



St. Ignatius¹, Neerim South



St. Joseph's, Warragul



St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes

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Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

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

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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 23rd August, 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Weekday Mass Times (24-28 Aug)

Monday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Tuesday:	St Ita's Church	5.30pm
Wednesday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Thursday:	St Ita's Church Gr 1	9.30am
	Warragul Community Aged Care	11.00am
Friday:	Marist Sion Mass	8.10am
	St Joseph's Church	9.30am

Weekend Mass Times (29-30 Aug)

Saturday:	St Ignatius Church, Neerim Sth	5.00pm
	St Joseph's Church	6.15pm
Sunday:	St Joseph's Church	9.00am
Sunday:	St Ita's Church	11.00am



Our All-Powerful Brother

Jesus refers to himself as "Son of Man." What could he mean? And then in the famous passage that follows, Peter calls him "the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

'Jesus of Nazareth understood himself – however incompletely or gradually to be the savior and his resurrection established and manifested that he is. Jesus is himself the Kingdom'. (Richard P McBrien Catholicism p499) He is both! This Sunday's reading (Mt16:13-20) is the exhilarating statement of our salvation, the incarnation of God - Jesus, who is fully human and fully divine.

If Jesus was only human, even a very good or inspired human, then the whole basis of Christianity is meaningless. Similarly, if he was "only" God, unable to enter into our pain, loss, loneliness, confusion, doubt, suffering and the temptations we face, then his cross is meaningless. Only Jesus, both Son of the Living God and Son of Man can be, not our distant judge, but the source of both divine love and human love, affection and empathy.

"How tempting it is to live correctly within the church without worrying about the one thing Jesus sought; the Kingdom of God and its justice." (Pagola, J. Jesus-An Historical Approximation. <https://www.scribd.com/book/466793741>) But what is this "Kingdom" he is always on about? The Kingdom is in evidence wherever the weak and marginalised are at the centre. Jesus discloses a compassionate God, caring more about people's lives than the finer points of law or high theology. In God's reign, the neighbour takes the place of the law. The reign of God draws us beyond the

law to become like little children (simple, sincere and spontaneous). The Kingdom of God is not a metaphor. It simply means living compassionately in every situation. (Pagola) Yet this mighty being invites us to pray to him as to a brother, "Lord, you know how I struggle" We are truly blessed!

Deacon Mark Kelly

CUPPA AND SOCIAL CHAT

A cuppa will be held after the 6.15pm, 9am and 11am Masses **this weekend** hosted by the St. Vincent De Paul Warragul and Drouin Conferences. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share. Thank you.



HOME VISITATION & COMMUNION AT HOME

An Invitation for those who are home bound and would like a social call, or for those who are unwell and unable to join the community celebration of the Eucharist, please contact the Parish office. PH: 56 231 642

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at our Parish Masses in Warragul and Drouin on the weekends of 29/30th August and 5/6th September. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers.



VOLUNTEER TO VACUUM ST ITA'S CHURCH ONCE A MONTH

A vacancy has come available for someone to vacuum St Ita's Church once a month. Please call Parish Office for more information, 56 231 642

Warragul & Drouin Catholic Parishes

Proposed Vision & Mission Statement:

Thank you for your participation in our recent survey. The Parish Pastoral Planning team will review the information gathered and in time the results will be placed in this space of the bulletin.

Proposed Parish Vision:

A welcoming and inclusive community strengthens us! Eucharist and faith unite us! Courageous action moves us!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Kurnai People as the traditional Custodians of this land and the contribution of their Elders, past, present and emerging. We commit to walking side by side as we face the future together.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST

St Joseph's: weekday only morning prayer and Adoration 6.30am-7.30am/not during holidays.

St Ita's: Tue 9.30am-10.30am

St Ignatius: Tue 10am & Fri 2pm

St Joseph's: Sat 10.00 am-followed by rosary and Benediction.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

St Ita's: Sat 9.30 - 10am

St Joseph's: Sat 10.30 - 11am

St Joseph's: Wed 9.15 - 9.30am

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY MEET'N GREET

Meet 'n Greet operates every **Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm, Marian Room** at St Joseph's Church.

