



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

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

St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800  
 Principal: Mr Justin Greenwood.

**Sunday 1st August 2021--18th Sunday In Ordinary Time-Yr B**

*Usual Sunday Mass Times*

<b>Neerim South Saturday:</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Warragul Saturday</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Drouin Sunday:</b>		<b>8.30am</b>
<b>Warragul Sunday:</b>		<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Drouin Sunday:</b>		<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Warragul Sunday:</b>		<b>11.00am</b>

**Weekday Mass Times**

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

**WORKING FOR GOD**

"What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?" Jesus gave them this answer, "This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent." (John 6:24-35) Jesus himself is the one sent by the Father, aware of his mission and of his unique relationship to God as Son. No-one else can talk to us as he does. God has become flesh in him. So this is the first choice of a Christian: to follow Jesus proclaiming the justice and mercy of God. What makes God happy is to see us happy, now and forever. That is the Good News revealed to us in Jesus Christ: God gives himself to us just as he is, as Love. This is the kingdom of God that Jesus yearns for: the defeat of evil, the irruption of God's mercy, the elimination of suffering, the acceptance of those previously excluded from community life, the establishment of a society liberated from all affliction. And there is more!

Despite knowing its limitations, we live with constant temptation to "work for food that cannot last", not simply food but all aspects, good and bad, of our lives. Rightly, we cherish the lives and the bounty our Creator has given us. Those of us living in satisfaction and abundance may be able to nourish short-lived illusions here and there; but that's not much if death is the end of everything. If all that abundance, the fine houses and cars, achievements and experiences and even relationships end with death. But what about food that endures to eternal life? Now we are talking! Jesus offers himself as "the bread of life," food that lasts forever.

"In following Jesus. We dare to look for clear hope from God just where Jesus found it: on the other side of death." [material from: Pagola, J. Jesus: An Historical Approximation p247, 451, elsewhere ]  
*Deacon Mark Kelly*

**BOOKING FOR MASSES**

**Sunday 8th August 2021**

Booking for Masses  
 The extra Masses have stopped now that numbers have increased  
 To book click on the link below..

<https://www.trybooking.com/BTHTG>

This will bring up the list of Masses. Click on book now button and follow the prompts

**AT THIS STAGE NUMBERS ARE CAPPED AT 75 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Please note: You must book to come to Mass. Please do not just turn up. You need to book.**

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 Safeguarding Officer is Brian Robertson who can be contacted via  
 Warragul@cdsale.org.au or  
 56231642.

**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.

**FAN THE FLAME**

**Towards Plenary Assembly One  
October 2021**

*'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me  
will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me  
will never thirst.'*  
Matthew 28:16-20

The ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church's communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for "we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want".

*(Pedro Arrupe, "Address prior to  
Eucharistic Congress 1976", The  
Portal to Jesuit Studies, accessed 23  
April 2021, [https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/  
documents/1976\\_arrupeucharist/.](https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976_arrupeucharist/))*

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

**PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER  
CAMPAIGN:**

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

**ROSARY**

Rosary will be recited Tuesday at 11am St Ignatius Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Dalila & Hugo Monterrosa on the occasion of their 46th Wedding anniversary.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL  
COLLECTIONS**

There will be a special collection for 1st & 8th August for Peter's Pence. 15th & 22nd August CatholicCare 5th & 12th September Father's Day (PWF)

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID  
COURSE**

One in five Australians aged 16 - 85 experience some form of common mental illness and the current pressures resulting from lockdowns the result of Covid - 19 indicate that mental illness has increased significantly. **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION?** Many people with mental health problems do not seek help or delay seeking help because of the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health problems. A Course will be conducted in the Parish to train people to recognise, approach and assist those suffering from mental illness. If we have sufficient interest the Course would be held on two consecutive Saturdays. Please give this some thought. Further information available. Susan Collis Mobile 0407231292

**COLLECTIONS**

Sundays 19 & 25th July

	Warragul	Drouin
Planned Giving \$	5046.00	\$3810.00
Presbytery	\$625.00	

Planned Giving includes Direct Debit and Credit Card Transactions. Weekly target for Warragul Parish to meet all church and Presbytery running costs is \$5000. Thanks to all who give regularly and generously. Cash is not held on the premises overnight.

**NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS**

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Our school was buzzing with excited children on Wednesday morning, everyone was so happy to be back at school after another hiatus. This week we begin our "Can Challenge". Each class has set a target, a goal of how many cans they would like to collect for the challenge. Our Can Challenge will support the St Vincent de Paul Society and Baw Baw Food Relief. The staff are collecting grocery items to contribute to a soup drive, helping Baw Baw Food Relief run their soup van in our community.

