



St. Ignatius<sup>1</sup>, Neerim South



St. Joseph's, Warragul



St Ita's, Drouin

## Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

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### Parish Priest

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### Churches:

**St. Joseph's:** 17 Queen St  
Warragul.

**St Ita's:** 50 Victoria St,  
Drouin.

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### Office open hours

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Contact Deacon Mark for further info.

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### Schools:

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St. Joseph's Primary School 5623-2943  
Principal: Mrs. Ros Joyner

St. Ita's Primary School 5623-7222  
Principal: Mr. Andrew Osler

St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800  
Principal: Mr Stephen Pitt

### Parish Pastoral Council

#### Members:

Gary Blackwood- Chairperson  
Fiona Macrae-Secretary  
Richard Wans-Deputy Chairperson  
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.

## Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday 24th August—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Weekday Mass Times ( 25–29 August)

**Monday:** St Joseph's Church 9.30am

**Wednesday:** St Joseph's Church 9.30am

**Friday:** St Joseph's Church 9.30am

**Our Lady of Good Health**  
**Passion of St John the Baptist**

### Weekend Mass Times ( 30–31 August)

**Saturday:** Neerim South 5.30pm

**Saturday** Warragul 7.00pm

**Sunday:** Warragul 9.00am  
Drouin 10.30am



### God figured out

Jesus is asked in today's gospel (*Luke 13:22-30*) "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He doesn't directly answer this impertinent question and his response, 'Strive to enter through the narrow gate,' needs some un-packing. Entering by the narrow door might suggest that only an elite group can be saved, as some Christians over the centuries have chosen to interpret the passage. Jesus' life and mission, his teaching of God's unfathomable goodness, forgiveness and the salvation offered to all, says otherwise. "Sinners are filled with joy to hear him speak of God's unfathomable goodness: even they can hope for salvation. In the Pharisee camp, however, they criticize his message and also his welcoming of tax-collectors, prostitutes and sinners: isn't Jesus opening up a road to the watering-down of religion and to unacceptable morals?" [*Pagola, 2016*] In order to correctly understand the invitation to «**enter by the narrow door**» we need to remember Jesus' words that we read in John's Gospel: «**I am the door; the one who enters through me, will be saved**» (*John 10:9*). So, far from watering down or inviting laxity, Jesus' mission has been to point to the Father and to himself as the means to the Father. Relationship is everything: Jesus' relationship with the Father and our relationship with the Father through Jesus. Whilst assuring us of the boundless love of our merciful father, Jesus demands greater rather than lower standards. He calls us to «**Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate**»; «**Don't judge and you will not be judged**»; «**Forgive seventy times seven**»; «**Seek God's Reign and**

**God's justice**». Particularly he warns against those who figure they are an elect or elite who tick all the boxes, so they are the winners and everybody else is damned. No one owns or controls God, and we are on shaky ground when we claim to have God figured out. *Deacon Mark Kelly.*



### Please make Fr Malcolm Hewitt welcome , while Fr Brendan is away

Fr Brendan will be on annual leave from 19 August to 19 September. In his absence, Fr Malcolm Hewitt will be helping at the parishes for the first 2 weekends. In the time he is here **Fr Malcolm will celebrate weekday Masses in Warragul only.** It will also be uncertain as to whether **reconciliation** will go ahead or not. We ask for your patience and understanding in these difficult times where there is a shortage of priests. Accordingly, the Mass intentions that have been booked for that time will have to be postponed. Rest assured, the Masses will be offered.

The timing of Masses might be something that we worry about, having connections to dates and a sense of urgency, but God is outside of these things, so we need not worry about that. These difficult times in which we find ourselves with a shortage of priests in the diocese should remind us of all the real urgency to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. (see back of bulletin)

Please keep watch of the bulletin for weekly updates on Mass times both weekday and weekends, with Thanks.

## **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.

### **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.

Please be aware the below times for reconciliation may not occur in the next few weeks due to changes that occur with our priests on holidays and being unavailable. Last minute changes can occur and hopefully you will be notified through the digital email or word of mouth by visiting priest on the weekend. Thank you for your understanding. God's Blessings to you all.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST**

**St Ita's - Tue 19 Aug: 9.30am - 10.30am**

**St Joseph's - Sat 23 Aug 10am**-followed by rosary & Benediction

### **RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION**

**St Ita's - Sat 23 Aug 9.45 to 10.15am**

**St Joseph's - Sat 23 Aug 10.30-11am**

**St Joseph's - Wed 20 Aug 9.15- 9.30am**

### **MEET'N GREET**

Please be advised, that due to unforeseen circumstances, Meet'n Greet will NOT be operating for a short time. We will resume on 10th September and look forward to seeing you for our cuppa and chat. Fran



