for Easter Vigil: Wednesday 9th April 7pm at St. Joseph's. There will also be short rehearsals before each liturgy, including Good Friday.

VOLUNTEER -MINUTE TAKING-PPC

Any interested person who could commit coming at the PPC meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month and would like to take minutes. Please send your interest to Fr Brendan at the Parish Office. Email: warragul@cdsaleorg.au

DROP-IN CENTRE

Dear Parishioners

As a group of welfare volunteers, we have noticed that parish and community members are isolated and keeping themselves at home for many reasons. After talking with others in our parish we felt a **drop-in centre** where a cuppa and chat, activity, games, centre may encourage people to meet and gather in a warm, accepting environment. At present, we are asking if there are **interested people who would join us** and willing to help develop such a centre. It would begin at the Marian Room of St Joseph. Before beginning this project there will be meetings and much discussion to take place - giving the project a solid start. Looking forward to hearing from you. Please leave your name and number with Melissa and Marg at the Parish Centre. Fran

HELP NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Readers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. There is a sheet in the foyer of the Churches. Please fill in if you are interested in helping out, Enquiries to: Joan at the Parish Office: 56231642, or Barb

Durand: 0414 965 079.

CUP OF TEA

There will be cuppa next weekend after the 7pm Mass hosted by Sunday's Rosary Group and the 9am Mass hosted by the Family Group. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring along a plate of food to share. Many thanks.

ST ITA'S CHARASMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Psalm 40:3 "He taught me to sing a new song, a song of praise to our God"
Our very own 'Anton Isaacs' will be blessing us once again with a testimony and talk on: 'The power of the word of God' Plus - provide us with his music ministry. All welcome to come and enjoy! Thursday 10th April—Rosary will commence 7:00pm. St Ita's Catholic Church. Contact: Julie 0422 334 299

ST ANGELA OF THE CROSS

We had a fantastic Term 1, filled with learning, growth, and community spirit. As we prepare for Easter, we reflect on the blessings of the term and look forward to the joy of the Resurrection. We gathered for a whole-school assembly on Thursday to celebrate our term, welcoming parents to share in our students' achievements. It was a joyous occasion, highlighting our students' and staff's hard work and dedication. On Friday, our staff engaged in a school closure day focused on Learning Adjustments, ensuring we continue to support every student's needs and create inclusive learning environments. As we journey through Lent and approach Easter, we encourage our students and families to reflect on kindness, forgiveness, and gratitude. May this sacred season bring peace, hope, and renewal to all. Wishing all our families and parish a blessed and peaceful Easter season!

TENEBRAE

A powerful lantern Experience
Tuesday 15th April St Ita's Church, Drouin 7pm

Tenebrae meaning "darkness" or "shadows", is a solemn and moving service that reflects on Christ's Passion through scripture, music and the gradual extinguishing of candles. This ancient tradition invites us into the mystery of Christ's suffering and prepares our hearts for the Easter Triduum. Come and experience the beauty of silence, reflection and prayer. Be blessed as we journey together toward the light of the resurrection. Please see posters in church.

SHOUTS OF PRAISE – A PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION!

Shouts of Praise—an uplifting hour of praise and worship on **Palm Sunday, 13th April**, following the **11 a.m. Mass**. Come and prepare your heart for Holy Week with music, prayer, and reflection in the church. Afterward, continue the celebration with fellowship in St. Ita's School Hall—please bring a plate to share.

RCIA: WHAT ARE THE 'SCRUTINIES'.

These very special Rites are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays of Lent, at Mass where the Elect are present. The Elect Mia Hickey, Luke Farrugia, Kimberley Page and Lachy Walsh are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. The Scrutinies are based on the Year A readings from John, which focus on three major symbols of Easter – Water, Light and Life. These readings are chosen to accompany the journey towards Baptism of those in the RCIA. This **Saturday 5th April 7.00pm** will be our last weekend of scrutinies.

JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, St. John the Baptist parish, Koo Wee Rup invites you to join us for the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers, a special Healing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg, this Sunday, April 6, **Venue:** St. John the Baptist Parish, Koo Wee Rup **Time:** 11:00 AM We encourage all healthcare workers to attend in their uniforms as a sign of their vocation and the institutions they represent.

"CHRISM" MASS SINGERS NEEDED Tuesday 15th April at 11am St Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

One of the major liturgical celebrations of the year. An annual occasion where sacred oils are blessed for use in Parishes & all the clergy recommit themselves to ministry and service. Singers are required to help assist in forming a choir for this beautiful ceremony. **9.30am** Choir rehearsal, **11am** Mass To register, receive Music Packs & more contact: as soon as possible. sophymorley@gmail.com or ph: 0413590007

NEW CHANGES TO COMMUNION IN OUR PARISH

As of Holy Thursday the introduction of both species will be offered to parishioners at Mass and will become a continual offering thereafter..

Fifth Sunday of Lent

5th and 6th of April 2025

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Or online at:

caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 27th April - St Ita's Church Drouin

To fittingly observe the feast on the Sunday after Easter:

1. **Celebrate** the Feast on Sunday after Easter.
2. Sincerely **repent** all our sins
3. Place complete **trust** in Jesus.
4. Go to **confession** preferably before the day.
5. Receive **Holy Communion** worthily on the day of the Feast of Divine Mercy.

