



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

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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 26th Nov 2023- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Yr A

Weekday Mass Times

Monday:	Warragul	9.30am
Tuesday:	Drouin	9.30am
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
	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:

We celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, this Sunday marks the end of the Liturgical year. This Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical Quas Primas, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself.

Christ the King is one of the most important titles of Jesus. Even though Jesus Christ was not a king in the earthly sense, He is the divine King of the Universe, who unites all of creation with the Father. As St. Paul tells us, 1 Cor. 15:25-28 "For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For God has put all things in subjection under his feet. . . . When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

INRI on crucifixes point to Christ's Kingship. These are the initials for the Latin Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum, which means "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Pilate ordered that a sign with these ironic words be placed on Jesus' cross above his head. Even though this was

done to justify the Crucifixion, and not because Pilate believed it to be true, it was still fitting that the Cross in some way acknowledged Jesus' Kingship.

Christ is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven. We adore you; O Christ King of the universe.

Fr Confidence

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023

Sunday December 24th

(Christmas Eve)

7.00pm	Marist Sion Hall (Carols 6.30pm)
9.00pm	St. Joseph's Church Warragul
9.00pm	St. Ita's Church Drouin

Monday December 25th

(Christmas Day)

9.00am	St. Ignatius Church Neerim South
9.00am	St. Joseph's Church Warragul
10.30am	St. Ita's Church Drouin

2ND RITE OF

**RECONCILIATION BEFORE
 CHRISTMAS**

As well as regular times there is to be a communal service for Reconciliation at **St. Ita's Church** on **Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm.** All parishioners are welcome.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:

Next weekend, 2nd and 3rd of December, during our parish Masses in Warragul and Drouin, some of our candidates will receive their First Holy Communion. The final communion Mass will take place the following weekend, Sunday 10th December at the 10.30 Mass in Drouin. Please welcome these children and their families, and keep them in your prayers.

CUP OF TEA:

A cup of tea will be held after the 7pm and 9am Masses this weekend. We would appreciate if you could bring a plate of food to share. All parishioners are welcome.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

ST JOSEPH'S:

We had a Scholastics Book Fair at school during the week. The children created a wish list of books they would like and families had a number of opportunities to visit the school and make purchases. Proceeds from the Book Fair go towards purchasing resources for our library. The children preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist attended a reconciliation ceremony during the week in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist over the next few weeks.

ST ITA'S

Last week a number of Grade 4 students participated in a Reconciliation Ceremony in preparation for their First Holy Communion next week. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers. On Friday our Grade 6 students who are attending Marist/Sion college next year attended an Orientation Day, we had some very excited students. Also, on Friday our Foundation students had an incursion titled "The Superhero in You" it focused on their social and emotional well-being.

MARIST-SION COLLEGE:

Our graduating 2023 Year 12 Students celebrated their valedictory with family members, guardians and teachers at a dinner at Lardner Park on Friday 17 November. A highlight of the evening was a "gratitude video" in which some students expressed their gratitude to their teachers.

On Friday 24 November, our College welcomed the very excited 2024 Year 7 students for their Orientation program, which included a liturgy and students meeting their new House leaders and Tutors.

ADVENT BOOKS:

Advent begins **next week**, so get your copy of '**The Sign Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2023**' from the piety shops for \$5 each before they sell out.

ANNUAL ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE DROUIN:

Parishioners are warmly invited to participate in the annual ecumenical worship service at 7.00pm on Sunday 26th November, as Christ Church celebrates its patronal festival on the feast day of Christ the King.

Afterwards there will be an opportunity for fellowship over refreshments.
Drouin Anglican Parish, 128-132 Princes Way, Drouin.

AN AFTERNOON OF BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS MUSIC:

The Yallourn Madrigal Singers is pleased to present "**Rejoice and Be Merry**", a concert of sacred Christmas music.
Saturday 9th December at St James Anglican Church, Traralgon at 2.00 pm.

A delicious afternoon tea will be served following the performance.
Tickets: Adults \$20
School Students \$10. Bookings preferred for catering but tickets can be purchased at the door.
www.trybooking.com/CMYWZ

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION:

As advertised on flyers in the churches: 26 November 2023
Feast of Christ the King
2.00pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Mass & procession led by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS/ALMSGIVING OPTIONS:

Caritas Australia Global Gifts

A Global Gift is a donation to Caritas Australia made on behalf of another. The Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact on the poor. Each gift represents a donation to Caritas that will support vulnerable communities with assistance such as livestock, food, water, shelter and much more. Order online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413.



Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Calendars and almsgiving

The MSC '**Living Water Calendar 2024**' includes all the reading and the Psalms of each day, significant feast days and liturgical colour. Photos from around the world feature the mission's **clean and safe water projects**. Calendars are \$10 each and the proceeds support the mission projects. Calendars can be ordered online at www.mscmission.org.au or call 02 9697 0983. Order forms to order by mail are available at the parish office. Additionally, donations can be made in these ways to support the mission projects of this order of priests and brothers. "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved!"



Christ the King

When Pope Saint John XXIII was asked, "Why do you keep talking on love?" He replied, "Because Jesus told us that it is on love that we will be judged". Christ the King, the judge, doesn't demand we jump through confusing hoops but simply this: that we have loved him through concrete acts of mercy to those around us who are less fortunate.

Unlike the calendar year or the financial year, the Church's year finishes this Sunday with the Feast of Christ the King and Matthew's gospel this week (Mt 25:31-46) perfectly summarises the Lord's teachings over the course of the year. Jesus told us a few weeks ago that the whole of the Law could be summed up in love of God and love of neighbour (Mt 22:34-40). He has taught us to understand scripture and to see Him as its fulfilment, but when all is said and done his core teaching is that the world divides into givers and takers. He and his followers are givers!

Givers generously feed the hungry, welcome strangers, aid the poor, sick or imprisoned, and, in so doing, honour Jesus. Takers meanwhile, who neglect to do these things to the least of Jesus' sisters and brothers, are neglecting Jesus. Givers are welcomed into God's kingdom, but takers earn eternal punishment. Couldn't be clearer!

Can't say we weren't warned! Most Australians claim to be Christians; we all enjoy relative freedom and opportunity, health, wealth and education. If we as a nation or as individuals choose to ignore the hungry, turn back strangers, despise the poor, persecute the sick and actually imprison those asking for our help, Christ our King tells us what our fate will be. And it won't be good!

We'd better be praying for the courage, wisdom and generosity to love our neighbours and God, rather than jealously hoarding our time, money and compassion. We know where that leads!

Deacon Mark Kelly
College Chaplain

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Monday 9.30am: Ron Coster (Deceased)

Friday 9.30am: Mass of thanksgiving for the blessings of the Hayes Family

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tom Harris

ANNIVERSARIES: Wayne Devlin, Alan Beggs, Marie Charles, Joseph Arnephy, James Cunliffe, Brian Clancy and Thomas Cooney.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome **Harvey Worrall, Bryce Bravington and Elouise Berriman** into our parish family.

First Collection (to support our Priests)

083879 941199437

**St Joseph's & St Ita's
Presbytery account.**

Second Collection (Planned Giving)

**St Joseph's Church
Account**

083879 489045334

St Ita's Church Account

083879 568166097

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**St Joseph's Building
Works Account**

083879 971765356

ROSTERS

25/26 Nov

Readers

7pm A Yaqoo 9am M-T Tuck

Minister

7pm M Gleeson 9am N Coster

Offertory

7pm Gabrielle & 9am D&J Monterrosa
& Tony

Greeters

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

2/3 Dec

Readers

7pm Youth 9am D Cameron

Minister

7pm Youth 9am P Bertacco

Offertory

7pm Youth 9am M Kittelty &
A Hoffman

Greeters

7pm Youth 9am P Heffernan (MR)
E Romanin (FE)

St. Ita's

Readers

26 Nov J John & 3 Dec Youth
J Fahey

Ministers

26 Nov F Allen 3 Dec J Durand

Offertory

26 Nov B&P Maunder 3 Dec J & K Fahey

Welcoming

26 Nov C Butterworth 3 Dec I McLean

Communion to the sick

26 Nov B Pickthall 3 Dec D Gleeson

Piety Stall

26 Nov L & A 3 Dec D Oliver &
Schellekens I McLean

Amberlea

30 Nov B Durand 6 Dec Mass

Lyrebird

28 Nov B Maunder 12 Dec J Gibbons
& G John & C Harkin

Cleaning

1 Dec L McNamara 8 Dec 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

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 Maunder, who can be contacted via the parish office.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

(last week's Sunday collections)

St Joseph Parish:

Presbytery (1st collection): \$591.80
Planned Giving envelope: \$825.00
Church (2nd collection) cash \$253.75

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$15,520.00
(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Presbytery (1st collection): \$637.55
Planned Giving envelope: \$312.00
Church (2nd collection) cash \$106.10

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

Tuesday: PPC Meeting, 7.00pm St Ita's Meeting Room.

Wednesday: RCIA 7.30pm, Marian Room.
Enq Joan, Parish Office: 5623 1642

Thursday: That's the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group, 7.00pm St Ita's Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

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

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father,
so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One

who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of The Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he
will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of The Lord.

Next Week Readings:

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8; Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9,
Mk 13:33-37.

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