### **BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN**

*Have you ever thought about Baptism for your school aged child?*

An invitation is extended to parents who desire Catholic Baptism for children of school age to attend our Older Baptism Program. The program consists of two parent/child workshops, held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**, and **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** in the Marian Room in Warragul (enter car park from Bowen Street). Each session will begin with an afternoon tea at 3.45. When families have attended these two sessions, parents will need to attend a parent session to book a time for Baptism. For more information, please contact Liz on [warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org.au](mailto:warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org.au) or ring 5623 1642

### **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - ARCHBISHOP DINNER 2025**

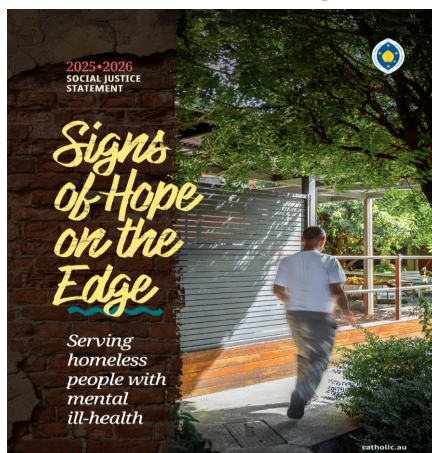
Join the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria to celebrate the 25th annual Archbishop's Dinner. **Fri 29th Aug 7-11pm, Mooney Valley Racecourse, Freehan Av, Moonee Ponds. Cost \$170pp RSVP: 8th Aug, Black tie event. Guest speaker: Dr Andy Mullins**

### **Marriage encounter weekend**

**October 3-5:** Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW **October 10-12:** St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



### **SIGNS OF HOPE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:**

The experience of people living with the challenges of homelessness and mental ill-health has been highlighted in the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2025 Social Justice Statement. To read the statement visit [cdsale.org/news](https://cdsale.org/news)

### **CHILDRENS LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated at the 9am Mass in Warragul. All primary aged children are welcome to join in this session.

### **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP -**

Next meeting is on Tue 26th August at 7pm in the Parish Centre. This prayer group (1 hour duration) is being led by Geoff and Angela Rankins. You will be made most welcome.

### **Parishioner Looking for Short Term Accommodation.**

We have a parishioner who is looking to rent short term accommodation available immediately and on a month-by-month basis. She is requiring either a house or unit in Warragul specifically.

If anyone can help, please call Joan at the parish office on 5623 1642.

Or email [Warragul.rcia@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Warragul.rcia@cdsale.org.au)



### **JUBILEE CALENDAR August Month of Prayer groups**

### **DONATION TAP POINT MACHINES**

Parishioners may notice that a donation **tap point machine** has been installed in St Joseph's & St Ita's churches. These are intended to provide an option for those parishioners or visitors who are **NOT** part of the planned giving program **AND** who do not carry cash to contribute to the running of the parish's. Parishioners who already give by any means and/or who prefer to give with cash are not being asked to change their giving. It is simply a new option. The machines are very simple to operate and tapping is the only option - no pin numbers. No receipt is issued and the giving is completely anonymous.

### **gospel focus**

#### **First and Last**

*"Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last." These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.*

### **VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER**

SAVE THE DATE- 19th December 2025- 5.30pm Marian Rm, St Joseph's church, Warragul.



### **Prayers for the sick:**

- \* Pamela Parkinson,
- \* continued prayers for Fr Michael Willemsen who is recovering from recent medical/surgical episode.



## Our Upcoming Parish Events

24th Aug	<b>Children's liturgy</b> St Joseph's 9am Mass
26th Aug	<b>Baptism program for school children,</b> Tue, Marian Rm, start 3.45pm
26th Aug	<b>Contemplative Prayer Group</b> 7pm Parish center

### PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION ANNUAL COLLECTION

This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for a clergy care nurse (two days per week equivalent). Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> The foundation is most appreciative of your support for our priests and deacons in sickness and retirement. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish.



### 5th Glorious Mystery of the Rosary

FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST  
Feast of  
THE QUEENSHIP OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN  
HEAVEN

### 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 \$504.90  
Planned Giving envelope: \$392.00  
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$692.35  
July EFT (direct debit, credit card) \$7609.00  
St Joseph's Building Fund: \$27,590.00  
(Running total of donations)

**St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):**  
Church (1st collection) cash \$404.60  
Planned Giving envelope: \$402.00  
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$619.70  
July EFT (direct debit, credit card) \$5915.00

*Thank you for your generous contributions.*

### MEETINGS

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

**Tuesday:** Contemplative Prayer Group, 7.00pm Parish Centre.

**Wednesday:** SVDP Warragul, 10.00am St Joseph's Meeting Room.  
RCIA 7.30pm Marian Rm PH: Joan Robertson, Parish Office, 56231642  
Prayers to St Joseph, 10.00am Warragul, after 9.30 Mass.

