



**Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes**  
**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.

**Sunday 9th May 2021- SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-Yr B**

*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>Warragul Sunday:</b>		<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Drouin Sunday:</b>		<b>10.30am</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>

**A LETTER FROM FR PETER.**

Dear Parishioners,  
 Happy Mothers' Day to all our mothers.  
 While there is some commercialism to the observance of this day the chance to acknowledge the love and service of devoted mothers is something we can all support. I add my own good wishes to all of you.

One of the special aspects of the Easter season is the reading of the growth of the early church as described in the Acts of the Apostles. It is amazing and uplifting to think that the church grew from the unlikely bunch of people we call Jesus' disciples. And it still grows or lives today from the unlikely bunch of people that is ourselves. Truly it is the Holy Spirit now as it was then. Which is why some people suggest we should call that particular book the Acts of the Holy Spirit.

The reading from Acts today relates the incident of Peter's visit to a pagan household, their acceptance of Jesus, and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit which led Peter to agree to their baptism. I find it interesting to note that this first acceptance of pagans into the church was soon followed by others, leading to a dilemma over whether they ought to accept the whole Jewish law. This led to a council held in Jerusalem.

I often think that council could be a model for our own Plenary Council which is now scheduled for October this year, with another session next year. There is more news of that to come.

Regards  
 Fr Peter.

**BOOKING FOR MASSES**

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

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



*"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37*

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

**Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

**Cost:** FREE

Registration:

[www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

Program: Available from Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**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.

### YOUTH GROUP PARENTS

#### **This is important for Catholic families!**

Youth Groups in our parish require rejuvenation. Our preferred option is to run 2 Senior Youth Groups (2 hour) and 2 Junior Youth Group (1.5 hrs) sessions each month (as happened in 2019). Currently low attendance and apparent difficulties for parents in prioritising Youth Group suggests we need to be open to alternatives.

Could you urgently touch base with us to let us know:

- a) What content you, the parents, want and expect of both the Senior and Junior parish youth programs.
- b) Frequency of gathering – weekly, fortnightly, monthly.
- c) Preferred timing of gathering: afternoon/ evening/weekend/ weekdays
- d) Location of gathering: Warragul/ Drouin

Please talk to your children and establish what works best for your family and **LET US KNOW** by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will attempt to meet demand and ask for your support whether eventual arrangements are to your liking or not.

Yours in Christ,  
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### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:

The various charismatic groups in the diocese are offering the experience of this seminar to all parishioners.

The next session will be held at St Ita's Church on Saturday 22nd May at 10.30am.

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more details or contact Julie Powell on 0422 334 299

### ENGAGING YOUR FAITH ONLINE.

Lecturers at Catholic Theological College are offering online sessions in May. See the noticeboard for details.

### FIRST COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASSES REMINDER

Our First Communion Commitment Masses will be celebrated this weekend 9th May at 10:30am St Ita's Church, Drouin. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this next very important stage on their journey of faith.

### ROSARY

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to come together to pray the rosary. St Ita's Church will be open on Friday evenings at 6.30 pm for quiet reflection with Rosary to be prayed at 7pm, church closing at 8 pm.

### COLLECTIONS

Sunday 2nd May 2021

	Warragul	Drouin
Planned Giving	\$ 4145.60	\$ 2276.00
Presbytery	\$ 713.15	

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***

### PASTORAL NOTES

#### **Special intentions at Sunday Mass.**

The Sunday liturgy cannot be divorced from daily life and the realities of our world. *The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well.*

*Vatican II GS1*

The needs of the world and the local parish can be mentioned in the homily and intercessions, but special intentions- for example, Mother's day- cannot take over the Sunday liturgy for it is always the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection which we celebrate at Mass

### NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

#### **ST ITA'S**

We wish all the Mothers in our school community a very Happy Mother's Day, students all made special mementoes for their mums. The next opportunity for students wishing to enrol in the First Holy Communion program will be at this Sunday's Commitment Mass at St Ita's. This week we sadly farewelled one of our Amin officers- Mrs Claire Garner, who has taken up a new position at Marist Sion College. On Friday we had a number of students who successfully competed in the Division Athletics sports in Newborough. Next Monday we are holding our whole school House Cross Country -we wish all our students good luck.