Come alone or bring a friend. Each week brings a new face. For those with transport difficulties, let us collect you.

Call Chris: 0419 772 668.

Altar Server Roster- August/Sept

Date	6.15pm	9am	11am
Sat & Sun	St Joseph	St Joseph	St Ita
22/23 Aug	Red	Gold	Blue
29/30 Aug	Purple	Green	Yellow
5/6 Sep	Blue	Red	Gold
12/13 Sep	Yellow	Purple	Magenta

THE RITUAL AND THE REASON

Exploring the Parts of the Mass

Every ritual in the Mass has a purpose. Every word, gesture, symbol, and prayer helps us encounter God and grow as a community of faith.

This session will explore the parts of the Mass, what we do and why.

Presenter: Fr Brian Nichols

Choose a session:

Date: 10th Oct 2026

Time: 10am-3pm

Venue: **Our lady help of Christians, NarreWarren,**

Date: 17th Oct 2026

Time: 10am-3pm

Venue: **St Michael's Traralgon.**

Register:

Online: cdsale.org.au/events

Ph: 61 3 5614 5163

Email: mewsonline@sale.catholic.org.au



YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco. We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. We use the skills and talents of our volunteers to contribute meaningfully to host communities. Applications close October 31st, 2026. PH: (03) 9377 6000

www.cagliero.org.au or
lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

BAW BAW CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

Saturday, 22 Aug at 12:30pm we gather for a monthly lunch at The Royal Hotel, Drouin. RSVP via whatsapp or text Ben at 0459123422

Non-membered men welcome to attend.

Sunday 23 Aug: BBQ after both Warragul and Drouin Masses. Please remember to bring your cash in hand \$3.50 each. With thanks.



RESPECTFUL LISTENING & LEARNING OF THE INDIGENOUS CULTURE

"St Joseph's Parish Warragul are hosting a "Yarning Circle" with Aunt Cheryl Drayton, in our Marion Room beside the Church, on Sunday 6th September at 2pm. We would like to invite members of all Christian Churches in Baw Baw Shire. Please pass this invitation on to others. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 6th September at 2pm. Thank you. Gary Blackwood 0487945634. Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council.

FIXED-TERM WORLD YOUTH DAY PROJECT OFFICER

The diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Officer- DOSCEL office.

They will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning & Preparation through to operation, debrief & evaluation, helping the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission.

Full job description can be downloaded from the Human resources team via: talent@doscel.catholic.edu.au

Applications should be emailed to the above email. Closing date is 31st August 2026 at 2pm.

FAITH FORMATION

The opportunity for those who want to widen their understanding of their faith.

FORMED – ONLINE ACCESS

We are excited to offer the online digital Catholic faith and entertainment library, FORMED, to our entire parish. With award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, documentaries, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming, there is something for everyone on FORMED.

Watch a preview here: <https://vimeo.com/940917121?fl=pl&fe=sh>

More trailers available at: <https://watch.formed.org/trailers-and-promos>

If you are interested please call the office for instruction on how to register and have access anytime from home.

VOLUNTEER TO REPLACE CLEANING FOR 3 MONTHS

A vacancy for three months doing the cleaning of St Joseph's church, needs to be filled. If you are able to fill in this place till our volunteer returns, please inform the Parish Office. 5623 1642

WALKING THE WAY EXPLORE THE RCIA JOURNEY

Clergy, RCIA Coordinators, RCIA teams and interested parishioners are warmly invited to an upcoming workshop that aims to deepen your understanding and share experiences of the RCIA journey. Presenters: Dr Alice Youlden and Joan Robertson

Date: 5th Sept 2026

Time: 9.30am arrival for a 10am start -2pm finish.

Venue: Marian Room.

Register: cdsale.org.au/events or warragul.rcia@cdsale.org.au

TOGETHER IN SONG

A celebration of unity through music.

An interfaith gathering of musicians from the Warragul Anglican, Catholic and Uniting churches.

