



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

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 Principal: Mr Justin Greenwood.

Sunday 22nd May 2022—Sixth Sunday of Easter-Yr C

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

Sunday Mass Times

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

LETTER FROM FR PETER.

Dear Parishioners,
 Something like 40 years ago two brothers, hearing I was a supporter of the Melbourne Football Club, nominated me for membership of the MCG. It took some years for membership to come through but when it did I had to decide whether to pay the annual subscription fee or not. I chose to do so and have experienced days of test cricket and football matches over the years.

Later I chose to become a member of the Melbourne Football Club itself, and have continued each year since. Most of the time they have been towards the bottom of the ladder but they won the premiership last year and are currently going well.

I mention this because we chose to give from our limited and precious finances to activities we believe in. In my case that includes the parishes where I find myself serving and it includes Caritas.

I am very aware that today we are all being asked to consider our commitment to our parish and what we can do in support. You will be asked to give thought to this during Mass and to fill in a pledge card. The decision to make a commitment is a practical way of expressing faith in God and gratitude for God's blessings, and your belief in the life of our parishes. I thank you in advance and wonder what we will be able to do together as the Catholic communities of Warragul, Drouin and Neerim South.
 Regards
 Fr Peter.

THE TRINITY FAMILY.

The Trinity Families Appeal enables the diocese to fund family focussed activities across Gippsland. "We will collect for this next Sunday.

SHINING A LIGHT.

This workshop on domestic violence will be held on Saturday June 4 in the Marian Room from 11.00 am – 2.45 pm. (BYO lunch). All parishioners are welcome, please contact the Parish Office 5623-1642 to book in.

"WALKING IN THE SPIRIT NATIONAL PRAYER PILGRIMAGE FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

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.

MAY- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

May is Domestic Violence Prevention Month. In 2016 the Catholic Bishops of Victoria released a statement committing themselves to the elimination of domestic and family violence in which they say: Our goal must be a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships; where violence and abuse are not acceptable; and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person. This is part of the Gospel vision of love and respect. With domestic and family violence on the rise, we are all called to work in ways to eliminate this type of violence. The contents of this statement remain relevant as domestic and family violence incidents have increased since 2016. This month, you are invited to read the Bishops 2016 statement to learn more about a Catholic response to Domestic and Family violence. To read the statement, visit <http://www.faithsafe.org.au/images/catholic-kit-family-violence.pdf>

2022 CHILD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION

Get creative. Tell us what makes you feel safe and supported?
The Diocese invites all school-age children to participate in a competition where entries can be a poster (digital or scanned in electronic form) or video (mp4).
See entry form, ideas and support materials on www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding/child-safety-week or contact your parish.
Entries close Friday 22 July 2022

A DAY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Following the exhortation of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and upon the blessing of our local ordinary, Bishop Greg, the leadership of the Sale Diocese Charismatic Groups invites us all to an extra-ordinary experience of the Current of Grace as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church (Pentecost). This gathering affords us another great opportunity for a fresh encounter/renewal of intimacy with the Spirit. Friends, this will be an experience you wouldn't want to miss and you will never forget. God bless you as we come together to celebrate a new beginning in the power of the Holy Spirit. Date: Saturday, 04 June 2022. Venue: St Ita's Drouin. Time: 10.30am to 4.00pm **Mass to be celebrated at 2.30pm**

INVITATION FROM ST ANGELA'S OF THE CROSS.

We warmly invite you to join us for the Warragul Parish Community Mass SUNDAY MAY, 29 Commencing at 9am St Joseph's Catholic Church Warragul Morning Tea to be held at St Angela of the Cross, Warragul following the conclusion of the Mass

MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For any queries national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 89124818

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

On Friday we welcomed singer, song writer and entertainer extraordinaire Andrew Chinn to our school. We are very familiar with Andrew's music as we use many of Andrew's songs at our prayer celebrations and liturgies. During the day Andrew presented workshops with each year level and from these workshops he created a choir. We were so blessed to have Andrew share his talent with us. It was a truly wonderful day.

ST ITA'S SCHOOL

We were excited to have Andrew Chinn, come to school to run workshops with all classes and then have students perform a concert, it was fantastic. This week our Grade 2 and 3 students participated in an AFL clinic, which they all enjoyed. Our Grade 4-6 students attended a Netball Vic clinic which was a great experience for them all.

ST ANGELA'S OF THE CROSS

On Tuesday Andrew Chinn from Butterfly Music visited our school to run workshops with students and perform a concert for families in our school community. It was a wonderful opportunity to invite Fr Peter along to share in the experience. The teachers at St Angela of the Cross utilise many of the resources Andrew and his colleagues provide to support prayer, liturgy and the teaching of Religious Education through an inquiry approach.