**ST ANGELA'S SCHOOL**

We welcomed back our students and staff to school on Wednesday after the lockdown period. Our students settled back into the school routine well and were keen to show off their wonderful learning from home. We can not thank the staff, parents and students enough for seamlessly transitioning between the different learning environments. We have been busy working on designing posters for the Child Safety week competition with the focus of 2021 being *Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.*

**ST ITA'S SCHOOL**

After yet another Lock Down and Remote Learning our students have emerged excited to be back at school, re-making connections with their teachers and friends. Our families did a great job with their home learning, attending google meets, even learning their concert dance moves on -line! We welcome Mr Joel Smith to our staff as an Education Support Officer, he will be working with a variety of students throughout the school. Last Thursday our Confirmation candidates attended the parent/student information session on-line, a special thanks to Mrs Therese Meggetto for organising this for the families.



**REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –  
by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart**

The people ask Jesus for a sign, like the manna bread that Moses and their ancestors received in the desert. Jesus tells the crowd that he himself is the 'bread of life'.

How strong is your faith? Do you feel connected to Jesus and believe he is present to you? Or do you wish you could have more miraculous signs – perhaps like bread falling to you from the sky?

Jesus recognises that the people are more concerned with perishable food to fill their stomachs. He urges them to be concerned with the food that will not perish, with food that is eternal and that feeds the soul, not just the body.

No one will deny that food for the body is necessary. But most of us never think about eternal food for the soul. What feeds our souls? What feeds yours? What helps your faith? What or who gives life to your relationship with Jesus? What or who helps you believe? How are you a person who brings 'food for the soul' to others?

Teenagers seem to be preoccupied with the latest fashion statement, the kinds of pants and shirts that are in style, the music that is currently topping the charts, and even the words and phrases that are popular in teen language. These are all fads that come and go, certainly like the 'perishable food' Jesus talks about. What would Jesus say about teenagers and their love for these things? What do you think about them?

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*Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart (1958-2011) gained her doctorate in education from Cardinal Stritch University and was associate director of early adolescent ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Previously she served for six years as the director of youth ministry for the Diocese of Grand Island, Nebraska. She also established "Tomorrow's Present", a youth leadership ministry. She was a highly regarded speaker and wrote many books on spirituality and youth ministry.*



**Please pray for the following of our Parishes:**

***Mass Intentions***

Saturday 7pm Warragul Michael Masterson (A)  
Sunday 10.30am Drouin Lourdes Mondido (A)  
Wednesday 9.30am Warragul Antonia Andrighetto (R)

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Glenys Quick, Antonia Andrighetto

**ANNIVERSARIES** Michael Masterson, Lourdes Mondido

**BAPTISM** Today we welcome **Alex Harper and Demi Parker Lewis** children of Matthew and Melinda who will be baptised on Sunday in St Ita's Church.



**PASTORAL SERVICES**

**Parish Office:** 19 Connor Street Warragul  
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm

**Baptisms:** Celebrated on Sundays by prior arrangement including participation at an information meeting for Parents (and Godparents)

**Marriages:** By prior arrangement, six months notice requested.

**Exposition:** Saturdays 10am St Joseph's Church

**Reconciliation:** St Joseph's Wednesday 9.15am  
Saturday 10.30-11.00am  
6.30-6.50pm  
St Ita's Saturday 9.45-10.15am

**CatholicCare:** Services include counselling Individual, Family & Natural Family Planning  
Counselling Ph 1800 522 076

**St. Vincent de Paul  
Conference helpline:**

Warragul Ph: 5623 6741  
Drouin Ph: 5625 4715

**MEETINGS**

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Meets Wednesdays St Ita's Church 7.00pm All welcome.

**MENALIVE PRAYER GROUPS**

Every Wednesday 7am St Joseph's Meeting Room.  
Fourth Thursday of each month 7pm St Ita's Meeting Room.



**ROSTERS**

**30th July/1st Aug**

**Readers**

7pm A Isaacs

9am N Gregory

**Communion Ministers:**

7pm M Gleeson

9am D & E Cameron

**St. Ita's**

**Readers**

1/8 Jenny W & Allan S

**Ministers:**

1/8 A Coonan

**Drouin/Longwarry Sick**

1/8 J Durand

**Lyre-Bird:**

3/8 John Gibbons

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)

2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)

3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

### SECOND READING Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Jn 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
you are not looking for me  
because you have seen the signs  
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,  
it is my Father who gives you the bread from  
heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Next Weeks Readings:

ST MARY OF THE CROSS

1 Kg 17: 8-16;

Col 3: 12-17;

Mt 6: 25-34.

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