



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 Justin Greenwood.

Sunday 24th October 2021-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Yr B

Next 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 Unknown Vaccination	9.30am
Warragul Unknown Vaccination	5.30pm
Wednesday: Warragul	9.30am
Thursday: Drouin Unknown Vaccination	9.30am
Friday: Warragul	9.30am
Saturday: Warragul Unknown Vaccination	11.00am

All masses except the four designated are for fully vaccinated people only; please bring proof of vaccination with you.

LETTER FROM FR PETER

Dear Parishioners,
 We find ourselves at Phase B of Victoria's roadmap and it means some changes for the way we gather. For masses where everyone is fully vaccinated we can have 30 people attending. Where vaccinations are unknown (effectively it means not recorded) we can have 20. 30 is not a big increase but the number is expected to go higher when we move to Phase C.

In practice that means that parishioners who are fully vaccinated can attend any mass where the numbers are at or below the limit. You are asked to check in to the QR code using your Service Victoria app with your Covid 19 digital certificate attached, and ready to show the tick to the Covid marshal attending. (If you don't have the app we still take a written record, please bring a printed record of vaccination.

Some masses will be designated for "unknown vaccinations", which means records of vaccination status will not be collected, though other details of attendees will be. If you are not vaccinated, you are required not to attend masses for the fully vaccinated.

Another change has to be made; the two "extra masses" will cease after next Saturday/ Sunday October 30/31. This is due to the unavailability of priests in November. Again, to complicate things further, the children due for first communion will be attending for their commitment on that weekend so I would ask you not to book in until late in the week to ensure there is room.

Finally, a new Mass will be celebrated on Saturdays at 11 am; vaccination will not

be required to attend but numbers are limited to 20.

This is taking me some time to comprehend and I ask you to read and re-read what I have written. I hope it is clear enough. Then look at the schedule of Masses on this page, and then make your plans. We will still take bookings for the Sunday masses, but I believe the weekday masses should accommodate the usual attendances

Once again, I appreciate your cooperation.
 Regards
 Fr Peter.

BOOKING FOR MASSES

Sunday 31st October 2021

Booking for Masses
 To book click on the link below..
<https://www.trybooking.com/BUZXN>

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

PLEASE HOLD OFF BOOKING UNTIL FRIDAY.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

We are collecting for Catholic Missions this month.

COVID MARSHALLS

We are looking for people to volunteer to be COVID Marshalls at the Masses that they attend to help with checking in Parishioners.

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.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

A gentle parish conversation about our circumstances and looking forward to better times.
Thursday 28th October 7pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85155538631?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85155538631?pwd=dkwxSUduNjlkZU9tVUJZNVVvMUZnUT09)

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*Fr Confidence + Dcn Mark
A Parish Council Initiative*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parish Pastoral Council meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Please submit items to the parish office by the 3rd Tuesday. Members: Dee Jackson (chair), Alex Good, Patricia Bertacco, Richard Wans, Jerald John, Barbara Durand, Anton Isaacs, James Mazzolini; plus parish clergy, pastoral staff and school principals.

ST JOSEPH'S PIETY STALL

Columban Calendars will be available before 9am Mass from next week \$9.50 also Christmas Cards \$3.50 for a pack of 8.

PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES

The next lot of envelopes will be in the foyers of the Churches for the next two weeks. Please collect if possible to save on postage.

URGENT APPEAL:

Volunteers are urgently needed to take Holy Communion to Amberlea Nursing home on Tuesdays after 9.30 a.m. Mass. If you would like to help with this valuable ministry please contact Barbara Durand on 0414965079 or email barbdurand42@bigpond.com Please note: Volunteers will need to be double vaccinated in order to carry out this duty.

**FR. WALTER SILVESTER sac
MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Many parishioners would be familiar with the name Fr. Walter Silvester sac, who ministered from Pallotti College Retreat Centre, Millgrove. Fr. Wally died 16 years ago, and every year since there has been a 1 ½ hour free Public Lecture at the Australian Catholic University in his honour.

On Tuesday, 26th October 2021 at 5:30 – 7pm (AEDT), you are cordially invited to the 'on-line' Public Lecture being presented by Jason Kelly, a Mutthi Mutthi/Wamba Wamba man, and Fr. Frank Brennan, SJ AO. The Topic is: 'Truth, Treaty and Transformation'. It promises to be a very informative evening!!

