



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

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 Principal: Mr Justin Greenwood

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday 10am St Joseph's Church
 Followed by Rosary and Benediction

Reconciliation:

St Joseph's: Wednesday 9.15am
 Saturday 10.30-11.00am

St Ita's: Saturday 9.45-10.15am

Sunday 24th September 2023– 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

Weekday Mass Times

Monday:	Warragul		9.30am
Tuesday:	Drouin	Communion Service	9.30am
Wednesday:	Warragul	Communion Service	9.30am
Thursday:	Drouin	Communion Service	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul		9.30am

Sunday Mass Times

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional owners 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.

LETTER FROM FR CONFIDENCE:

Greetings to you all.

This weekend we welcome Fr Prabhu Antony who arrived in our parish on Monday the 18th of September 2023. It is proposed that he will reside in our parish until January 2024. He will get to know our parish and we will get to know him. It will be his induction and welcome in the Diocese of Sale. I encourage you all to support, encourage and express your hospitality.

There will be Clergy Inservice for the Diocese of Sale at Corpus Christi Seminary from Monday the 25th of September 2023 to Thursday the 28th of September 2023. All priests and deacons are encouraged to attend this program. In our parish all the priests are going to the Inservice. There will be no weekday masses, but communion services will be conducted in place of Masses same time same Churches.

The message this weekend is about the Master trying to get each person to work in his vineyard no matter what time of day it is; so long as it is day, man is called to be productive in his work, living an ideal or productive life, not an idle life. Let us work building the kingdom of God.

Fr Confidence

CATECHISM CLASSES:

Will begin for term 4 on Wednesday 4th October, 3.45 – 5pm in the Marian Room St. Joseph's Church Warragul. These classes are for Catholic children who do not attend our Catholic schools and wish to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in 2024. For more information you can contact: Joan at St. Joseph's Parish Office: 56231642

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Office hours will be adjusted for the school holidays (18-29 Sep):

Mondays 8am - 2pm I will be working from home with the parish phone diverted to my mobile. So although **the physical office will be closed, the virtual office will open** and I will be available for phone calls and emails.

Tues - Friday 8am - 2pm parish office open.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to **Fr John Davine** who is celebrating 65 years of priestly ministry as of the 21st of September. May The Lord bless Fr Davine in abundance in this life and in eternity for his service in The Lord's vineyard.

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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIMES:

Senior Youth Group

(High School students)

Weekend of the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month: 8pm-10pm after the vigil Mass (Sat) in the Marian Room at St Joseph's church.

Junior Youth Group

(Primary School students)

1st Sunday of every month:

11.30am-1pm after Mass, St Ita's school hall.

Weekend of the 3rd Sunday of every month: 5pm-6.30pm before the vigil Mass (Sat) in the Marian Room at St Joseph's church.

PARISH KEY HOLDERS:

All parishioners in possession of any parish keys are asked to please contact the parish office in order that we can update our keyholder register. Please note **the number stamped onto your key** (eg MK 11 or EF 11). You are welcome to email a picture of your key to the parish office.

Any parishioners with parish keys that are no longer required are asked to please return the keys to the office.



VIDEO SERIES:



The Search is an innovative series that tackles the basics of our faith and key questions of every human heart. Why are we here? What's the purpose of life? What happens when we die? In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick, and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

We will be running this series on Fridays 7:30pm, beginning on 6th October. This will be held in the Marian room in **St Joseph's Parish**. Each week we will watch a video for about 25 minutes and have a small group sharing for 30 minutes. We want

to invite you and encourage you to invite someone from your work or family to be part of this course.



The Wild goose is a series on the Holy Spirit. It features Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews dealing with different experiences of the Holy Spirit and invites viewers to a renewed encounter. This will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit and will transform you and bring you freedom.

We will be running this series on Thursdays 7:30pm, beginning on 5th October. This will be held in **St Ita's Church**. Each week we will watch a video for about 25 minutes and have a small group sharing for 25 minutes. We want to invite everyone to be part of this series and be enriched by the Holy Spirit.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

During the month of September ST VINCENT DE PAUL Society is revitalising and promoting the society, highlighting the works we do.

Our core work involves visiting people, who contact the Society for assistance with living expenses. On these visits, always done in pairs, we offer material assistance as well as friendship and support, affirming the dignity of each person, regardless of their situation.

Last year, St Joseph's Conference assisted 1085 people providing \$31,255 in assistance, as well as supporting Baw Baw Food Relief which contributed enormously.

St Ita's Conference has assisted 733 people providing \$ 29,611.

On a broader level, our members and volunteers assist people each year across Australia. Worldwide, the Society has over 800,000 members and 1.5 million volunteers in over 150 countries assisting over 30 million people. Sounds amazing

however we are still in need of volunteers. There are many ways to support. If visiting is not something you are comfortable with: the organising of materials or answering and making phones calls is more your thing - there is a space for you. And with Christmas coming up quickly, our Christmas Gifting preparation will be starting. Many hands make light the work.

But just importantly, we are a spiritual organisation. Our members live out our faith in action, gathering at regular parish conference meetings not only to organise and report on the works we do, but also to pray, to reflect and to help one another in their faith journey.

