



St. Ignatius', Neerim South



— St. Joseph's, Warragul



— St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

Forming Missionary Communities'

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St. Joseph's Primary School 5623-2943
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St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800
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Gary Blackwood- Chairperson
Fiona Macrae-Secretary
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Marc Schellekens, Gerard Ward,
Chris Harkin, Alicia Phillips,
Belinda Pickthall, John Rowe & Dee Jackson

EX OFFICE : PARISH PRIEST, DEACON MARK, JOAN ROBERTSON AND PRINCIPALS ON ROTATION FROM ST JOSEPH'S, ST ITA'S, ST ANGELA OF THE CROSS AND MARIST SION.

Sunday 25th May 2025 –6th Sunday of Easter- Yr C

May is the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Weekday Mass Times (26 May—30 May)

Monday:	Warragul	9.30 am
Tuesday:	Drouin	5.30pm
Wednesday:	Warragul	9.30am
Thursday:	Drouin	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul	9.30am

"An Anointing Mass"

Mass Times (31 - 1 June)

Saturday:	Neerim Sth	"Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary"	5.30pm
Saturday	Warragul		7.00pm
Sunday:	Warragul		9.00am
	Drouin		10.30am



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians 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.

If You Were Accused

A colleague of mine years ago had a poster above her desk which read, "If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" Good question!

For many "new Catholics" or "neophytes" across our diocese and the world, our recent Easter Vigil was the culmination of a lengthy period of discernment about joining the Catholic community. Quite counter-culturally, these people have put their hands up and proclaimed, "I want to be a Catholic!" "Wow!" is my response, "Come on in!" Many (including neophytes in our local parishes) report that they have been inspired by Catholic Christians they have encountered in their daily lives. And we welcome them, celebrating too our separated Christian brothers and sisters, longing for the day when we will all be completely one. That is what this gospel is all about! (John 17: 20-26)

John's gospel depicts Jesus asking the Father that his followers "may become completely one so that the world may know that you have sent me ..." (Jn 17:23) This is a sobering thought for Christians – that our behaviour, our example of unity or disunity, reflects directly on how the world sees Jesus.

If those we work and school and play with don't see the face of Christ in us, then we have to question our Christianity. If we are harping and carping and divisive within ourselves and in our relationship with other Christians, we are a poor example. There are very real differences and divisions amongst us, but if we allow these to mask the many and much greater things that unite us, we do a disservice to Christianity.

Hopefully for each of us individually and for all of us collectively there is enough evidence to convict us of being Christians.

Deacon Mark Kelly

What?: JUBILEE YOUTH FORUM

When?: 12.30pm Sunday 20th July

Where?: Marian Room, St Joseph's

Why?: Fun, Food and Planning for Youth of all ages (and their parents)

How?: can we be dynamic, Christ-centered + active young parishioners. (Info: contact Fr Brendan/Dcn Mark)

MORNING TEA



A morning tea on **Sunday, 25th May** will be offered **after the 9am Mass**, all are invited. Please bring a plate

of food to share as you chat with friends and new parishioners.



MASS OF ANOINTING AND MORNING TEA

All parishioners are warmly invited to the **9.30am Mass on Friday 30th May St. Joseph's** where the **Sacrament of**

Anointing will take place. Please invite friends and other parishioners to come along to this special Mass.

It would be appreciated if you could bring a plate of morning tea to share. For more information you can contact Joan at the Parish Office: 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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST

Sat: 10am St Joseph's Church followed by rosary and Benediction

Tue: 9.30am St Ita's Church

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

St Joseph's: Wednesday 9.15am

Saturday 10.30–11 am

St Ita's Saturday 9.45–10.15 am



Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - MAY 24

MARIST SION COLLEGE

This week, we celebrated Catholic Education Week through a series of meaningful events. We hosted the Marist Student Leaders Program: Leading with a Marist Heart, welcoming 73 student leaders, including guests from Traralgon and Bulleen. On Tuesday, we hosted the Marist Middle Leaders Program, which provided teachers with the opportunity to explore and strengthen their leadership within the Catholic education context. In a spirit of community and celebration, staff and students gathered in the College Chapel to honour Joseph House. This special occasion recognised student achievements and contributions to House life, while also highlighting the connection between Catholic Social Teaching and House values. To conclude, a group of Year 9 and 10 students represented the College at the Catholic Education Week Mass at St Francis Xavier College, marking the Jubilee Year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Candidates will receive their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends; 31st May/1st June, and 7th/8th June at our parish Masses in Warragul and Drouin.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation Mass with Bishop Greg will take place on Friday 15th August at

