



St. Ignatius¹, Neerim South



St. Joseph's, Warragul



St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes

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Month of the seven sorrows of Our lady

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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 13th September, 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

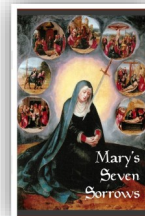
Weekday Mass Times (14- 18 Sept)

Monday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Tuesday:	Fairview Nursing home	11.00am
	St Ita's Church	5.30pm
Wednesday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
	Abbey Gardens	11.00am
	St Angela of the Cross	12.00am
Thursday:	St Ita's Church—Gr 6 & Foundation	9.30am
Friday:	Marist Sion Mass	8.10am
	St Joseph's Parish	9.30am

Weekend Mass Times (19- 20 Sept)

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

"Safeguarding Sunday"



MIGRANT & REFUGEE FAMILY MASS & LUNCH

ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
167 Burke Street,
Warragul VIC 3820

*Even just one
of these children"*

Let us remember, pray for and celebrate the
contribution of migrants and refugees in our community.

World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees



Many Cultures • One Community • A Shared Journey

Sunday 27th September, 11am Mass. Our parish community will come together again for our *Migrant & Refugee Family Mass*, marking the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. **This year's theme, "Even just one of these children."** All our usual Sunday Masses will be combined into **one special celebration at 11.00am at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**, followed by a shared community lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many cultures, traditions and stories that enrich our parish family.

Parishioners are encouraged to **wear traditional dress** and bring along a **plate of traditional food, clearly labelled, to be shared or an afternoon treat**

BYO drinks. Tea & Coffee supplied.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Readers in native Language; As part of this special celebration, we would love to hear the Word of God and our prayers proclaimed in the many languages represented within our parish community. We are seeking volunteers to read **individual Prayers of the Faithful in their native language**. If you would like to volunteer, please **email Joan at warragul.rcia@cdsale.org.au**.

We also need parishioners to assist with other ministries on the day, particularly **Welcoming and Eucharistic Ministry**, as well as other practical roles. **Please add your name to the volunteer sign-up sheets located at the front of the churches.** Your help will make this special parish celebration possible.

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE: We want everyone in our parish community to be able to join us. If you **need assistance with transportation to and from the Mass on the day**, please contact the **Parish Office on 5623 1642**, and we will endeavour to assist with arrangements. **All are welcome — come and celebrate the faith, cultures and stories that make up our parish family.**

Warragul & Drouin Catholic Parishes

Strategic priorities for 2026-2028

1. Strengthen unity across the three parish communities.
2. Developing lay leadership & Formation opportunities for parishioners.
3. Expanding mission & outreach beyond parish walls.

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
12/13 Sep	Yellow	Purple	Magenta
19/20 Sep	Gold	Blue	Red

Doctors say it is good for you!

Everyone is in favor of forgiveness, in principle. "Every one," C.S. Lewis writes, "says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until there is something to forgive" (*Mere Christianity*, p.115). What do we do then? What do we do when there is something to forgive?

Sadly for us and our world, we often lack forgiveness when it is needed. Wars, holocausts, relationships, trivial encounters. As individuals and as communities there is much to forgive and much to be forgiven for. Anger, resentment, and revenge often dominate our thinking, sometimes over decades and generations. Our minds, bodies and souls can be poisoned against forgiveness. Poisoned indeed, there is much modern medical evidence that resentment, anger and lack of forgiveness, is a huge underlying cause of premature death. Scientists can measure resentment and anger weighing down the spirit and leading to physical health issues, while acts of forgiveness reap huge health rewards, lowering the risk of heart attack; improving cholesterol levels and sleep; and reducing pain,

blood pressure, and levels of anxiety, depression and stress. (*John Hopkins Medicine* 2017) For our spiritual health, but also for our physical and mental health, we need to let go of revenge and resentment, finding ways to forgive those who have trespassed against us in our lives, our families, our church, our society or our world. As we ask the Father to forgive our trespasses, our first reading queries how can we ask compassion from the Lord if we harbour anger against another? (*Sirach* 27:30-28:7). Forgiveness, for Jesus, is not a quantifiable event. It is a quality; a way of being, a way of living, of loving, of relating, of thinking and seeing. It is nothing less than the way of Christ. If we are to follow Christ, then it must become our way as well. "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times."

