



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



St. Joseph's, Warragul



St Ita's, Drouin

## Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

Forming Missionary Communities'

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### Churches:

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### Office open hours

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#### Parish Secretary/Assistant

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### Schools:

Marist-Sion College 5623-5944  
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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 ROBERTSTON AND PRINCIPALS ON ROTATION  
FROM ST JOSEPH'S, ST ITA'S, ST ANGELA OF THE  
CROSS AND MARIST SION.

## Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Sunday 1st June 2025 -The Ascension of Our Lord

#### Weekday Mass Times ( 2 -6 June)

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Drouin</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Drouin</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.30am</b>

#### Weekend Mass Times ( 7- 8 June)

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Neerim Sth</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
	<b>Drouin</b>	<b>10.30am</b>



#### 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.

### Witness to the ends of the Earth

This week we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, related by Luke both in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:1-11) and in the Gospel (Luke 24:46-53). And we also celebrate the culmination of Laudate Si Week in the Church. Jesus at his Ascension promises that the Holy Spirit will enable the disciples and the Church (his body according to Paul in Ephesians) to witness to him to the ends of the earth. It is that space, witnessing to our Creator - incarnate in creation, that our Ascension readings today point us to the church's Laudate Si journey of greater love for our Creator, each other, and the home that we share.

Ten years ago Pope Francis wrote his seminal encyclical, "Laudate Si", referencing Saint Francis eight centuries ago who sang, "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs." [St Francis of Assisi - Canticle of the Creatures].

While celebrating the glory of our Creator (Ephesians 1:17-23), we are reminded too of the Creator's authority invested in Christ and his church and the awesome fullness of all creation. Pope Francis reproves us in Laudate Si because, "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." [Laudate Si 2]

Laudate Si Week events have highlighted Catholic teaching on biodiversity, response to the cry of the poor, divestment, education, eco-spirituality and the climate crisis. The

Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Caritas and our Australian Catholic Bishops enthusiastically endorse the Laudate Si Action Plan, engaging parishes, dioceses, religious orders, schools, businesses, farming communities, and organisations in utilising Australian church leadership, commitment, and imagination on the plan. (Bishop Vincent Long, May 2022). The ball is in our court. Deacon Mark Kelly

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#### What?: JUBILEE YOUTH FORUM

When?: 12.30pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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)



St Vincent de Paul Society

### ST.VINCENT DE PAUL DROUIN CONFERENCE MID-YEAR APPEAL:

On the weekend of June 29th SVDP Drouin Conference will hold their annual mid-year appeal. Envelopes will be provided on your seat and you can either donate by cash or directly to the bank account provided on the envelope. There will also be a collection taken after Mass at the door. We are also looking for **donations of non-perishable foods** to keep our pantry stocked. If you can donate something to this, there is a basket at the back of the church in the foyer. We thank you for your generous donations in the past and look for your continued support.

## **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

### **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

### **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 Drouin. 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 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 EPHEBUS 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

### **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.

### **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.



### **JUBILEE CALENDAR** **June 2025**

**14/15th June—Agriculture**  
**Bill Pyle talk on Agriculture.**

**28/29th June — Clergy**  
**Fr Stanley Devasia visiting**

### **JUBILEE OF AGRICULTURE**

Those who work on the land will be acknowledged at all Parish Masses on the weekend of 14th/15th June. There will be witness talk and a special blessing to celebrate the vital contribution they make to the local community and beyond.

### **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

### **LOST AND FOUND**

There is a lost & found cupboard in the church foyer of St Joseph's church. Some items such as tops and recently earring have been placed in it. If you think you may have lost something in the church the lost and found cupboard is marked. Please feel free to check this.

### **How to subscribe to the weekly Bulletin via email**

#### **Drouin:**

<https://www.catholicparish.app/subscriptionid=0010I00000B2zM8IAJ&req=subscribe>

#### **Warragul:**

<https://www.catholicparish.app/subscription?id=0010I00000B2zMOIAZ&req=subscribe>

## Fr Peter's 50th Anniversary ordained as priest

Many thanks to those who attended and took part in making this celebration a prayerful and happy memory last weekend.



### 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>

### 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 \$498.20  
 Planned Giving envelope: \$517.00  
 Presbytery (2nd collection): \$631.70

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

Trinity Family (St Joseph's) \$373.60

#### St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash \$544.30  
 Planned Giving envelope: \$497.00  
 Presbytery (2nd collection): \$571.25

*Thank you for your generous contributions.*

### MEETINGS

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

**Knights of the Southern Cross**, After 9.30am Mass, Marian Room.  
 Enq Lawrie McNamara 0403 218 935

**Tuesday: Bereavement Ministry Team Meeting:** 2.00pm New Parish Office.

**Thursday: 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 7.00pm:** Brian Rowe (DA))

**Monday 9.30am:** Dick Heffernan (DA)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Madeleine Brady, John McDonough, Sheila Cook, Betty Hill, Betty Nott, Delma Gleeson, Thelma Collery, Eileen Gourley, Henry Stewart, Elizabeth McNamara,

**RECENT DEATHS:** Bernard (Bernie) Sayers and Aloï (Joe) Giuseppe

### RITE OF WELCOME:

This weekend we welcome Billy & Elsie Piner and their family who begin their journey towards baptism.

### ROSTERS

#### St Joseph's 31 May / 1 June

##### Readers

7pm A Rankins 9am M-T Tuck

##### Minister

7pm M Gleeson 9am P Bertacco

##### Offertory

7pm A & G Rankins 9am M Kittely/A Hoffman

##### Greeters

7pm A Youlden 9am B Clover (MR)  
D Monterrosa (FE)

#### St Joseph's 7 / 8 June

##### Readers

7pm A.Yaqoo 9am P.Bertacco

##### Minister

7pm Dcn Mark 9am J.Marvin

##### Offertory

7pm P.Heffernan & 9am Kuriakose Family

Greeters J.Robertson

7pm M.Gleeson 9am (MR)A.Hoffman  
(FE) M.Kittely

#### St. Ita's 1 / 8 June

##### Readers

1 Jun Youth 8 Jun G&M. Collins

##### Minister

1 Jun B Durand 8 Jun J.Durand

##### Communion to sick

1 Jun M Collins 8 Jun B.Pickthall

##### Welcoming

1 Jun V & J Bibby 8 Jun V.Barber

##### Offertory

1 Jun J John 8 Jun Sally & Shelley

##### Piety Stall

1 Jun C & T Hegarty 8 Jun I.McLean & A.Phillips

##### Cleaning

31 May L McNamara 9 Jun Caly Rushbury

##### Amberlee

4 June Mass, Fr & 11 Jun J&M.Marvin  
Volunteer\*

##### Lyrebird

3 Jun Mass, C.Harkin & J.Fitzgerald

17 Jun B.Maunder

\* with current WWCC & signed COC please

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

### Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

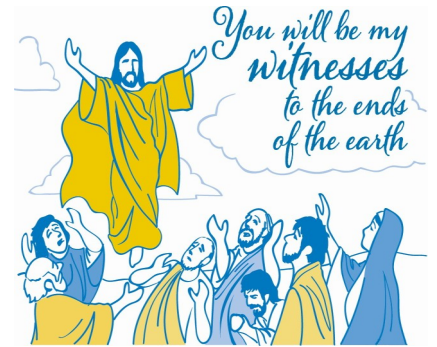
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or

any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people  
my gospel.  
I am with you always,  
until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!



### Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage

and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

and they were continually in the temple praising God.

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### Ascension of the Lord

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Written Christ Suffer Rise Preach  
Nations Witness City Power Joy

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