Catholic Parishes
of Warragul & Drouin/Neerim South

St Ita's Church,
50 Victoria st,
Drouin





St Joseph's Church, 17 Queen St, Warragul



St Ignatius Church,
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Neerim South

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Schools
Marist-Sion College: 5623 5944
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St. Joseph's Primary School: 5623 2943
Principal: Ms Rachael Williams
St. Ita's Primary School: 5623 7222
Principal: Mr. Andrew Osler
St. Angela's Primary School: 5622 9800
Principal: Mr Stephen Pitt
St Oscar Romero Primary School:
Principal: Mr Derek Bruitzman 5615 9900

Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King of the Universe- Yr A

Weekday Mass Times (23 - 27 Nov)

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**	**9.30am**
	Warragul Community Aged care	**11.00am**
Friday:	**Marist Sion Mass**	**8.10am**
	St Joseph's Church	**9.30am**

Weekend Mass Times (28 - 29 Nov)

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**

PLEASE NOTE: No Reconciliation in Drouin this weekend due to Holy Hour for Vocations in Warragul on Saturday from 10am till 11am

Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist
St Joseph's: Morning prayer /adoration, 6.30am - 7.30am weekdays (during term only)
St Ita's: Tuesday ~ 9:30am-10:30 am
St Joseph's: Saturday ~10am, followed by rosary & Benediction.
St Ignatius: Tuesday 10 -11am & Fri 2- 3pm with Holy Rosary

Reconciliation/Confession
St Ita's: Saturday Morning 9:30am-10:00am
St Joseph's: Wed Morning 9:15am - 9.30am
St Joseph's: Saturday Morning 10:30am - 11am

PASTORAL ENQUIRIES

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 supporting environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk.

SACRAMENTS

Rite of Welcome: This weekend we welcome **Henry & Blair Wagner** and their families who begin their journey towards baptism.

Baptisms: The next preparation meeting for Baptism will be the **10th Dec at 7pm** in the Marian Room. Attendance to this meeting is by booking only to: Roslyn Joyner evangelisation@warraguldrouincatholic.au
This weekend we welcome **Phoebe Hillier, Teddy Gore, Ayla Cooley and Riley Ruiz** to our Parish family.

Acknowledgment 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.

Warragul & Drouin Catholic Parishes Vision:

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

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Gary Blackwood (Chairperson), Fiona Macrae (Secretary) Chris Harkin (Deputy Chairperson) Clyde Netto, Gerard Ward, Alicia Phillips & Dee Jackson, plus Ex-officio. **PPC News. In February 2027 the Parish Pastoral Council will need to fill 5 vacant positions. You are invited to pray about nomination for the council, either yourself or asking someone to consider you nominating them. The PPC now has a Vision and Mission for our parishes which will shape our communities for the future. In January we will provide information that will help guide your discernment. All who accept nomination will be invited to a discernment morning in the Marian Room in February 2027.**

Christ the King

Pope Saint John XXIII was asked, "Why do you keep talking on love?" And he replied, "Because Jesus told us that it is on love that we will be judged." Christ the King, the judge, doesn't demand we jump through confusing hoops but simply this: that we have loved him through concrete acts of mercy to those around us who are less fortunate.

Unlike the calendar year or the financial year, the Church's year finishes this Sunday with the Feast of Christ the King and Matthew's gospel this week (Mt 25:31-46) perfectly summarises the Lord's teachings over the course of the year. Jesus told us a few weeks ago that the whole of the Law could be summed up in love of God and love of neighbour (Mt 22:34-40). He has taught us to understand scripture and to see Him as its fulfilment, but when all is said and done his core teaching is that the world differs between givers and takers. He and his followers are givers! Givers generously feed the hungry, welcome strangers, aid the poor, sick or imprisoned, and, in so doing, honour Jesus. Takers, meanwhile, who neglect to do these things to the least of Jesus' sisters and brothers, are neglecting Jesus. Givers are welcomed into God's kingdom, but takers earn eternal punishment. Couldn't be clearer! Can't say we weren't warned! Most Australians claim to be Christians; we all enjoy relative freedom and opportunity, health, wealth and education. If we as a nation or as individuals choose to ignore the hungry, turn back strangers, despise the poor, persecute the sick and actually imprison those asking for our help, Christ our King tells us what our fate will be. And it won't be good! We'd better be praying for the courage, wisdom and generosity to love our neighbours and God, rather than jealously hoarding our time, money and compassion. We know where that leads!

Deacon Mark Kelly

Prayer In Pyjamas Workshop

An invitation is extended to all families who have children in junior Primary to join us for a Prayer in Pyjamas Workshop on Wednesday 25th November at 3.45pm in the Marian Room. The session will begin with a shared afternoon tea, with the actual workshop beginning at 4pm. During this hour session families will make some prayer resources that they can use together at home. *Children are welcome to come dressed in their pyjamas and bring a soft toy*. Although free of charge, a small donation would be appreciated.If you would like to attend, it would be appreciated if you could please contact Liz on Warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org.au or the Parish Office on 5623 1642 so that we can provide adequate resources.