This spirituality underpins all our works. Inspired by the examples of our Patron, St Vincent de Paul, and our founder, Blessed Fredric Ozanam, we endeavour to see the face of Christ in every person we assist.

This is only a small snapshot of the life and work of the members and volunteers of St Vincent de Paul Society. If you would like to learn more please join us after Mass for a chat. Also feel free to attend a meeting in September/October. Our members will have our St Vincent de Paul badge on today. Or phone St Ita's Conference Barb - 0414965079
St Joseph's Conference Fran - 0477834794



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

GOOD WORKS

Conferences

Revitalise this September
Celebrate your local conference's
good works and commitment
to the local community.



LEARN MORE

Give Us Mercy, Not Fairness

John Newton, slave ship captain turned anti-slavery reformer and writer of the hymn "Amazing Grace", well understood this Sunday's gospel passage (Mt 20:1-16). After an early life spent inflicting unspeakable horror on his brothers and sisters, he was transformed through God's grace.

Sometimes we get tangled up with the idea that goodness, compassion and church-going is so that God will love us and save us. That it is about us paying dues or doing our time. Oh dear! There is nothing we can do to make God love us more or less.

As Christians, we strive to love God and our neighbour because we know how graced we are by Him, not the other way round. Newton spent the remainder of his life amazed that God's grace could save even a wretch like him.

He understood that our Creator is just and generous. God's justice doesn't mean "anything goes" but it is divine justice tempered with vast divine mercy which reflects immeasurable love for each of us. God's Reign is overflowing with justice and generosity.

This gospel of the landowner paying all his workers the same generous pay, regardless of how many hours they have worked, offends notions of fairness. But, of course, the parable is about the generosity of God and we certainly don't want God giving us a fair go; rewarding us according to our merits. As sinners who fall way short of living our best, we are lost. If we got a fair go from God then we would stay lost. We couldn't earn salvation. None of us would be saved.

It is precisely because we don't get a fair go, but rather a merciful go from God, that we are saved.

Deacon Mark Kelly

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norma May

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Barber, Mary Lamb, Meena Van Der Veen, Maureen Kerr, Margaret Chevers, Patricia Baxter, Walter Charles, Heather Crowe and Kristy Telford.

BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome into our parish family Adi Watkins, Otto Watkins, Jonti Durand and Bethany Durand.

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

23/24 Sep

Readers

7pm A Yaqoo 9am M Tuck

Minister

7pm M Gleeson 9am tba

Offertory

7pm M Gleeson 9am E Romanin & Gina

Greeters

7pm J Steven 9am A Hoffman (MR)
D Cameron (FE)

30 Sep/1 Oct

Readers

7pm J Parsons 9am R & R Tarraran

Minister

7pm M Gleeson 9am N Coster

Offertory

7pm A Good fmly 9am D & J Monterrosa

Greeters

7pm Volunteer 9am M Stadegaard (MR)
S Hilder (FE)

St. Ita's

Readers

24 Sep B&P Maunder 1 Oct Youth

Ministers

24 Sep M Collins 1 Oct B Maunder

Offertory

24 Sep Sally & Shelly 1 Oct B & J Durand

Welcoming

24 Sep D Oliver 1 Oct J Winterton

Communion to the sick

24 Sep J Durand 1 Oct C Bogart

Piety Stall

24 Sep L & A Schellekens 1 Oct D Oliver & I McLean

Amberlea

28 Sep M Lara-Laghrou

Lyrebird

3 Oct G & M Collins

Cleaning

29 Sep L McNamara 6 Oct C Rushbury

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.

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

Sacrament Team: Warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org
Ph: 5623 1642

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 Parish:

Presbytery (1st collection) \$745.20
Planned Giving envelope: \$1,340.00
Church (2nd collection) cash \$176.30

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$5,250.00
(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Presbytery (1st collection): \$527.65
Planned Giving envelope: \$665.00
Church (2nd collection) cash \$124.35

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

Wednesday: SVDP 10.00am
St Joseph's meeting room.

Thursday: SVDP 10.00am St Ita's
meeting room.

**That's The Spirit Charismatic
Prayer Group, 7.00pm** St Ita's Church

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v. 18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life
or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but
then death would bring me something more; but then
again, if living in this body means doing work which is
having good results – I do not know what I should
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone
and be with Christ, which would be very much the
better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more
urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of The Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers
for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the
workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his
vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw
others standing idle in the market place and said to
them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a
fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and
again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out
and found more men standing round, and he said to
them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?"
"Because no one has hired us" they answered. He
said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the
evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff,
"Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting
with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So
those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came
forward and received one denarius each. When the
first came, they expected to get more, but they too
received one denarius each. They took it, but
grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last"
they said "have done only one hour, and you have
treated them the same as us, though we have done a
heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of
them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to
you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your
earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as
much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like
with my own? Why be envious because I am
generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first,
last.'

The Gospel of The Lord.

Next Week Readings:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 18:25-28, Ps 24:4-9, Phil 2:1-11, Mt 21:28-32.

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MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2023

Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's
CBD, to protest against the horrors of full-term abortion in
Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life!

OCTOBER 7TH, 1PM START

Meeting at Treasury Gardens,
corner of Spring Street and
Wellington Parade

