



St. Ignatius', Neerim South



— St. Joseph's, Warragul



— St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

Forming Missionary Communities'

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St. Joseph's Primary School 5623-2943
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St. Ita's Primary School 5623-7222
Principal: Mr. Andrew Osler

St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800
Principal: Mr Stephen Pitt

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 16th March 2025—2nd Sunday of Lent— Yr C

March is the month of St Joseph

Weekday Mass Times (17–21 March)

Monday:	Warragul (Feast of St Patrick, Bishop)	9.30 am
Tuesday:	Drouin	5.30 pm
Wednesday:	Warragul (Feast of St Joseph, spouse of Of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	9.30am
Thursday:	Drouin	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul	9.30 am

Sunday Mass Times (22–23 March)

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



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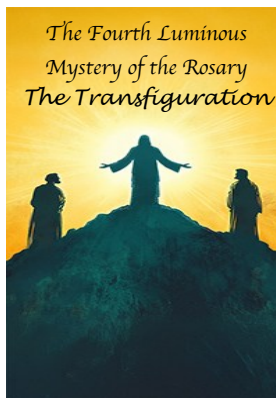
We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Now – down the mountain.

Peter's, often blundering, steps strike a chord with me. I feel I know Peter. And, as a pretty ordinary photographer and painter and an average wordsmith, I understand Peter's impulse to somehow capture the astounding event he and James and John are witnessing (Luke 9:28-36). Often, I try to capture sunsets, beach scenes, landscapes and even grandchildren. I want to record them at their peak moments, but I rarely succeed to my satisfaction. Peter probably thinks this is Jesus' peak moment, hence his somewhat silly suggestion to build dwellings or tents or memorials signifying the great prophets, Moses and Elijah and Jesus. He is quickly shut down. Moses and Elijah disappear, and Peter's creative moment is gone. Confirmation of Jesus greatness is the beginning not the end. Immediately, Jesus is identified as the Chosen One and they are instructed to listen to him so that they (and we) may learn to truly follow Christ on his continuing journey. What Peter has failed to realize, as many of us often do, is that what is important is not so much that Jesus is transfigured, but that we be transfigured – that's what Jesus came to do: to transform us more and more into his image and likeness, that we might become, as C.S. Lewis said, "Little Christs." This glorious "Transfiguration" event might seem a little left field in the context of Luke's narrative, sandwiched as it is between Jesus forecasts of his imminent death.

But it points us forward to along this Lenten journey, emphasising the glory in prospect for each of us, but recognising too that we need to pass through harsh times before the glory. Peter, James and John (and we) need to come down from the mountain, joining Jesus in his journey of love and service and walking together towards whatever future God plans for us.

Deacon Mark Kelly



The Fourth Luminous Mystery of the Rosary The Transfiguration

Luke 9: 29,35 as Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning And he was praying, The appearance of his face was

altered and His clothing became dazzling white. And a voice came out of the cloud saying "This is my son, My chosen; listen to Him!"

SISTERS OF THE NATIVITY

Mother General Sr. Mary Olofu, wishes to express a deep gratitude for the Love & messages of condolence and tributes received since the passing of Sr, Julie Ogbole. Your kindness an support has been a beacon of hope and comfort to us. A letter of appreciation can be found attached to the digital email version of the bulletin.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in the CHURCH

Drouin: Friday 7.30pm St Ita's
Warragul: Wed 7.00pm St Joseph's

RCIA- RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday at St. Mary's Sale Bishop Greg will call forth from Parishes across the Diocese, 31 catechumens (those to be baptized) 27 candidates (those who have been baptized in the Catholic Church and other faiths) to the Easter Sacraments. Please pray for all these candidates especially Luke Farrugia, Mia Hickey, Kimberley Page and Lachy Walsh as they celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 10.30am Mass in Drouin before heading to the Rite of Election

LENTEN PROGRAMME:

All parishioners are invited and welcome to participate in a Lenten Prayer, Reflection, and discussion group.