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

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

**Please pray for the following in our Parishes:**

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 5.30 pm:** Maree Marks

**Sunday 9.00am:** Peter Coelho (health Intentions)

**Sunday 10.30am :** Friends of the suffering souls

**Tuesday 9.30am:** Raffaele Colosimo (DA)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Audrey Delfsma, Patricia Summers, Shirley Dodman, Ray Adamson Suzanne McGrath, William Storms, Jack Elliott, Catherine Notman, Alice Cuthbertson and Angelina Bernobic.



### BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome Freddie Echaluze and Levi, Arlo and Billy Vaughan into our parish family.

### First Collection (Planned Giving)

**St Joseph's Church Account**  
083879 489045334

**St Ita's Church Account**  
083879 568166097

**Second Collection (to support our Priests)**  
083879 941199437  
**St Joseph's & St Ita's Presbytery account.**

**St Joseph's Building Works Account**  
083879 971765356

### ROSTERS

#### St Joseph's 23 / 24 Aug

#### Readers

7pm G.Rabl 9am MT.Tuck

#### Minister

7pm A.Youlden 9am D.Monterossa

#### Offertory

7pm M.Gleeson 9am D.Monterossa

#### Greeters

7pm A.Youlden 9am (MR) A.Hoffman  
(FE) MT.Tuck

#### St Joseph's 30 / 31 Aug

#### Readers

7pm J.Parsons 9am P.Bertacco

#### Minister

7pm A.Jones 9am J.Marvin

#### Offertory

7pm G&T.Reb 9am Kurikose Family

#### Greeters

7pm M.Gleeson 9am (MR) P.Heffernan  
(FE) M.Kittely

#### St. Ita's 24 Aug / 31 Aug

#### Readers

24 Aug G.Collins & 31 Aug B&J.Durand

#### Minister

24 Aug J.Durand & 31 Aug M.Collins & C.Atkins & Volunteer K.Fahey & Volunteer

#### Communion to sick

24 Aug C.Bogart 31 Aug J.Durand

#### Welcoming

24 Aug J.John 31 Aug L.Bibby

#### Offertory

24 Aug Sally & Shelley 31 Aug J.Winterton

#### Piety Stall

24 Aug M.Finlay & 31 Aug L&A.Schellekens

#### Cleaning

23 Aug L.Schellekens & 30 Aug T.Meggetto

#### S.Jensen

#### Amberlee

27 Aug D.Stewart 3 Sept D.Stewart

#### Lyrebird

26 Aug J.Fitzgerald 9 Sept B.Mauder

\* with current WWCC & signed COC please

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading **Isaiah 66:18-21**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm **Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15**

**(R.)** Go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

### Second Reading **Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

### Gospel Acclamation **John 10:27**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel **Luke 13: 22-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God*

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

He answered them,  
"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough. After the master of the  
house has arisen and locked the door,  
then will you stand outside knocking and saying,  
'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply,  
'I do not know where you are from. And you will say,  
'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in  
our streets.' Then he will say to you,  
'I do not know where you are from.  
Depart from me, all you evildoers!'  
And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth  
when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob  
and all the prophets in the kingdom of God  
and you yourselves cast out.  
And people will come from the east and the west  
and from the north and the south  
and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.  
For behold, some are last who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last."

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*HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask  
you to bless our diocese and the Church with many priests,  
deacons and religious who will love you fervently, and gladly  
and courageously live their lives in service to your Son's  
Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*

*Bless our families and parishes that we may be given the  
grace and strength to live our baptismal vocation to be holy,  
as You are. Bless us that we will respond to your invitation to  
be living witnesses and disciples of hope as we discern our life  
in your son, Jesus Christ.*

*Bless young men and women to respond openly and  
generously to your invitation to become ministers of your  
Word and Sacraments, or to serve You faithfully in the  
covenant of Marriage, or the dignity of single life.*

*Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation,  
help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in  
the divine plan of salvation. Amen*



### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**

**Melbourne, Victoria  
Sun 30th Nov**

**till Tue 2nd Dec 2025**

**Those youth interested please  
contact Parish office or Parish  
Priest, Fr Brendan.**

**For more info: [acyf.org.au](https://acyf.org.au)**