With a focus on Peace. The combined choir will sing John Rutter's

"A Ukranian Prayer"

Time: Sunday 23rd August at 2pm

Venue: Warragul Uniting church

210 Sutton St. Warragul

Gold coin donation with afternoon tea.

All Welcome.

Our Upcoming Parish Events

22 Aug Sat	Baw Baw Catholic Men's group – meet at Royal Hotel for lunch and chat–Drouin
22nd/23rd Sat/Sun	Cuppa and chat –after 6.15pm, 9am & 11am Masses. Please bring a plate of food to share.
23rd Aug Sun	BBQ –Men's group providing after 6.15pm, 9am & 11am Masses. Bring cash for Food, \$3.50 each.
5th Sept Sat	Walking the way –RCIA 10am Start in Marian Rm this workshop will deepen your understanding of what is involved in the RCIA journey



Bishop Greg invites you to join him in a sacred journey to be held in Benambra, **Sat 3rd Oct.** A **20 seat charter bus from Warragul is available, bookings for the bus** please call or email through to the Parish Office.

8.30am Begins at St Mary's Bairnsdale in prayer

12 Noon Jubilee Mass at St Francis of Assisi, Benambra. There will be a blessing of pets and shared lunch at the footy field.

3.00pm Concludes in prayers at the Immaculate Conception, Omeo parish.

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 weeks, Sunday collections)

St Joseph's Parish:

Church (1st collection) cash	\$581.40
Planned Giving envelope	\$770.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$750.85
St Joseph's Building fund	\$29,590.00
July EFT (direct debit, credit card)	\$7643.00

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash	\$286.00
Planned Giving envelope	\$205.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$478.55
July EFT (direct debit, credit card)	\$6739.00

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

Wednesday: Prayers to St Joseph, 10.00am Warragul, after 9.30 Mass.

SVDP Warragul, 10.00am & 7pm, St Joseph's Meeting Room.

RCIA– , 7.30pm, Marian Room. Enq: Joan-56 231 642

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

ALPHA –Teachers Centre Sion House, **6.30pm.**

Friday: Social Group, 6pm Parish Office

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

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Zimora, Patricia Summers, Shirley Dodman, Ray Adamson, William Storms and Jack Elliott

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Noleen Miles and Eileen Nottman



RITE OF WELCOME:

This weekend we welcome Eli & Hunter Blackwood, Harper & Bowie Blackwood, Max & Remi Eacott, Marley, Remi & Ari Dorning. and his family who begin their journey towards baptism.

BAPTISM:

This weekend we welcome, Eli & Hunter Blackwood, Harper & Bowie Blackwood, Max & Remi Eacott, Marley, Remi & Ari Dorning into our parish family.

COMMUNION MASSES

The weekend of the 29th/30th Aug & 5th/6th Sept there will be 5 Masses for Our 1st Holy Communion candidates. To help celebrate this special occasion, family/parishioners are asked to bring a plate of food to share. With thanks.

First Collection (P/G)

St Joseph's Church Account

083879 489045334

St Ita's Church Account

083879 568166097

Second Collection (to support our Priests)

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

083879 941199437

St Joseph's Building Works Account

083879 971765356

ROSTERS

St Joseph's 22 / 23 Aug

Readers

6.15pm G.Rabl **9am** A.Isaacs

Minister

6.15pm A.Jones & **9am** D. Monterrosa, **Offertory** Volunteer J.Marvin, (R) B.Clover

6.15pm Gabrielle & **9am** M.Kittely

Greeters

6.15pm B.Rabl **9am** (MR) B.Clover (FE) B.McIntosh

St Joseph's 29 / 30 Aug

Readers

6.15pm G.Rabl **9am** R&R Tarraran

Minister

6.15pm P.Heffernan **9am** D. Monterrosa, & **Offertory** & Volunteer P.Bertacco (R) J.Marvin