Session dates and Times:

Tuesday's: 1.30pm **St. Ita's** Meeting Room

Friday's: 10am **St Joseph's** Marian Room.

Friday's: 5pm **St Ignatius**, Stations of the Cross followed with Lentern Program.

ST ANGELA'S SCHOOL

Last week, we celebrated the Turning of the Sod for our Stage 3 building project, with Bishop Greg and Ms. Deb Punton in attendance. This next stage of development will provide additional classrooms and outdoor learning areas, enhancing our students' learning experiences. We look forward to welcoming these new spaces by early next year!

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

We had some very nervous years 3 and 5 students this week as they sat their NAPLAN tests. Our year 6 students went to camp at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. They had a fabulous time discovering about the history of gold discovery, panning for gold and enjoying all the great things that Sovereign Hill has to offer.

MARIST-SION COLLEGE

Our senior students attended a Marist Connect Night in Melbourne to explore life as a journey of hope with 105 student leaders from Marist Schools including Bendigo, Bulleen, Kilmore, Sale, Shepparton, and Traralgon. A group of new teachers also attended *In The Marist Way*, a staff formation

program in Gippsland that introduces teachers to the story, spirituality, and pedagogy of Marist education in the contemporary Catholic school. Finally, our Year 9 students attended a live Caritas Project Compassion Q&A Workshop in the Chapel to learn more about Toefuata'iga's Story from Samoa to assist our fundraising efforts

ST ITA'S SCHOOL

Last Friday staff from St Ita's, St Joseph's Warragul, St Angela of the Cross and St Joseph's Trafalgar came together for a wonderful day led by Fr Elio Capra to talk about recontextualising the Sacraments. This week Grade 3 and Grade 5 students have begun Naplan testing along with other students all around Australia. On Thursday a group of students participated in Regional Swimming.

CUP OF TEA:



There will be a cuppa next weekend after the 7pm Mass hosted by Margaret Gleeson and the 9am Mass hosted by the Pastoral care Group. All parishioners are asked to bring a plate of food to share. Many thanks for your generosity.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation Extra Ceremony

Families with candidates preparing for their First Reconciliation please note that due to our numbers an extra ceremony has been added. Families can choose to attend at 5pm or at 7pm, both will be held at St. Ita's church, Drouin. Families are asked to RSVP to Liz Warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org.au with the time that they will be attending.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2025

Attention: Families with Students in Grade 4 and Above. Dear Parents/Guardians, If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year, please attend our Information Meeting on **Thursday 27th March, at 7pm in the St. Ita's School Hall, Drouin.** This meeting is for Parents/Guardians only (not candidates). 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

PARISH FIRST RENEWAL PROGRAM



This weekend is the launch of our Parish Renewal Program. It is a wonderful way to reflect on our role in Parish life "review and renew" commitment to each other and the mission of

our Parish. It will feature at Mass and through the website.

Pope Francis says "the church must be a place of Mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel" -*Evangelii Gaudium* II
REFLECTIVE THOUGHT: "showing children how to follow Jesus by coming together at Mass on a regular basis" teaches them to be part of a faith community.

SHOUTS OF PRAISE
with ONE VOICE

JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP AS WE ENTER THE HOLY WEEK.
Palm Sunday, 13th April 2025, after the 10:30 AM Mass, at St. Ita's Church, Drouin.
Bring a plate to share in fellowship after the programme.

DONATE

Supporting Caritas AUSTRALIA

Shouts of Praise – A Palm Sunday Celebration!

Join One Voice, the choir that regularly sings every second Sunday at St. Ita's Church, Drouin, for **Shouts of Praise**—an uplifting hour of praise and worship on **Palm Sunday, 13th April**, following the **10:30 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. This year's **Shouts of Praise is in support of Caritas Australia**, helping those in need through our Lenten giving. You can donate by scanning the QR code. Come, sing, and celebrate—let's lift our voices in praise

Second Sunday of Lent

15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7.00 pm: Silvestre Layan (Repose of Soul)

Sunday 10.30am : Deceased members of Tess Rosas family

Monday 9.30am: Cristobal O Mambac (Anniversary)

Tuesday 5.30pm : Monica Clark (Recent Death)

Thursday 9.30am: Moira Kelly (Recent death)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Monica Clarke & Jenny Gavin

ANNIVERSARIES: Heather Wilson, Angela Marson, Jack Christian, Daniel Sheehan, Vivencio Pacana, Porferia Pacana, Blas Rosa Jr, Maria Linda Rosas & Carlolina Rosas.