IF YOU WERE ACCUSED

A colleague of mine years ago had a poster above her desk which read, "If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" Good question!

For many "new Catholics" or "neophytes" across our diocese and the world, our recent Easter Vigil was the culmination of a lengthy period of discernment about joining the Catholic community. Quite counter-culturally, these people have put their hands up and proclaimed, "I want to be a Catholic!" "Wow!" is my response, "Come on in!" Many (including neophytes in our local parishes) report that they have been inspired by Catholic Christians they have encountered in their daily lives. And we welcome them, celebrating too our separated Christian brothers and sisters, longing for the day when we will all be completely one. That is what this gospel is all about! (*John 17: 20-26*)

John's gospel depicts Jesus asking the Father that his followers "may become completely one so that the world may know that you have sent me ..." (*Jn 17:23*) This is a sobering thought for Christians – that our behaviour, our example of unity or disunity, reflects directly on how the world sees Jesus.

If those we work and school and play with don't see the face of Christ in us, then we have to question our Christianity. If we are harping and carping and divisive within ourselves and in our relationship with other Christians we are a poor example. There are very real differences and divisions amongst us, but if we allow these to mask the many and much greater things that unite us we do a disservice to Christianity.

Hopefully for each of us individually and for all of us collectively there is enough evidence to convict us of being Christians.

Deacon Mark Kelly

OUR 2022 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM Welcome to our COMMITMENT WEEKEND.

This weekend we turn our attention to parish finances. How do we fund the priorities identified in our Program brochure and discussed at our Parishioner Forums? We welcome Frank Schobben from Parish First who will speak at all Masses on this important issue; guide us through how we can make our pledge of financial support to St Joseph's or to St Ita's and St Ignatius and challenge us to respond to the very best of our ability.

Thank you to those parishioners who attended our Parishioner Forums – your feedback was noted and your support was appreciated very much.

YOUR COMMITMENT to PARISH

What does my financial support typically pay for?

- Our pastoral care and outreach programs
- Ongoing operation and maintenance for our Church, presbytery and parish facilities
- Staff salaries, insurance premiums, all utilities, loan repayments, office stationery etc.

Why should I give and how much?

Our parish income is totally reliant on the financial support of ALL parishioners – without such support we could not exist. Our only recommendation is that parishioners give to their very best ability – that it be a meaningful commitment. We appeal to those with the greatest capacity – the greatest discretionary income – to give more.

RENEWAL PROGRAM team member thoughts:

Why do you think it is important to support the parish financially?

“COVID has placed financial pressure on all organisations, including our parish. This is our chance to reflect on our current commitment and share as best we can with our financial support.”

“Our renewal program helps us reflect on how we can commit to ensure that we meet the needs of the Parish, our pastoral programs, maintaining our church and other parish facilities. It also helps us understand the financial position of the parish.”

“We are a spiritual organisation living in a secular world. We need financial contributions to survive and thrive in our world.”

“There is no denying that if the church has to be functional and support its community – then it needs funds – and the very fact that the church is nothing but the community and the funds to come in must be generated within! This can be done through a proper systematic giving habit!”

Please pray for the following of our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5.30pm Neerim South Leah Turner (A)

Saturday 7pm Warragul Gary Wilts (A)

RECENTLY DECEASED Martin Hayes (funeral 11.30 Friday in St Joseph's).

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Burke, Barry White, Graeme Parker, Leah Turner, Gary Wilts, Don Newcombe, Stan Clapton.

RITE OF WELCOME Today we welcome **Bobbi Jaye Campbell** daughter of Nathan and Kaylee as they begin their journey towards baptism.

BAPTISM We welcome into the parish family **Charlotte Wendy McCormack** daughter of Luke & Nicole who will be baptised today 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
Followed by Rosary and Benediction

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: 0499 201 517
Drouin Ph: 5625 4715

MEETINGS

Tuesday: Parish Pastoral Council 7pm
St Ita's Church.

ROSTERS

21/22 May

Readers

7pm J Charles

9am D Cameron

Minister

7pm M Gleeson **9am** E Cameron

28/29 May

Readers

7pm J Parsons

9am P Bertacoo

Minister

7pm J Steven **9am** N Coster

St. Ita's

Readers

22/5 B Wans & J John

29/5 Allen Family

Ministers:

22/5 B Durand **29/5** F Godfrey

Communion to the sick
22/5 J Durand **29/5** F Godfrey

Amberlea

25/5 G & M Collins **2/6** B Durand

Lyrebird

24/5 J Gidley **31/5** F Godfrey

Cleaning

21/5 L McNamara

28/5 C Rushbury

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light,

since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.
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 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know
that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Weeks Readings:

The ASCENSION of the LORD

Acts 1: 1-11

Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9;

Eph 1: 17-23:

Lk 24: 46-53.

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