#### **ST ANGELA'S**

At our first assembly on Friday we announced our Social Justice leaders who will lead our school in 2021. This week students have participated in the Tennis in schools program in which they had a great time learning and practising their tennis skills. We also celebrated Mass on Wednesday with Father Peter and finished the week with our house cross country carnival. We invited our Mothers to join us after cross country for morning tea and to shower them with the wonderful gifts the students had made for them throughout the week

#### **ST JOSEPH'S**

On Friday we had a "Mother's Day Cabaret Afternoon Tea", a different format to our usual celebrations, but one which complied with our COVID restrictions. Our mums and other special guests enjoyed a Devonshire afternoon tea while being entertained by our students. The afternoon began with a prayer and was followed by a poem recital, a few songs about Mothers, an Italian song about family and a few dances. The grand finale of the Cabaret was a wonderful, energy filled rendition of the ABBA song, "Mamma Mia" presented by some of our grade 6 classes.

## Witnesses to the World

Sunday's Gospel (John 17:11-19) speaks directly to the hearts of 21st century Australian Christians about inclusion and unity! Jesus knows exactly how we are fixed. We live, work and play in an environment often indifferent or opposed to the core Christian values which recognize God's limitless love for us and in turn our desire to love God and our neighbours to the best of our abilities.

Much of the wider world is focussed on individualism over community, on hedonism over compassionate service, on wealth accumulation rather than equitable distribution and on furious, pro-active, denial of a divine creator (and denigration of those who disagree). Like Jesus, we do not identify with the worst of the world's values and priorities. Also, like Jesus, we don't ask to be removed from the world but rather protected from those evil influences. Our purpose of existence as baptised Christians in the world is to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom wherever and whenever we go. We can only do this immersed in the world we are placed in. Like Jesus too, we have a great affection for the people we encounter and a desire to love them for themselves, to chat and mix with them, to heal them where we can, to immerse ourselves in the many earthy, harmless and enjoyable pursuits of the world and helpfully roll up our sleeves as needed. The best of third millennium Christians are to be found amidst all the other flavours of Australians, evangelising by their very lives, shared struggles and joys.

Adversity has brought Christians together as we haven't been for many centuries. Together we deal with the hostility and indifference of the world. And together, immersed in the world, those we move among can witness our integrity, truth and sincerity such that many will also seek to be disciples of Jesus.

Deacon Mark Kelly

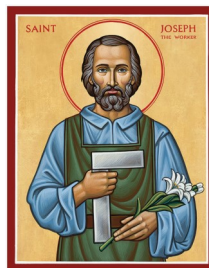
Please pray for the following of our Parishes:

### Mass Intentions

Monday 9.30am Warragul Brent Trickey (R)  
Wednesday 9.30am Warragul Special Intention– Barry Hickey  
Thursday 9.30am Drouin Sheila McMorro (A)  
Friday 9.30am Warragul Special Intention-Barry Hickey

RECENTLY DECEASED Jim O' Connor, Brent Trickey

ANNIVERSARIES Tanya Wertiechowski, Peg Rankin, Eileen Hall, Sheila McMorro, Elizabeth Palmer, Tess Heenan



### 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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WARRAGUL**  
Wednesday 10am St Joseph's Meeting Room

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL DROUIN** Thursday 10am St Ita's Meeting Room.

### ROSTERS

#### 8/9 May

**Readers**  
7pm D Baker  
9am P Bertacco  
**Communion Ministers:**  
7pm N Coster, J Steven  
9am E & D Cameron

#### 15/16 May

**Readers**  
7pm Vol,  
9am N Gregory  
**Communion Ministers:**  
7pm N Coster, Vol  
9am F & D Matchado

#### St. Ita's

**Ministers:**  
9/5 F Godfrey 16/5 A Coonan  
**Drouin/Longwarry Sick**  
9/5 F Allen 16/5 B Pickthall  
**Lyre-Bird:**  
11/5 G & M Collins 18/5 F Godfrey  
**Readers**  
9/5 Allen Family 16/5 B & J Durand

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

#### (R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. (R.)

### SECOND READING 1 Jn 4:7-10

#### A reading from the first letter of St John

*God is love.*

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.  
The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Jn 15:9-17

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Weeks Readings:

The ASCENSION of the LORD

Acts 1: 1-11;

Eph 4: 1-13;

Mk 16: 15-20.

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