



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

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St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800  
 Principal: Mr Justin Greenwood.

Sunday 25th September 2022—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Yr C

*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 Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Warragul Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Drouin Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Warragul Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>

*Sunday Mass Times*

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

**LETTER FROM FR PETER**

Dear Parishioners,  
 I am sure many of you followed the scenes of mourning in Britain and worldwide following the death of Queen Elizabeth and culminating in her funeral and burial this week. There was clear grief shown by so many of the people who came to watch and wait. The queen had honoured people and they certainly honoured her.

The point that I take to heart in all the memories that have been shared was her often stated Christian faith. This faith was always part of her yearly Christmas message but it was implicit in her loyal and dedicated spirit of service. We might all learn from her example.

The priests will be on inservice this week. This will necessitate a change in the daily Mass schedule, please take note of the changes as listed in the bulletin.

And a last plug for our recognition of Migrants and Refugees at the 10.30 Mass on Sunday. Our communities are enriched by the contributions migrants and refugees bring to us.

This is a chance to acknowledge and celebrate their presence and contribution  
 Regards,  
 Fr Peter.

**FARWELL TO FR. PETER.**

*Drouin and Warragul Parishes incorporating Neerim South.*

All Parishioners are invited to an afternoon tea Sunday 9th October at 2.30pm in the Marian Room, St. Joseph's Warragul to farewell Fr Peter.

To contribute to Father Peter's gift, a leaving collection will be taken up at the end of all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 2nd and 9th October.

A plate of afternoon tea would be appreciated.

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.

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION SESSION.**

The next Gospel Reflection session will be on Friday 14th October after the 9.30am Mass.

All parishioners are welcome.

Inquiries: Joan at the Parish Office:  
56231642

### **SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH – 65th ANNIVERSARY REUNION**

Sacred Heart Girls' College Oakleigh is celebrating 65 years since our foundation. All former students and staff of the College are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea and a tour on Sunday, 16 October between 2pm and 4.30pm.

To book your place, please go to:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.

### **OFFERTORY**

We are now able to take up the offertory at Sunday Masses. I am seeking volunteers who wish to be on a roster for this at St. Ita's Sunday Mass. Please let me know if you would like to take part.

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Regards

Jenny Winterton

### **EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW Yr A 2023**

You are invited to an evening over zoom with Fr Chris Monaghan, while he takes us through the Gospel of Matthew to prepare us for Year A.

Venue: Zoom

Date: Monday 7th November

Time: 7.30pm to 9.00pm

RSVP: Please register to receive the link. Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD>

### **ROSARY:**

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to come together to pray the Rosary. **Mondays**- St Ita's Church Drouin @ 10.30am Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. **Fridays** - St Ita's Church Drouin @ 7pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. On both days the Church is opened for quiet reflection 30 minutes prior to Rosary prayers

### **REFLECTION by Greg Sunter Gospel Reflection**

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

**Gospel Focus – Rising from the dead**  
At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained

unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

### **Living the Gospel – Paying attention**

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

### **Scriptural context – Gates**

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

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## **LAZARUS AND ME**

Each Sunday in the Penitential Rite, we solemnly ask forgiveness for “what I have done and what I have failed to do.” Today’s gospel (Lk 16:19-31) pertains particularly to the second part of this, “what I have failed to do.” We aren’t told anything about the rich man actively doing anything about the poor man at his gate. He simply ignored him; he failed to do for him what Moses and the prophets demanded. And the result for him is cataclysmic.

This issue niggles away particularly at first world Christians. On balance we are the richest and most materially blessed society that has ever been. But do we deal fairly with our neighbours? Most of us don’t go out of our way to hurt anyone or to deliberately make anyone poor, destitute or wounded. But, reflecting on our lives, maybe we are a bit like this rich man (Dives). Just living in Australia, we mostly have an abundance of the good things of life. Everything we need, shelter, safety, freedom, health care, education, respect, opportunity. These are our birthright! The danger is that we live like Dives, feasting on our bounty and ignoring the poor at our gates. And we don’t have to search far for them!

The disadvantage of our indigenous people is a scandal. Do we ignore them? Do we hope their problems will go away? Do we hide behind slogans and platitudes? Or do we find a way to help?

The wider world is awakening to the injustices inflicted on refugees fleeing to our shores. Are we ignoring these men, women and children or are we trying to help them? Are we compassionate or are we hiding behind political expediency? Each of us will stand alone before our maker and account, not for national policy or “the vibe,” but for what we personally have done to help poor Lazarus at our gate.

*Deacon Mark Kelly*

***Please pray for the following of our Parishes:***

### *Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday 9.30am Drouin** John & Emma Jane Godfrey

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lily Hayes, Des Mooney, John and Emma Jane Godfrey, Maureen Kerr, Margaret Chevers, Patricia Baxter, Michael Charles, Heather Crowe.



## **MEETINGS**

### **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

### **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.

## **ROSTERS**

### **24/25 September**

#### **Readers**

7pm J Charles  
9am D Cameron  
**Minister**  
7pm J Steven 9am Vol

### **1/2 October**

#### **Readers**

7pm J Parsons  
9am R & R Tarraran  
**Minister**  
7pm M Gleeson 9am P Bertacco

### **St. Ita’s**

#### **Readers**

25/9 J Winterton, A Storti  
2/10 H Kelly, V Bibby

#### **Ministers:**

25/9 F Godfrey 2/10 J Durand

#### **Communion to the sick**

25/9 C Bogart 2/10 F Allen

#### **Amberlea**

22/9 K Fahey 29/9 F Godfrey

#### **Lyrebird**

20/9 V Bibby 27/9 B Maunder

#### **Cleaning**

24/9 L McNamara 1/10 C Rushbury

#### **Welcoming:**

25/9 J John  
2/10 B & P Maunder



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Am 6:1. 4-7

#### A reading from the prophet Amos

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of  
Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.  
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

#### (R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.  
The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Lk 16:19-31

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

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### Next Weeks Readings:

27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Hab 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4;

Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9;

2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14

Lk 17: 5-9.

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