6.15pm P.Heffernan **9am** Volunteer*

Greeters

6.15pm V.Rowe **9am** (MR) B.Clover (FE) B.McIntosh

St. Ita's 23 / 30 Aug

Readers

23 Aug K&R Coller **30 Aug** J.John &

Minister J.Fahey

23 Aug B.Durand, **30 Aug** K&R.Coller & Volunteer*

Communion to sick

23 Aug J.Durand **30 Aug** D.Gleeson

Welcoming

23 Aug L.Bibby **30 Aug** V&J.Bibby

Offertory

23 Aug J&K.Fahey **30 Aug** J.John

Piety St

23 Aug L.McNamara & **30 Aug** T.Meggetto &

Cleaning C.vanOss I.McLean

23 Aug J.Bibby **30 Aug** k&J.Fahey

Amberlea

26 Aug J.Charles & **2 Sep** Mass Fr &

Lyrebird B.Durand Volunteer*

1 Sept M.Whitmore & **15 Sep** B.Maunder

J.Fitzgerald

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading **Isaiah 22:19-23**

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon His shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8**

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Romans 11:33-36**

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

From Him, through Him, and in Him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 16:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my
Church;

the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,

still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter,

and upon this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

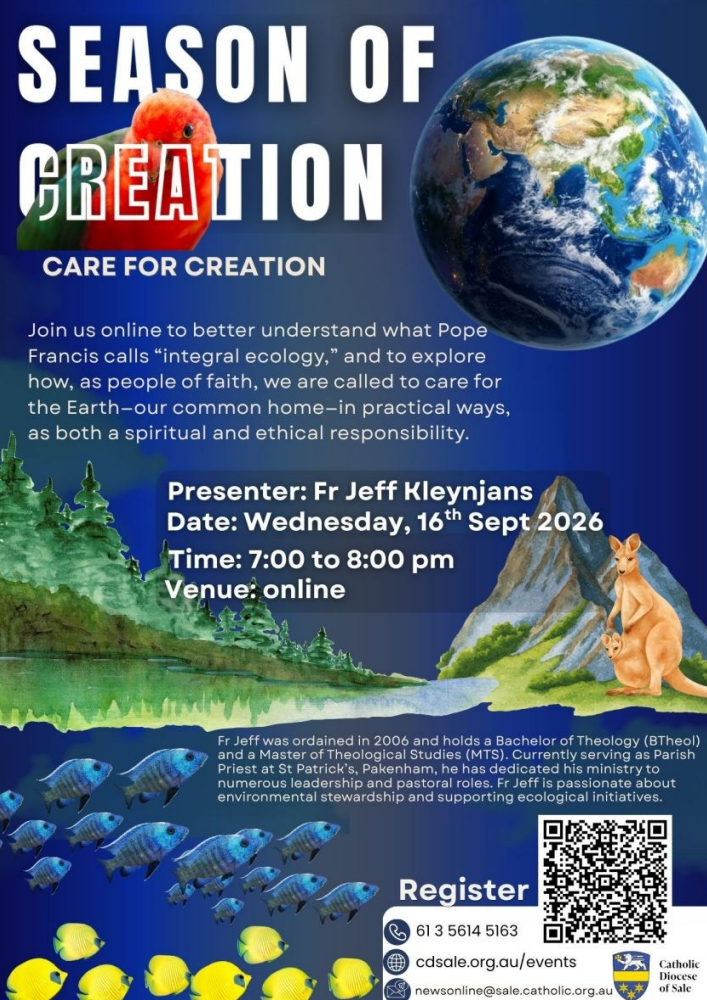
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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Next weeks readings:

Jer 20:7-9 ~ Ps 62: 2-6, 8-9, ~ Rom 12: 1-2
Gospel Mt 16:21-27



SEASON OF CREATION

CARE FOR CREATION

Join us online to better understand what Pope Francis calls "integral ecology," and to explore how, as people of faith, we are called to care for the Earth—our common home—in practical ways, as both a spiritual and ethical responsibility.

Presenter: Fr Jeff Kleynjans
Date: Wednesday, 16th Sept 2026
Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Venue: online

Fr Jeff was ordained in 2006 and holds a Bachelor of Theology (BTheol) and a Master of Theological Studies (MTS). Currently serving as Parish Priest at St Patrick's, Pakenham, he has dedicated his ministry to numerous leadership and pastoral roles. Fr Jeff is passionate about environmental stewardship and supporting ecological initiatives.

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