(*Matt* 18:21-35).

Deacon Mark Kelly

NEPAL FLOODS

Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. Pope Leo is inviting us to pray along with him for those who have died, are injured, missing and the rescuers. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we approach the end of Term 3, we pause to reflect with gratitude on the many wonderful opportunities and blessings experienced at St Joseph's. We are particularly thankful for the opportunity to celebrate our class masses in the Marist Chapel, providing our students with a meaningful experience of gathering and worshipping in a church setting.

This term, we have also had the privilege of accompanying some of our Year 4 students as they prepared to receive the Eucharist, an important milestone in their faith journey. Other highlights included our Book Week dress-up celebrations and the ever-popular Father's Day Breakfast, which brought our community together in joy.

We conclude the term on Friday with a student-free day. Staff will spend the day engaged in professional learning focused on Scripture, with particular

attention to our Term 4 focus from St Paul's Letter to the Romans. We give thanks for the many blessings of this term and wish all our families a safe and restful break

RUBBISH BINS IN MARIAN ROOM

BINS MUST be emptied after every event that is held in the Marian Room. For all events organised by ministry groups, the plastic lined rubbish bins inside must be emptied in either the outside bins or taken home, Please do not leave rubbish in these bins for the next person/group, they are there for your use during the event. It is each groups responsibility to clean up after their event in readiness for the next, thank you for your understanding.

SAVE THE DATE - MOVIE NIGHT!

The Social Committee next event is a Movie Night, Tuesday 20th October "Sense & Sensibility to see at Peninsula Cinemas in Warragul. More details to come.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

Saturday, 26th of September, 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Church Warragul. We begin the evening with a video on our faith, followed with baked spuds for dinner and playing boardgames afterwards in the Marian Room. Please bring your favourite baked spud topping to share. warragul.youngadult@cdsale.org.au

'BAW BAW CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

Sunday 20 September, after Warragul and Drouin masses The men's group will hold their BBQ fundraiser after the 6.15pm, 9am & 11am Masses. Please bring your coins and notes.

THE LAMP YOUTH FESTIVAL

FAITH IN ACTION

Change starts with you

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible"

~ St Francis of Assisi

Please bring along two or more non-perishable goods. All donations go towards John Mc Foundation Inc.

Scan to register!



11:00am-5:00pm
Lunch provided

Saturday 21st
November

St Michael's School Stadium
125 High St, Berwick VIC 3806

13 to 30 years old

Games ~ Dance ~ Food ~ Reconciliation ~ Adoration ~ Mass

Our Upcoming Parish Events

12th/13th Sep	Cuppa after Mass -Meet & Greet will host a cuppa after 6.15pm, 9am, 11am Masses.
20th Sep Sun	Family Prayer Day - 3 to 5pm St Joseph's church Holy Hour & Reconciliation, Intro to Pope Leo's <i>Dilexit Nos</i> , afternoon tea and games. Please bring a plate of food to share.
26th Sep Sat	Catholic Young Adults Group -7.30pm Marian Room. Faith Video, baked spuds & board games. Contact: warragul.youngadult@cdsale.org.au
27th Sep Sun	Migrant Refugee Mass - One combined Mass on Sunday morning at 11am, St Joseph's School Hall.

SAFEGUARDING PRAYER

Loving God, you are kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion. Your love is patient and kind; it does not seek its own interest; it is not easily angered; it bears all things and always protects. As we gather this Safeguarding Sunday under the theme "Love Protects," open our eyes to see where we have failed to protect, open our ears to hear the voices of those who have been harmed, and open our hearts to the patient important work of keeping our people safe. Make our parish a community where children are cherished, where young people are respected, where older and isolated parishioners are not forgotten, where those living with disability or illness are truly included, and where every vulnerable person among us is seen, valued, and kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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	\$769.35
Planned Giving envelope	\$550.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$566.80
St Joseph's Building fund	\$29,590.00
Priests Appeal	\$830.50

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash	\$355.30
Planned Giving envelope	\$207.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$460.25
Priests Appeal	\$695.00

