



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 13th June 2021 11th Sunday In Ordinary Time-Yr B

Sunday Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times

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

A LETTER FROM FR PETER.

Dear Parishioners,
 Today we begin our First Communion celebrations at the Warragul and Drouin Masses. We congratulate the children on reaching this deepening of their initiation in the community of faith and pray God's rich blessings.

The eased restrictions mean that we can have 75 people at a Mass. It is a small but welcome increase. Please remember to wear masks when you come into the church.

First Communion will continue next Sunday at the four morning Masses. I still aim to give priority to these children and their families and ask parishioners not involved in First Communion to be willing to hold off booking in until late in the week (Friday 18 June).

Currently we have two extra masses; at 8.30 am in Drouin and at 11.00 am in Warragul. These are helping with First communion and parishioner attendance and will continue while the limits are relatively strict.

We have seen some harsh weather this past week. I hope you have kept warm and dry but if you have suffered damage please let me know.

And again, if there is anything the priests or parish office can help with please make contact.

Regards
 Fr Peter.

BOOKING FOR MASSES

Sunday 20th June 2021

Due to the latest restrictions, that the State Government has set, Mass attendance has been capped at 50 people. In light of this there have been extra Masses scheduled. To book, please use the link to try booking listed below.

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

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

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Today and next Sunday we will have an extra collection which will go to the St Vincent de Paul Conference as their Mass for the poor. No doubt the society will be helping people who have suffered loss in this week's freak weather.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION:

See the notice board for details of the opportunities to improve your theological knowledge through Catholic Theological College.

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.

WEEKDAY ROSARY

At 9.05am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday is being said before Mass as before COVID. Please come along a little earlier and join us as our world needs our prayers, and Our Lady would appreciate it

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/

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID:

If you are interested in doing the Mental Health first Aid course, as outlined in the parish Newsletter, please contact Sue Collis 0407 231 292

COLLECTIONS

Sundays 30/5 & 6/6 2021

Warragul Drouin

Planned Giving \$ 4879.00 \$ 3256.00
Presbytery \$ 1096.55

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

FAN THE FLAME

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'What can we say the kingdom of God is like?' Mark 4:26-34

This love cannot be mere words because it is an imitation of Christ's own love for every person, a love that forgives, transforms, and brings those who hear him into the fullness of life. (Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal – Discernment Paper p. 6)
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

An Information evening will be held on **Wednesday 28th July 7.30pm Marian Room (attached to St. Joseph's Church Warragul; enter car park from Bowen Street)** for those who want to find out more about the Catholic faith, what Catholics believe and why, considering possibly becoming a Catholic or an Adult Catholic who has not received First Communion or Confirmation. If you know of someone that may be interested please bring them along to this session.

For more information you can contact:
Fr. Peter Slater: 56231642
Joan Robertson at St. Joseph's Parish Office, Warragul: 56231642
Deacon Mark Kelly at Marist Sion College: 56235944 or 0427748646.

WOMEN AT THE WELL

(Women's Spirituality group)

If anyone is interested in coming along and finding out more you are invited to a Meet and Greet session on **Thursday 17th June 10.30 am** Marian Room at St. Joseph's Church Warragul. In a supportive and encouraging setting we pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel and listen to each other's unique encounters with Christ. Mums are welcome to bring their children.
Contact: Joan Robertson at the Parish Office: 56231642 or
Michelle Blackwood: 0427 290 683 for more information or just come along.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS ST ANGELA'S

It has been wonderful to have our students return to onsite learning with enthusiasm. During the week, students were given opportunities to reflect upon their remote learning tasks and share how they persisted with and learned new skills when using digital technologies. Recently, our staff worked collaboratively to create a vision for St Angela of the Cross; 'At St Angela of the Cross, we strive to be a nurturing, humble Catholic community, building a culture of faith-filled, persistent and inclusive learners.' Students have spent time unpacking the meaning of the words inclusive, humble, nurturing, faith-filled, and persistent and discussed how they could demonstrate these behaviours in our classrooms and schoolyard.

ST JOSEPH'S

Over the next two weekends some of our grade 5 children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist. It has been a long time coming! We congratulate these children on this very special occasion and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

ST ITA'S

Our students bounced back well from the brief lockdown. They were happy to catch up with their classmates and friends and get back to some sort of normality. Thankfully our grade 4 students were able to attend their camp at Phillip Island; despite the weather they were still able to undertake a full program, a good time was had by all. At this week-ends Masses a number of our grade 5 students will making their First Holy Communion, please pray for these students and their families. A special thanks to Fr Peter, Fr Confidence, Therese Meggetto and class teachers for helping to prepare the students.