7pm at St. Ita's Church. Parents who intend this sacrament for their child are asked to attend an Information Meeting on Thursday 19th June, 7pm in the Marian Room in Warragul. For more information contact Liz warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org.au

DIOCESAN MYSTAGOGIA MASS

Next Sunday 1st June 2pm at St. Mary's Sale there will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving for all the New Catholics from across the Diocese who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Bishop Greg will be celebrating this Mass. All parishioners are most welcome.

PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL LETTERS

Letters for all parishioners who have responded to and are part of the planned giving program have been prepared and are ready for collection. **Please collect your letter from the church foyer.** Thank you for your generous contributions to the parishes.

Trinity Families Appeal – 2025 Jubilee Year

Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this Jubilee year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. As Pilgrims of Hope, we are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes will be available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes.

A special collection will be held this weekend at all the Masses. **Please return all envelopes this weekend.** Let us help spread hope in our community.

PILGRIMAGE IN THE STEPS OF ST PAUL TO GREECE

An Information afternoon by Olive Travel will be presented Sunday 22nd June @ 4pm in the Marion Room

Dear Pilgrims, I write to you with hope and enthusiasm for our pilgrimage in the



JUBILEE CALENDAR MAY 2025

25th Jubilee of Workers

St Mary's, Cowes

31st Jubilee of Families & Grandparents

St Agatha's, Cranbourne

Footsteps of St Paul, in April 2026. Price is based on minimum group size of 25 pilgrims. **11TH – 24TH APRIL 2026** Fifteen days fully escorted & led by Fr Brendan Hogan, Diocese of Sale Package price: featuring 4 NIGHT AEGEAN CRUISE WITH EPHESUS AUD\$8,990* \$2,095*. I look forward to sharing the journey with you, listening deeply to the movement of the Holy Spirit as we ponder his life and gaze upon his traveled path. For more details please see flyers in church foyer/Boards & tables. **Fr Brendan Hogan**

Fr Peter Slater will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

24th May 7pm at St Joseph's church Warragul, 25th May 10.30am at St Ita's Church and St Patrick's Church Pakenham at 11am on Thursday 29th May 2025. Parishioners are cordially invited to the Masses to celebrate with him on these days. It would be appreciated if parishioners that are attending the 7pm Mass and 10.30am Masses could bring a plate of food to share. Many thanks. Please keep Fr Peter in your prayers.

Rosters for Welcoming and Offertory at St. Ita's Sunday Masses:

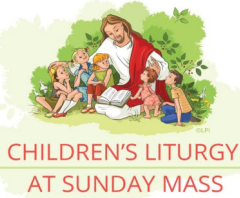
Hello everyone, I will soon be doing new rosters for welcoming and Gifts. Many thanks to the people already participating.

If you are not on the roster and would like to take part (with WWCC and signed code of conduct.)

Please let me know by June 10th- 0458988899.

Also if you are taking part, but no longer available, please let me know

Regards, Jenny Winterton



Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday at the 9.00am Mass. All primary aged children are most welcome to come and join in this special time of Reflection of Sunday scripture in the Marian Room.

MEET'N GREET

The mid-week **Meet 'n Greet** operates every **Wednesday, 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Marian Room** at St Joseph's Church. This new and exciting venture will be a wonderful opportunity for people to come together and enjoy a cuppa and chat.

For anyone who has transport difficulties, let us collect you, by phoning Chris Harkin on 0419 772668 or Fran Huxley 0439 864175



2025 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY SUMMARY REPORT

Bishop Greg Bennet, and the Diocesan Mission Council, are pleased to share the 2025 Diocesan Assembly Summary Report with the people of the Diocese of Sale. This report outlines the key themes,

insights, and recommendations that emerged from the two-day Assembly held at Federation University, Churchill, in February this year.

