



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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St. Joseph's Primary School 5623-2943
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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-
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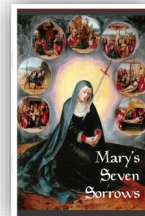
Sunday 27th September, 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Weekday Mass Times (28 ~ 2 Oct)

Monday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Tuesday:	St Ita's Church	5.30pm
Wednesday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Thursday:	No Mass	
Friday:	No Mass	

Weekend Mass Times (3 ~ 4 Oct)

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



Words and Actions

What is it about tax collectors and prostitutes? Jesus befriends them and holds them up as examples several times in scripture, contrasting them favourably with self-righteous religious leaders (*Matt 21:28-32*). Pretty well unredeemable, these despised public sinners seem unlikely candidates for Jesus' associates but, unlike their contemptuous despisers, there is nothing of "whitened sepulchres" about them. Like the second son in this gospel, the tax collectors and prostitutes might well be rude, uncouth and dismissive of religion, but John and Jesus often found them responsive to their teaching.

Without making a link to tax collectors or prostitutes, I have been struck, during horror bushfires, floods and other crises I have attended, by the numerous, simple, decent folk, of no particular religion or dismissive of religion, who step up in crisis, sleeves rolled up and ready to fill a need. Sometimes scruffy and uncouth, lacking religious intent or motive or formal religious associations they nevertheless fill needs in a Christ-like manner. Not discounting the many faithful Catholic Christians who have similarly engaged in wide community service in crisis times, some, who make empty pronouncements and promises, might find community-minded non-religious folk ahead of them in Christ-like service.

Our primary call is two-fold: both love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. That being said, more merit is found in the person who doesn't respond directly to God's call but then does God's work, as compared to those who commit to God's plan and do nothing to fulfil it.

Christians are called to worship God and to roll up our sleeves, working tirelessly for the Kingdom when "all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father". (*Phil 2:11*) Deacon Mark Kelly

MORE SACRISTANS REQUIRED FOR ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

St Joseph's needs **more** sacristans to take over the following duties:

Monday & Wednesday Masses & Saturday vigil Masses - set up the altar and pack up after Mass; Saturday morning set up & pack up for Adoration & Benediction; Baptisms set up and pack up; Funerals set up & pack up (including closing the church afterwards); Occasional Diocesan/DOSCEL Masses - Set up and pack up. Training will be provided. If you feel called to serve The Lord in this way and enrich your understanding of the Mass and our Catholic traditions, please contact the parish office.

POWER POINT OPERATORS NEEDED

More powerpoint operators urgently are needed for the vigil Mass at St Joseph's Church. If you regularly attend this Mass and feel that you could assist in this way, please contact the parish office.

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.

Proposed Works & Budget Overview

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish church of St Joseph's has long been a place of spiritual gathering, comfort, and community. To ensure our facilities remain safe, accessible, and welcoming for all generations to come, the Parish Finance Council has conducted a thorough review of our grounds and buildings. We have identified several essential maintenance and upgrade projects that require our attention. We believe in complete transparency as we undertake these stewardship responsibilities. The total projected cost for these urgent and highly beneficial works are:

Proposed Project	Focus Area	Estimated Cost
Marian Room Kitchen Renovation	Modernizing hospitality facilities for parish events and ministries	\$34,000
Church Toilets Upgrade	Accessibility, modern hygiene facilities, and structural refresh	\$77,000
Presbytery Mould Remediation	Essential health and safety repairs to the living quarters	\$15,000
Exterior Church Painting	Protecting our heritage building structure and renewing its appearance	\$12,000
Stair Railings & Tread Repairs	Improving safety, compliance, and ease of access	\$5,000
Tree Maintenance	Grounds safety, pruning, and clearing of potential hazards	\$2,000
Extension to Sanctuary	To deliver a richer experience in administering the sacraments	\$20,000
Contingency Fund	To cover any unforeseen structural or site issues during construction	\$5,000
TOTAL PROJECTED COST		\$170,000

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

A project of this scale is only possible through the shared generosity, faith, and support of our parish community.

- Get involved and find out what's happening.
- Pray earnestly for the success of our parish
- Talk to your family and understand how you may be able help financially.
- Visit the parish office or contact Fr Brendan to make your commitment. Every bit helps.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO A MOVIE NIGHT

You're invited to A MOVIE- '*SENSE and SENSIBILITY*'

Tuesday, 20th October at 6:30pm

Tickets \$20 (includes movie, supper & door prizes)

Tickets available @ Parish Office

DIRECT DEBT BSB : 083879 971765356

Reference YOUR NAME & MOVIE

(Money for St Joseph's building works)

AFTER Weekend Masses. Pick up can be arranged.

"MEN" ~ YOU ARE INVITED TO A RETREAT

Men's Retreat, 7th & 8th November 2026. Men Alive and the BBCMG will run a men's retreat over 2 days at Marist Sion Secondary College. It is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and has inspired and encouraged men with a new sense of purpose and mission. During the retreat men will have an opportunity to hear from experienced lay men from Men Alive, break out small group discussions and opportunities for Reconciliation and Mass. Lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided over both days. Bookings can be made using the QR code. Please contact Ben at 0459123422 or Dale at 0404814045 for any questions.



MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2027



Join us as we peacefully walk through the city of Melbourne to protest the current abortion laws in Victoria

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change."