6. **Venerate** the image of the Divine Mercy.

7. Be **Merciful** to others through action, words and prayers on their behalf.

All invited to attend this celebration Sunday 27th April 2025 at St Ita's Church,

2pm- confessions, adoration and veneration of Divine Mercy image,

3pm- Mass celebrant: Bishop Greg and assisted by Fr Brendan.



Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5.30 pm: Paul Mancini (reparation & Spiritual growth)

Saturday 7.00 pm: Holly Marie Johnston (spiritual needs & thanksgiving)

Sunday 9.00 am: Moira Kelly (recent death)

Monday 9.30am: Monica Clarke (Recent death)

Tuesday 5.30pm : Chris Tylee (Thanksgiving & ongoing prayer for recovery)

Wednesday 9.30am: Alyssa Fragos (healing, unity & peace in the family)

Thursday 9.30am: Fragos Family (healing & spiritual growth)

Friday 9.30am: Silvano & Maura Milano intentions

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Dudley Alweyn, Thomas Charles, Gerarda Lieshout, Peter Altamore, Marie Therese Ayres

RITE OF WELCOME: This weekend we welcome Ada McCann and her family who begin their journey

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 5 /6 April

Readers

7pm J.Parsons 9am R.Stephenson

Minister

7pm Volunteer* 9am J.Marvin

Offertory

7pm V & J Rowe 9am Thompson Family

Greeters

7pm B.Rabl 9am B.Clover

St Joseph's 12 / 13 April

Readers

7pm G.Rabl 9am F.Huxley

Minister

7pm M.Gleeson 9am P.Bertacco

Offertory

7pm Gabrielle & Tony 9am M.Kittely & A.Hoffman

Greeters

7pm V.Rowe 9am M.Kittely & A.Hoffman

St. Ita's 6 April / 13 April

Readers

6 Apr Youth 13 Apr M.L.L. aghou & C.Butterworth

Minister

6 Apr K.Fahey 13 Apr G.Collins

Communion to sick

6 Apr C.Bogart 13 Apr J.Durand

Welcoming

6 Apr V&J Bibby 13 Apr D.Oliver

Offertory

6 Apr J&K Fahey 13 Apr J.John

Piety Stall

6 Apr D.Oliver & I.McLean 13 Apr S.Jordon & I.McLean

Cleaning

6 Apr C.Rushbury 13 Apr J.Winterton & C.Butterworth

Amberlee

9 Apr M.L.Laghrou & C.A.Boateng 23 Apr J & M Marvin

Lyrebird

15 April G&M Collins 29 Apr 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 \$529.90

Planned Giving envelope: \$474.40

Presbytery (2nd collection): \$598.10

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$25,550.00

(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash \$432.25

Planned Giving envelope: \$270.00

Presbytery (2nd collection): \$767.70

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

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

KSC after 9.30am Mass, Marion Room.

Tuesday: 2nd rite reconciliation St Joseph's church

Wednesday: SVPD Warragul, 10.00am St. Joseph's Meeting Room

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

St Joseph's Pastoral Care Group, 11am Warragul Country Club.

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

Sunday: Rosary & Litany 5pm in St Joseph's Meeting Room. (All Welcome)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Isaiah 43: 16-21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in
the wilderness (rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

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 *Philippians 3:8-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order
to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can
have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no
longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the
perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only
the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is
from God and based on faith. All I want is to know
Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share
his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death.
That is the way I can hope to take my place in the
resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become
perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running,
trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus
captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far
from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is
that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still

to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to
which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus

Gospel Acclamation *Joel 2:12-13*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and
compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King
of endless glory!

Gospel *John 8: 1-11*

Reading from The Holy gospel according to John
Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple
area, and all the people started coming to him,
and he sat down and taught them.
Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman
who had been caught in adultery and made her stand
in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman
was caught in the very act of committing adultery.
Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such
women. So what do you say?" They said this to test
him, so that they could have some charge to bring
against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on
the ground with his finger. But when they continued
asking him, he straightened up and said to them,
"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first
to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and
wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away
one by one, beginning with the elders.
So he was left alone with the woman before him.
Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman,
where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She
replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I
condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any
more."

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INVITATION TO PRAY FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS FOR BAW BAW SHIRE OVER A DINNER

EVENT DETAILS

Date – Wednesday April 23rd. 2025

Place – "The Black Tie" 90 Alfred St Warragul

Times – Arrival 6.30pm Finish- 9.30pm

Cost - \$50

To Book: by using the following URL link, <https://www.trybooking.com/CZLZG> or email address
kgillam@dcsi.net.au, or phone 0458 252444.

PARISH FIRST RENEWABLE PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who returned their pledge and commitments to ministry cards. Your support is very much appreciated. Any cards to be returned must be in by 9th April to the parish office for collection. Your new pledge will take effect on Sunday 4th May 2025, confirmation letters & envelopes will be available at all masses Sunday 27th April

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Office will be closed 9th April Wednesday due to staff training.