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

Tuesday: **Parish Council Meeting**, 7.00pm Marian Room

Wednesday: **Prayers to St Joseph**, 10.00am Warragul, after 9.30 Mass.
RCIA - , 7.30pm, Marian Room. Enq: Joan-56 231 642

Thursday: **ALPHA** -Teachers Centre Sion House, 6.30pm for 7pm start

Friday: **Social committee meeting**, 6pm St Ita's Meeting room/Church

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

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions



Saturday 5.00pm: Frank Schellekens Sr (DA)

Monday 9.30am: Robin Power (conversion to Catholic faith)

Wednesday 9.30am: Robert Hillier (Conversion to Catholic Faith)

Friday 9.30am: Terry Hume (DA)

ANNIVERSARIES: Damian Maunder, Benito Russo, Sheila Berthauer, John Malady, Frank Schellekens, Mary Frigi and Margaret Johnson.

BAPTISM:

This weekend we welcome Elle & Lola Harrington, Lana Niosia and Kobe & Zara Davidson into our parish family.

**1st Holy Communion Post Mass will be celebrated
Tuesday 15th Sept at 5.30pm at St Ita's church
Drouin. Please keep them in your prayers.**

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 12 / 13 Sep

Readers

6.15pm A.Yaqoo **9am** A.Millard

Minister

6.15pm Dcn Mark **9am** R.Tarranan, J.Marvin

Offertory & Volunteer **(R)** D. Monterrosa

6.15pm M.Gleeson **9am** Elsa & Gina

Greeters

6.15pm M.Gleeson **9am** (MR) R.Tarranan (FE) B.McIntosh

St Joseph's 12 / 13 Sep

Readers

6.15pm J.Nelson **9am** F.Huxley

Minister

6.15pm M.Gleeson **9am** J.Marvin & M.Kittely

Offertory & Volunteer **(R)** B.Clover

6.15pm P.Heffernan & **9am** A.Hoffman

Greeters J.Robertson

6.15pm S.Hilder **9am** (MR) G.Pandolfo (FE) B.Clover

St. Ita's 13 Sep / 20 Sep

Readers

13 Sep C.Butterworth & **20 Sep** McMahon Fam

Minister: ML.Laghou

13 Sep M.Collins, **20 Sep** G.Collins,

K.Fahey & Volunteer* B.Maunder & Volunteer*

Communion to sick

13 Sep M.Collins **20 Sep** C.Bogart

Welcoming

13 Sep I.McLean **20 Sep** D.Oliver

Offertory

13 Sep B&J.Durand **20 Sep** Volunteers*

Piety St

13 Sep L.Schellekens & **20 Sep** I.McLean &

Cleaning C.Hegarty D.Oliver

13 Sep C.Rushbury **20 Sep** C.Butterworth &

Amberlea J.Winterton

23 Sep M.Lara-Laghou **7 Oct** MASS, Fr B &

Lyrebird C.Amoako-Boateng D.Stewart

15 Sep B.Maunder **29 Sep** C.Harkin

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Sirach 27:30 – 28:7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's fault and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of
the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the
offence.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 102:1-4, 9-12. R. v.8*

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Romans 14: 7-9*

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

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;
if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so
that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation *John 13: 34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

***I tell you that you forgive not seven times
but seventy seven times seven.***

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?"

As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting,
a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.

Since he had no way of paying it back,
his master ordered him to be sold,
along with his wife, his children, and all his property,
in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said,
'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'

Moved with compassion the master of that servant
let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow
servants

who owed him a much smaller amount.

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,
'Pay back what you owe.'

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him,
'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison
until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened,
they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master
and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked
servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.
Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,
as I had pity on you?'

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers
until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you,
unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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Next weeks readings:

Isaiah 55: 6-9 ~ Ps 144: 2-3,8-9,17-18, ~
Philippians 1:20-24,27
Gospel Mt 20: 1-16

FAMILY PRAYER AFTERNOON

Sunday 20th September 3pm-5pm

St Joseph's church, Warragul.

3pm — Holy Hour with Reconciliation

4pm — Introduction to Pope Francis's

Encyclical on the sacred heart,

Dilexit Nos

4.30pm — Afternoon tea, social time & Games.

All welcome, please bring your whole family or just
yourself.... And a plate of food to share with others,
Thank You.

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