



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 5th December 2021-Second Sunday of Advent-Yr C

Next Sunday Mass Times

Neerim South Saturday:	Vigil Fully Vaccinated	5.30pm
Warragul Saturday:	Vigil Fully Vaccinated	7.00pm
Warragul Sunday	Fully Vaccinated	9.00am
Drouin Sunday:	Fully Vaccinated	10.30am

ALL FOUR SUNDAY MASSES ARE FOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE ONLY; PLEASE BRING PROOF OF VACCINATION WITH YOU.

Weekday Mass Times

Maximum 50 people at Weekday Masses.

Monday:	Warragul	Unknown Vaccination	9.30am
Tuesday:	Drouin	Unknown Vaccination	9.30am
	Warragul	Unknown Vaccination	5.30pm
Wednesday:	Warragul	NO MASS	9.30am
Thursday:	Drouin	Unknown Vaccination	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul	Unknown Vaccination	9.30am
Saturday:	Warragul	Unknown Vaccination	11.00am

A LETTER FROM FR PETER

Dear Parishioners,
 The season of Advent continues. It's a good reminder of the need to be renewed in our hope and expectation. We journey in this time with the prophets of old, and gospel heroes like Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist. The call of the Baptist "to prepare the way of the Lord" echoes in our minds and hearts.

We are going to celebrate a prayer service in St Joseph's church on Tuesday evening at 7 pm. It will include prayers, music, and a litany of St Joseph put together by Traralgon parishioner, Mike Hansen. It is a wonderful opportunity to focus on St Joseph as we journey through Advent and come to the close of the Year of St Joseph. I invite you to come and take part.

The times of our Christmas masses are published in our bulletin this week. We are looking forward to larger crowds this year. Most of our celebrations are for fully vaccinated people only. But the 8 pm Mass in Drouin on Christmas Eve will be out doors and open to those who are not vaccinated. Please take note of the times and locations.

Once again we are sharing some information related to preparing for the Bishops' Synod of 2023. There are several ways you can be involved in the consultations going on at present. There are slides with information among the power point slides for each Sunday mass. There is information in an email being sent out along with the bulletin. It includes a contact enabling individuals

to make a contribution. There are also printed brochures available in the church today. You can also access the information by going to the Australian Catholic Bishops' website and finding the link to the Synod material. I encourage you to use one of these means to have your say.
 Regards
 Fr Peter.

OTHER NOTES:

All four Sunday masses are for fully vaccinated people only; please bring proof of vaccination with you. These have no limits on numbers attending according to the latest government directive.

Weekday masses are open to all with a new limit of 50 people in attendance.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve 24 December

7.00 pm Marist Sion Hall
(Full vaccination required).

8.00 pm outside at St Ita's Drouin
(No vaccination record)

Christmas Day 25 December

9.00 am St Joseph's Church
(Full vaccination required)

9.30 am St Ignatius Church
(Full vaccination required)

10.30 am St Ita's Church
(Full vaccination required)

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS MONTH

is for the Military Ordinariate.

CAUTION NEEDED!

If you are attending Mass at St. Ita's please take care when walking around or under the damage to the exterior entrance ceiling. The Parish is currently obtaining quotes for repairing this damage, but this will take some time. Take care. St. Ita's Finance Committee.

ROSARY.

Dear Parishioners,
Each Sunday at 5pm at Civic Park, Warragul a Rosary is being prayed so all parishioners can come together to pray for an end to the vaccine segregation that is disrupting lives and livelihoods. We are also praying that the proposed pandemic bill be abandoned or modified satisfactorily. For more information, please feel free to call Jess Parsons on 0411 957 280. Thank you

THAT'S THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday's starting at 7pm with Rosary

<https://msngr.com/cplduhetqhuh>

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH.

To celebrate the end of the Year of St. Joseph a liturgy and prayer service will be held on Tuesday 7th December 7pm in St. Joseph's Church. All parishioners are welcome.

SYNOD 2021 -2023 Let's Walk

Together!

Our Listening. Listening with an open heart and mind is the first step. How good are we Catholics at listening with the ear of our hearts? Who don't we listen to? Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay> or use the QR code



Introductory video, prayers and resources at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

SACRAMENT PREPARATION.

We are looking to add someone to our Sacrament Preparation team in a part time paid position. Please contact Prue at the office or Fr Peter. 5623-1642

ROSARY

Rosary will be prayed Tuesday 7/12 11am St Ignatius Church followed by lunch at the Jindi Café. Please RSVP to Joan Gleeson by Sunday night 28/11 0428 944 407.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

Although this year has been filled with unexpected and unusual events, the presence of desperation and poverty remain with us. To some extent they have become even more dire, and each individual incident creates upheaval and chaos in people's lives. So, again we beg for you to be generous, as you have been in the past, to support Saint Vincent de Paul in its efforts to assist the less fortunate.