RITE OF WELCOME: :

This weekend we welcome Dasha Deen, Theo & Penny Robjant and Darcy Knight and their families who begin their journey towards baptism.

First Collection (Planned Giving)

St Joseph's Church Account

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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 15th /16th March

Readers

7pm G.Rabl 9am P.Bertacco

Minister

7pm Volunteer * 9am J.Marvin

Offertory

7pm M.Gleeson 9am T.Giblin

Greeters

7pm M.Gleeson 9am A.Hoffman & G.Pandolfo

St Joseph's 22nd /23rd March

Readers

7pm A.Rankins 9am R & R Tarraran

Minister

7pm Dcn Mark 9am P. Bertacco

Offertory

7pm A & G Rankins 9am Thompson Family

Greeters

7pm Volunteer * 9am M.Stadegaard & R.Tarraran

St. Ita's 16th & 23rd March

Readers

15 Mar B & J Durand 23 Mar H. Kelly & G.Ward

Minister

15 Mar M.Collins 23 Mar J.Durand

Communion to sick

15 Mar D.Gleeson 23 Mar M.Collins

Welcoming

15 Mar V.Barber 23 Mar J. John

Offertory

15 Mar B & J Durand 23 Mar C. Butterworth

Piety Stall

15 Mar I.McLean & A.Phillips 23 Mar M.Finlay & E.Hamer

Cleaning

14 Mar J.Bibby 22 Mar K & J Fahey

Amberlee

12 Mar J & M Marvin 26 Mar B.Duran & D. Stewart

Lyrebird

18 Mar C.Harkin & J.Fitzgerald 1 Apr Mass & B.Maunder

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

ST ITA'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



Psalm 40:3 "He taught me to sing a new song, a song of praise to our God"

HEALING MASS with LIVE MUSIC

CELEBRANT: FR FRANCIS OTOBO

Starting with Holy Rosary (PH:Julie 0422 334 299)

St Ita's Church, Drouin 7:00pm—27th March 2025

Stay for a cuppa and fellowship (Please bring a plate to share)

Please note: Meeting for 20th March will be held at St Joseph's Church

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 \$365.75

Planned Giving envelope: \$390.00

Presbytery (2nd collection): \$699.00

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$25,530.00

(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash \$496.40

Planned Giving envelope: \$645.00

Presbytery (2nd collection): \$788.90

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

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

Tuesday: PPC Meeting, 7.00pm Marion Room

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

Thursday: SVDP Drouin, 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room.

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

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 **Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18**

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1**

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading **Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious

body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel **Luke 9:28-36**

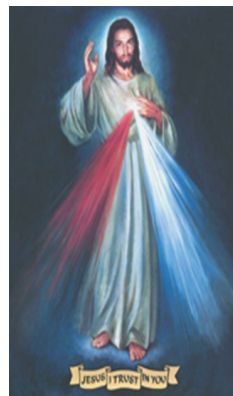
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen

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THE DIVINE MERCY



Devotion to the Divine Mercy is calling people to a deeper understanding that God's Love is unlimited and available to everyone- *Mankind will not have peace until it turns with Trust to My Mercy*" (Diary, 300). The Lord chose Sr Faustina as the secretary of His Mercy, under His command, she wrote the urgent message of Divine Mercy in a diary and shared it with our troubled modern world. Pope John Paul II canonised St Faustina April 30th, 2000.

All are invited to attend **Sunday 27TH April 2025 at St Ita's Church, 2PM-** confessions, adoration and veneration of Divine Mercy image, **3pm-** Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and Fr Brendan.