You can access the full report at:

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/diocesan-assembly-1>

VOLUNTEERS—ST ITA'S CHURCH YARD GARDENS

We are seeking volunteers to maintain the gardens at St Ita's church (not mowing the grass) Interested parishioners please contact the Parish Office. * with current WWCC & signed COC please

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baptisms: Celebrated on Sundays by prior arrangement including participation at an information meeting for Parents.

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 OFFERINGS TO GOD

(last week's Sunday collections)

St Joseph's Parish:

Church (1st collection) cash \$692.00
Planned Giving envelope: \$500.00
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$685.10

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$25,550.00
(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash \$492.20
Planned Giving envelope: \$1,310.00
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$294.35

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

Monday: St Ita's Rosary, 10.30am followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Tuesday: Assembly Meeting, 7pm Marian Room.

Contemplative Prayer Group, 7.00pm Parish Office.

Wednesday: SVDP Warragul, 10.00am St Joseph's Meeting Room.

Thursday: SVDP Drouin, 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room.

Liturgy Meeting, 7pm Parish Office

St Ita's Charismatic Prayer Group, Rosary at 7pm, St Ita's Church.

Friday: St Ita's Rosary, 7.00pm followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Sunday: Rosary & Litany 5pm in St Joseph's Meeting room (all welcome)

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5.30pm: Leah Turner (Death Anniversary)

Saturday 7.00pm: Joan Hally (Death Anniversary)

Sunday 9.00am: Jim Cove (Surgery & Recovery)

Monday 9.30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 5.30pm: Roger Smith (Spiritual Needs)

Wednesday 9.30am: Fay Gargan (Death Anniversary)

Thursday 9.30am: James Henderson (Death Anniversary)

Friday 9.30am: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory especially the deceased members of FOSS.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Burke, Barry White, Graeme Parker, Charles Hardman, Eileen McDougal, Garrie Bills, Bill Berkelmans

RECENT DEATHS: Frances Masterson and Carmel Weller

BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome William & Isabella Hickey, Leo & Sonny Saliba and Bobbie Cribbes into our parish family.

ROSTERS

St Joseph's 24 / 25 May

Readers

7pm J.Charles

9am R.Stephenson

Minister

7pm M.Charles

9am D.Monterrosa

Offertory

7pm V&J.Rowe

9am Thompson Family

Greeters

7pm V.Rowe

9am P.Heffernan(MR)
M. Kittelty(FE)

St Joseph's 31 May / 1 Jun

Readers

7pm A Rankins

9am M-T Tuck

Minister

7pm M Gleeson

9am P Bertacco

Offertory

7pm A & G Rankins

9am M Kittelty/A Hoffman

Greeters

7pm A Youlden

9am B Clover (MR)
D Monterrosa (FE)

St. Ita's 25 / 1 June

Readers

25 May J.Bibby &

1 Jun Youth

Minister R.Pederson

25 May G.Collins

1 Jun B Durand

Communion to sick

25 May D.Gleeson

1 Jun M Collins

Welcoming

25 May D.Oliver

1 Jun V & J Bibby

Offertory

25 May J.Winterton

1 Jun J John

Piety Stall

25 May S.Jordon &

1 Jun C & T Hegarty

I.McLean

Cleaning

24 May K & J Fahey

31 May L McNamara

Amblerlee

28 May B.Durand &

4 June Mass, Fr &
J.Charles Volunteer*

Lyrebird

3 Jun Mass, C.Harkin & J.Fitzgerald

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the

west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

May they be joined as one

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:
"Holy Father, I pray not only for them,
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.
And I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me.
Father, they are your gift to me.
I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them."

Communion Antiphon

John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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The second Joyful Mystery-The Visitation.



Mary, the mother of God runs to greet Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. When Elizabeth heard the greeting the babe leaped in her womb; Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out "Blessed are you among women and Blessed is the fruit of your womb"