- Saint Padre Pio

Our Upcoming Parish Events

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
20th Oct Tue	Movie night — 'Sense & sensibility' -6.30pm, \$20 includes ticket, Supper & Door prizes.
24th Oct Sat	Flower Workshop — 2pm, in the Marian Room more details to follow.

THE RITUAL AND THE REASON

Exploring the parts of the Mass

Every ritual in the Mass has a purpose. Every word, gesture, symbol & prayer helps us encounter God and grow as a community of faith. From the sign of the cross to the final blessing, each ritual invites us to listen, respond, give thanks and be transformed by God's experience. 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.**

Registration

Cost \$10

PH: 613 5614 5163

cdsale.org.au/events

Email: newsonline@cdsale.catholic.org



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	\$462.65
Planned Giving envelope	\$325.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$693.30
St Joseph's Building fund	\$29,590.00
Aug EFT(Direct debit, credit card)	\$7358.00

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash	\$592.15
Planned Giving envelope	\$802.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$599.05
Aug EFT(Direct debit, credit card)	\$8361.00

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

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

Thursday: Mums & Bubs Play & Pray (1st Thursday) 9.30-11.30am Marian Room ALPHA—Teachers Centre Sion House, 6.30pm for 7pm start

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

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions



Saturday 6.15pm: Jilles Planchon (DA)

Sunday 11.00am: Michael Daniels (DA)

Tuesday 5.30pm: Desmond & Catherine Mooney (DA)

Wednesday 9.30am: Linsley Treadwell (Surgery)

ANNIVERSARIES (DA): Michael Malady, Mary Lamb, Michael Kerr and Sebastian Azzopardi.

RECENT DEATHS (RD): John Daniels & Robert Reid

RITE OF WELCOME: This weekend we welcome Murphy Fries and his family who begin their journey towards baptism.

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome Joey Deen, Miller Hofferts & Frederick Jones into our parish family.



First Collection (P/G)

St Joseph's Church Account

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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 26/ 27 Sep

Readers

6.15pm G.Rabl **9am** NO MASS

Minister

6.15pm P.Heffernan **9am**

Offertory & Volunteer

6.15pm Gabrielle & **9am**

Greeters Tony

6.15pm N.Azzopardie **9am**

St Joseph's 3 / 4 Oct

Readers

6.15pm A.Yoqoo **9am** A.Issacs

Minister

6.15pm G.Fletcher **9am** Kuriakose Family

Offertory & Volunteer

6.15pm V&J Rowe **9am** B.Clover & M.Kittely (R) J.Marvin

Greeters **9am** D.Monterrosa (FE) B.Clover (MR)

St. Ita's 4th Oct

Readers

4 Oct P& B. Maunder

Minister:

4 Oct J.Fahey, R. Pederson & Volunteer*

Communion to sick

4 Oct J.Durand

Welcoming

4 Oct Chrissy & Tahlia

Offertory

4 Oct J.John

Piety St

4 Oct F.MacRae & C.van Oss

Cleaning

4 Oct T.Meggetto

Amberlea

7 Oct MASS, Fr B & D.Stewart

Lyrebird

13 Oct G & M.Collins

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6*

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Philippians 2:1-5*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"What is your opinion?
A man had two sons.
He came to the first and said,
'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'
He said in reply, 'I will not,'
but afterwards changed his mind and went.
The man came to the other son and gave the same order.
He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.
Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you.
When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him;
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that,
you did not later change your minds and believe him."

NEW LOOK FOR OUR BULLETIN

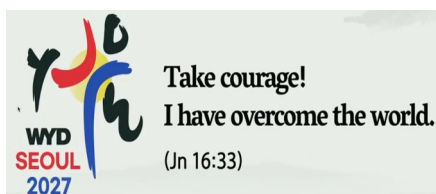
Please note that the first week of October Our regular bulletin is taking on a new look, due to the Publisher program ceasing. The new Bulletin will follow much the same format however some changes will be noted as below. The main changes will be:

1. No rosters will be printed in the bulletin anymore. This will now become the responsibility of the co-ordinators to notify all members in their ministry, either digitally or by leaving rosters in the church foyers for collection.

2. The last page will be dedicated to the liturgy of the word, letters from our Bishop, Holy See or other important liaison.

There will also be an opportunity for parishioner who wish to advertise their business/trade, within our parish, to help assist our parish through sponsorship. For anyone who is interested please speak to Fr Brendan or the friendly staff team in the office to discuss this further.

We hope that the new look will demonstrate a more friendly and transparent way of communication for all. With thanks.



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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

The Catholic Diocese of Sale and Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd (DOSCEL) are pleased to announce the Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul, South Korea, 2027.

We encourage eligible young people, youth ministry leaders and other adults to consider joining the pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Greg Bennet, with Fr Aneesh George accompanying as the Lead Chaplain.

Approximate Pilgrimage Dates: Friday, 30th July to Monday, 8th August 2027.

The pilgrimage is open to young people aged 16 (as of 01/01/2027) to 35 years from across the Diocese Of Sale. Pilgrims can expect a week of encounters with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, prayer and liturgies, catechetical sessions, workshops, cultural experiences and opportunities to connect with young Catholics from around the world.

World Youth Day also promotes care for creation, inspired Laudato Si', with sustainability and environmental stewardship forming part of the Seoul 2027 experience.

All pilgrims of the Diocese of Sale (Colleges & Parishes) will be required to participate in the same itinerary and program.

Please direct expressions of interest to the parish office.