No Registration required. Click on the Link: <https://acu.zoom.us/j/84877950748>

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

ST ANGELA'S

Our Religious Education focus for this term is all about Social Justice, recognising our needs, the needs of others and care for the environment. Our Social Justice leaders will be running some initiatives across our school to raise money and awareness for the missions. We enjoyed our Zoom meeting with Fr. Peter where he answered some of our questions in regard to creation and the environment.

ST ITA'S

All our students are now back at school. There was great excitement and squeals of laughter as students caught up with each other after being away from school for so long. Our students appeared bright and fresh and ready to work and play with their friends. Despite the sadness and turmoil of the last few weeks, our school community displayed great resilience and care and concern for each other. On Friday we held an outdoor prayer service in memory of our precious, bright and bubbly Gr 2 student Rose McMahon.

CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH 2021

This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. By providing a loving home, a community of women from similar backgrounds, parenting skills training and pre and postnatal medical care, the Good Shepherd Sisters are supporting women and their babies in need. However, the Home can only continue this work through the generosity of others. Through this appeal, parishioners are given the opportunity to come alongside the Sisters to ensure more mothers in need are given an opportunity at a brighter future.

Please give generously

SAINT JOHN PAUL AND INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

On Friday we celebrated the feast day of Pope Saint John Paul II who has a special place in the hearts of Aboriginal Catholics and indeed of Aboriginal Australians. His 1986 Alice Springs speech recognising their unique culture, contribution to the Catholic Church and their long history of survival despite discrimination was a proud, pivotal moment for Aboriginal peoples and remains a stark wake up to the rest of us.

Saint John Paul's profound address showed great understanding and empathy, laying bare the pain of dispossession, transportation from homelands, break-up of families, splitting apart of tribes, orphaned children and "people forced to live like exiles in a foreign country." At the same time he celebrated and honoured their "Dreaming," their songs and stories, paintings and languages with deep respect, dignity and affection. Finally: understanding! (*Address of Pope John Paul II to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, Alice Springs 29th Nov 1986*) The Pope's words were a balm to Aboriginal ears, akin to Jeremiah's words to the people of Israel in our first reading this week, "They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back". (*Jer 31:9*)

All these years later the Plenary Council is discerning how our Australian Church might be newly open to Indigenous ways of being Catholic in spirituality, theology, liturgy, and missionary discipleship. Vigorous support is being expressed for Church efforts to "bridge the gap" with First Nations people, not least of which is endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Indigenous Catholic and Plenary Council delegate Ms Toni Janke, feels a real sense of hope in the Council, reminding us that indigenous Australians "have a beautiful rich culture that is in excess of 60,000 years old and a lot to teach not just the Church but the community at large." (*Catholic Leader 5th Oct 2021*).
Deacon Mark Kelly

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.

Please pray for the following of our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Sunday 9.00am Warragul Mollie and Alan Smullen (A)
Tuesday 9.30am Drouin
Elisha Gregory, All Souls in Purgatory
Friday 9.30am Warragul Friends of the Suffering Souls

RECENTLY DECEASED Maureen Morrison

ANNIVERSARIES Elisha Gregory, Brian Casey, Mollie and Alan Smullen.

MASK PRAYER.

Lord,
May your love and light shine in
and through me today
In a way that no mask can hide.
May my eyes dance with
the laughter and joy
Replacing my hidden smile.
May my actions of care and concern
Speak louder than my muffled
voice ever could.
And may the generosity of my heart
Radiate out through who I am
And how I respond to the world around me
So that others may not see my mask
But your image shining out
Moving in and through me today.
Amen
Br Michael Herry fms

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

ROSTERS

23/24 October

Readers

7pm J Parsons
9am F & D Matchado

30/31 October

Readers

7pm A Isaacs
9am D Cameron

St. Ita's

Readers

24/10 B Wans 31/10 F Allen

Ministers:

24/10 F Allen 31/10 J Durand

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness.

That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was.

Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 6: 2-6;

Heb 7: 23-28;

Mk 12: 28-34.

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