



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

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 Principal: Mr Justin Greenwood.

Sunday 19th September 2021-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Yr B

MASS ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE

Sunday Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: Warragul	9.30am
Tuesday: Warragul	8.00am
	Warragul
	5.30pm
Wednesday: Warragul	8.00am
Thursday: Warragul	8.00am
Friday: Warragul	9.30am

LETTER FROM FR PETER

Dear Parishioners,
 I have had a brief break and am feeling the benefit of time away. I am grateful to Fr Confidence for keeping things going during this time.

We are anticipating some new restrictions from the authorities on Sunday. There is some expectation that people coming to church may need to be vaccinated. How that will be applied, if it is the case, is not clear but it could add another layer of compliance to us. Please look out for the announcements.

Until further changes our Masses continue with the limit of 20 people attending. Those who can attend on a weekday might consider doing that and leaving Sundays for those who work. If you do come on a Sunday, you might choose not to book in for another three weeks or so. All this leaves it open for as many as possible to join us in person on some sort of regular basis. (One possible way of doing this might be to book in early if you haven't been present for a couple of weeks, and hold off until late in the week if you came last Sunday.)

I don't enjoy making such suggestions, generally we want as many as possible to attend. The experience of Covid has led to us all doing unusual things. I appreciate the cooperation you have been showing.

Physical works have continued this week. The new floor and new retaining wall have been done at Warragul. Work has been happening in the Marian Room this week. At Drouin the work to

take the sewer line across Hopetoun Street has been going on. It is good to see that resume.

The Thursday evening sessions "Lift up your Hearts" will be suspended for the next two weeks of school holidays. We hope to resume on October 7.

Take care, everybody.

Fr Peter.

BOOKING FOR MASSES

Sunday 26th September 2021

Booking for Masses
 To book click on the link below..

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

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

PLEASE NOTE ALL MASSES ARE RESTRICTED TO 20 PEOPLE. YOU MUST BOOK TO COME TO MASS.

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.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH AND PRIESTS

Thank you to those who have brought your offerings in to the parish. It is still possible to give support transferring your offering via direct deposit. The account numbers are as follows:

First Collection (to support our Priests)

083879 941199437

St Joseph's & St Ita's Presbytery account.

Second Collection (Plan Giving)

St Joseph's Church Account

083879 489045334

St Ita's Church Account

083879 568166097

Thank you so much for your continued support.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

Fr Bernie Krotwaar recently retired from the position of parish priest of Trafalgar. Fr Bernard Buckley is acting as administrator of the parish until January when more appointments will need to be made. Fr Peter Kooloos, parish priest of Iona and Koo Wee Rup, and Fr Peter Bickley, administrator of the Sale cathedral parish, will both retire in January.

CLERGY INSERVICE:

Our annual inservice is going ahead this week; with attendance by Zoom. Please see page 1 for our Mass times for this week.

YOUTH MINISTER 2022

Expressions of interest are invited for the position of

Warragul and Drouin Parishes

Youth Minister

from January 2022.

Current position is 8 hours per week equivalent but

it is hoped that, in combination with some neighbouring parishes, multiple days can be offered to the right applicant.

Expressions of interest: Deacon Mark Kelly 0427748646/

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VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED:

Volunteers are urgently needed to take Holy Communion to Amberlea Nursing Home on Tuesday mornings after 9.30 a.m. Mass. To be able to do this, you will need to be double vaccinated.

For further details please contact Barbara Durand on 0414965079.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:
FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:**

This month the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through your local parish.

FAN THE FLAME

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

*'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me;'
Mark 9:30-37*

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life.

(Instrumentum Laboris #133)

'www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

ST ANGELA'S SCHOOL

It was a welcome return to our staff and students in Foundation, Grade 1 and 2 this week. They have demonstrated great resilience working at home through this latest lockdown but were so happy to be back onsite seeing all their friends and teachers. We wish everyone a great and relaxing holiday break before welcoming all students back at the beginning of Term 4.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our community is looking forward to the school holidays. After weeks of remote teaching and learning, everyone, students, parents and teachers are looking forward to some time away from the screen and time to enjoy what Spring has to offer. Please God we will return to onsite learning next term.

PASTORAL NOTES

In calling to mind the figure of Saint Francis of Assisi, we come to realise that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change. The Australian bishops spoke of the importance of such conversion for achieving reconciliation with creation: "To achieve such reconciliation, we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart" *Laudato Si (2015) 218*

COMING LAST

Recently I've appreciated a young father, absolutely tired out with a full and trying day of work, hardly sleeping overnight as he and his wife patiently and lovingly stay awake with a baby who will not sleep. Richard Rohr highlights the positive focus and purpose of "the hardworking happiness of young mothers and fathers. Their young child, their one North Star, and they know very clearly why they are waking up each morning." (Rohr, R. *The Universal Christ* p74). Parents know about dying to self; about putting oneself last.

Our gospel this week suggests that this space of servant parenthood is the very place where God is to be found. We find that Jesus visualises himself and "the one who sent him" (Mark 9:30-37) akin to a powerless, vulnerable child rather than the towering influential figures imagined by his followers. Digging down, we discover that God does not want to be served by us; but to serve us. God does not want to be given the highest possible rank and status in our society but to take the lowest place and to be without rank and status. God does not want to be feared and obeyed but to be recognised in the sufferings of the poor and the weak. (Nolan, A. *Jesus Before Christianity*, p138).

It seems rather that self-effacement, putting oneself last, humility, patience, child-like trust, prioritising others, prioritising the good of the community – this is where we find God. Michael Bowden, great Richmond footballer and later legendary authority in Aboriginal Catholic spirituality and culture, tells us that "God" is found in the way Mystery interacts with material reality, in the care, compassion, patience and self-sacrifice of people who are motivated by Mystery to act with altruism and love." (Bowden, M. *Unbreakable Rock* p208).

Deacon Mark Kelly

Please pray for the following of our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5.30pm Neerim South Frank Schellekens (A)
Sunday 10.30am Drouin Giovanna Santucci (A)
Tuesday 8.00am Drouin John McLean (A)

RECENTLY DECEASED Kevin Barry

ANNIVERSARIES John Saddington, Moira Merrett, Natalie Kraszewski, Meena Van Der Veen, Frank Schellekens, Giovanna Santucci, John McLean.

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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 Ita's Saturday 9.45-11.00am

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.

RCIA Meets Wednesdays 7.30pm Marian Room. Enquiries to Joan Robertson 56231642

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME is an option for those looking for Mass on television (6am on Channel 10, 10am on Foxtel Aurora Channel 173) or online at www.massforyou.com.au or <https://www.youtube.com/massforyouathome> any time from 7am AEST.

ROSTERS

18/19 September

Readers

7pm J Parsons

9am P Bertacco

Communion Ministers:

7pm J Steven

9am D & E Cameron

25/26 September

Readers

7pm A Isaacs

9am F & D Matchado

Communion Ministers:

7pm J Steven

9am P Bertacco

St. Ita's

Readers

19/9 J Eury 26/9 Anita & Colleen

Ministers:

19/9 C Atkins 26/9 M Collins

Drouin/Longwarry Sick

19/9 J Gibbons 26/9 J Durand

Lyre-Bird:

21/9 G & M Collins

28/9 F Godfrey

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6 (R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Word of the Lord

Next Weeks Readings:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Num 11: 25-29;

James 5: 1-6;

Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

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