The Kingdom of God within

God's Kingdom is the focal point of Jesus' mission. He speaks of it 162 times in the gospels so we can comprehend his vision. Jewish tradition anticipated a political kingdom of power crushing the Roman Empire and other kingdoms and bringing victory to the nation. The sooner the better! But Jesus' reveals a very different kingdom, proclaiming, not some future external event but the Kingdom here, now, among us. (Luke 17:21).

If we grasp his message, this parable of the Mustard Seed (Mark 4:26-34) he moves us forward. He proclaims a quiet, sturdily growing Kingdom of infinite tenderness to be found in the lives and experiences of those we live with: silent, growing inside, hidden in the holiness of everyday life. God is not remote and removed from us in some distant sphere but in our midst, active in our daily lives, offering us gifts of freedom and fullness of life.

And there is more! Pope Francis teaches, "The Kingdom of God is within us." (Pope Francis 13th Nov 2014). Indeed, "we need to look at cities with a mystical gaze, a contemplative gaze of faith and imagination, seeing God dwelling in their streets and squares." (EG p274). Irish theologian Fr Brian Grogan breaks open Pope Francis' reflection: "Christian belief is that Jesus comes from God: he is divine; God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God. With that firmly in place we can explore the statement that Jesus comes from *within* creation as the Pope writes: 'He comes from within, that we might find him in this world of ours' (LS 236). This is the mystery woven into creation: Jesus carried its hope from the very beginning. The flower that burst into bloom 2000 years ago was always there, and remains forever. (Grogan, BL. *Mysticism 9 – Jesus Comes From Within*)

Deacon Mark Kelly

Please pray for the following of our Parishes:

Mass Intentions:

Monday 9.30am Warragul Dick & Eileen Heffernan (A)
Tuesday 9.30am Drouin Mamie McFadden (A)
Wednesday 9.30am Warragul Ryan & Patrick McNamara (A)
Thursday 9.30am Drouin Hugh McCallum (R)
Friday 9.30am Warragul Fay Gargan (A)

RECENTLY DECEASED Garry Eyles, Hugh McCallum

ANNIVERSARIES Dick & Eileen Heffernan, Mamie McFadden, Ryan & Patrick McNamara, Fay Gargan

PASTORAL NOTES

The liturgy of the word is a decisive element in the celebration of each one of the sacraments of the Church" in pastoral practice, however, the faithful are not always conscious of this connection, nor do they appreciate the unity between gesture and word.

The relationship between word and sacramental gesture is the liturgical expression of God's activity in the history of salvation through the performative character of the word itself. In salvation history there is no separation between what God says and what he does. His word appears as alive and active (Heb 4:12), as the Hebrew term *dabar* itself makes clear. In the liturgical action too, we encounter his word which accomplishes what it says. By educating the People of God to discover the performative character of God's word in the liturgy, we will help them to recognize his activity in salvation history and in their individual lives. *Verbum Domini* (2010) 53

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

12/13 June

Readers
7pm J Parsons
9am A Marum
Communion Ministers:
7pm J Steven
9am D Matchado

19/20 June

Readers
7pm A Isaacs
9am F & D Matchado
Communion Ministers:
7pm M Gleeson
9am N Coster

St. Ita's

Readers
13/6 Anita & Colleen
20/6 Frances & Jerome
Ministers:
13/6 K Fahey 20/6 B Durand
Drouin/Longwarry Sick
13/6 J Durand 20/6 F Godfrey
Lyre-Bird:
15/6 F Godfrey 22/6 V Bibby

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord,
am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered
green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'
The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Cor 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled
from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember
that to live in the body means to be exiled from the
Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we
are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be
exiled from the body and make our home with the
Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from
it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth
about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ,
and each of us will get what he deserves for the
things he did in the body, good or bad.
The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the
seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of
God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and
day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is
sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its
own accord the land produces first the shoot, then
the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the
crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap
because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is
like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a
mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the
soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once
it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all
and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air
can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to
them, so far as they were capable of understanding it.
He would not speak to them except in parables, but
he explained everything to his disciples when they
were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord



Next Weeks Readings:

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 38: 1, 8-11;

2 Cor 5: 14-17;

Mk 4: 35-41.