The Appeal is to be held on the 12th of December where you can contribute to the collection or take an envelope and send your contribution in. Thanking you in anticipation.

Vin Bibby Drouin and Paul Ryan
Warragul

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.

ST ITA'S PIETY STALL

Columban Calendars available. \$10.50. Contact Monica Clark 56252598 or her brother Vin 56255555

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

ST JOSEPH'S

Thank you to all who contributed towards Confirmation mass as last week. Our children are very fortunate to have had the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament. We've had a busy week at Saint Josephs with classes celebrating Italian day. The students came dressed in costumes and then participated in a variety of Italian themed activities. They played bocce, danced the Tarantella, cooked biscotti and learned about Christmas in Italy. Fun times were had by all.

ST ANGELA'S

This week we have been learning about Advent and it's meaning. Students discussed the importance of waiting and preparing for Christmas and how they can share their special talents and gifts with others in the lead up to this special occasion. The students in Homegroup 1 and Homegroup 2 created their own Advent wreaths to take home and use with their families in the countdown to Christmas.

ST ITA'S

Last Friday we held our Junior fun Athletics Day which was run by our senior students. It was great parents were able to attend on site to watch and enjoy the morning. A number of our grade 6 students were confirmed last Friday night at St Ita's in Drouin and last Saturday night at St Joseph's Warragul. More are being confirmed next weekend at St Joseph's in Warragul. Thank you to Fr Peter and Thérèse Meggetto for making this possible. Thursday night we held our Gr 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner, it was great to be able to celebrate together.

CHRISTMAS THESE DAYS!

Preparations for Christmas these days are typically less focussed on Luke and Matthew's nativity stories and some folk have only a jumbled notion of the feast we celebrate. And certainly much is written about the commercialisation of Christmas. But still much can be learnt about preparation, consideration of others and reflection on values and circumstances beyond ourselves.

St Francis of Assisi might be said to have invented Christmas in the thirteenth century. His special devotion to Jesus, in what he considered the "feast of feasts", highlights the incarnate Creator born to Mary in poor, simple, awkward, humble circumstances. Francis celebrated this earthy humanity, encouraging anticipation of the feast and introducing some of the symbolism remaining today. The world is a better place for Christmas preparations.

All three of our readings for this second Sunday of Advent are about preparedness, yearning and eager anticipation. That's what Advent is about – preparation.

Baruch, a lesser known Old Testament prophet, expresses the yearning of his people during times of sorrow and distress for a joyful future with God's glorious coming (*Bar 5:1-9*), while the gospel (*Lk 3:1-6*) outlines John the Baptist foretelling the imminent coming of the Lord, his cousin Jesus, Son of God. St Paul in his letter to the Philippians (*Phil 1:3-6, 8-11*), a few decades after Jesus life, death and resurrection is about preparation for the anticipated second coming of Jesus at some unknown time in the future.

All in all, the message is clear. Prepare with joy for Jesus' first coming as a child in Bethlehem. We are familiar with the story, but that doesn't make it any less exquisite. And whilst we anticipate the secular pleasures of Christmas, let us eagerly celebrate the Good News as well as prayerfully preparing ourselves too for the second coming of Christ.

Deacon Mark Kelly

Please pray for the following of our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Monday 9.30am Warragul Friends of the Suffering Souls
Friday 9.30am Warragul Les Gnaden

RECENTLY DECEASED Leo Vincent Slater

ANNIVERSARIES Brian Molan, Derrick Delfsma, Tess O'Connor, Brendan Noy, Leo Willems, Albert Gleeson, Bernard Cooney, Giuseppe Utano, Caterina Utano, Christofolo Russo, Giuseppina Russo.

BAPTISM We welcome into the parish family **Abigail Karen Colvin** daughter of Evan and Elyse who will be baptised Sunday in St Joseph'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

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: 5623 6741
Drouin Ph: 5625 4715



ROSTERS

4/5 December

Readers

7pm A Isaacs
9am N Gregory

11/12 December

Readers

7pm J Parsons
9am D Cameron

St. Ita's

Readers

5/12 Anita & Colleen
12/12 Frances & Jerome

Ministers:

5/12 J Durand 12/12 A Coonan

Communion to the sick

5/12 F Godfrey 12/12 C Bogart

Amberlea

2/12 B Durand
9/12 F Godfrey

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Bar 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:

since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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 Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves

you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low,

winding ways will be straightened

and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Weeks Readings:

3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT

Zeph 3: 14-18;

Phil 4: 4-7;

Lk 3: 10-18.

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