What's happening in our Parish Communities

Meet'n Greet- Wednesday **1pm till 3pm** in the Marian Room at St Joseph's Church. Those with transport difficulties call Chris: 0419 772668 Or Fran : 0439 864 175.
RCIA- 7.30pm Wednesday (not during school holidays) Marian Room Enq Joan, Parish Office: 56231642
Prayers to St Joseph, Group- Warragul after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church.
ALPHA- warraguldrouinalpha@gmail.com
Baw Baw Catholic Mens Group- (BBCMG) bbcmg@warraguldrouincatholic.au
Knights of the Southern Cross- After 9.30am Mass, Marian Room. **(1st Monday of the Month)** Lawrie McNamara 0403 218 935
Mums & Bubs Play & Pray - (**1st Thursday**) 9.30-11.30am Marian Room.
Rosary & Litany- 5pm Sunday in St Joseph's Meeting room Warragul (all welcome).
SVDP Warragul - 7pm St Joseph's Meeting Room. **(2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month)**
SVDP Drouin - 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room **(2nd & 4th Thursday of the month).**
Bereavement Ministry Team Meeting - (2nd Tuesday of the month), every 2nd Month.
Young Adults Group - warragul.youngadult@cdsale.org.au
Social Committee Group - Every 2nd Friday of the month.
Contemplative Prayer- Contact Parish Office.
Catechist training - Sacrament preparation for Catholic children in non-Catholic schools. contact Parish Office.
Childrens Liturgy- 3rd & 4th Sunday of the month.
Home Visitation & Communion at Home- Please call Parish Office. PH: 5623 1642
Passionist Family Group - meet socially once a month. Contact Joe Brady 0417863839
St Joseph's Pastoral Care Group - 2nd Thursday of the month 10.30am Marian Room. Enq Maureen 0488172111

CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Joseph's (last weeks)

Church (1st Collection) Cash	$513.25
Planned Giving Envelopes	$502.00
Presbytery (2nd Collection)	$864.30
EFT for October	$7798.00
St Joseph's Building Fund	$66,041.00

St. Ita's & St. Ignatius (last weeks)

Church (1st Collection) Cash	$323.20
Planned Giving Envelopes	$585.00
Presbytery (2nd Collection)	$512.30
EFT for October	$ 6312.00

Thank You for your generous contributions

First Collection (Planned Giving) Church Accounts

St Joseph's: 083879 489045334

St Ita's: 083879 568166097

Second Collection (support our Priests)

St Joseph's & St Ita's Presbytery acc:
083879 941199437

St Joseph's Building Works Account:
083879 971765356

Please Pray for the following in Our Mass intentions



Saturday 5.00pm: Special intention for deceased family members.
Saturday 6.15pm: Lanwin Dsouza (DA)
Sunday 11.00am: Deceased members of Henderson and Smith family's
Monday 9.30am: Repose for souls of Roselin, Mr & Mrs H.Suseela
Tuesday 5.30pm: Repose for souls of the Durand family
Wednesday 9.30am: Repose for souls of Cornelia & William Schoots and Family
Thursday9.30am: Repose of souls for the Nichols Family
Friday 9.30am: Repose of souls for the deceased members of the Stadegaard Family

Anniversaries (DA): **Tom Heenan, Donald Hanson, Terrance Klason and Alan Beggs**



A little bit of fun enjoyed by our clergy when a day was set aside for some Croquet!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

RCIA

Congratulations to Ben and Holly Williams, Brian Novel, Karli Prideaux, Bianca Evans, Scott Williamson, Kathryn Bowman, Madeline O'Dea, Cayleb Jinnette, Jennifer Clover, James Ollington, Lynette Timmermans, Kris Harris, David Cusack, Andrea Bayonac, Denae Wright, Tayla and Adrian Fry, who will celebrate The Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcome this Sunday, the 22nd of November at the 9am and 11am Masses. Please keep them in your prayers as they take their first formal step in their journey to Easter. A cuppa will be offered after Mass. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS BEGIN

Advent is such a busy time of the year, and we so easily forget that - at its heart it is meant to be a time of preparation waiting in hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and our lives. The following Advent reflections will be offered. Dates: Monday 23rd November 1.30pm St. Ita's Meeting Room, Friday 27th November after the 9.30 am Mass Marian Room - St. Joseph's. A night session is also being offered . If you want take part on a Tuesday night preparation session you can contact the Parish Office: 56231642. You will receive a book at $5.00 a copy - The Way of the Heart. The Advent books will also be available through Warragul and Drouin Piety Stalls for purchase.

INVITATION SUNDAY: On Sunday the 6th of December at the 9am and 11am Mass we will celebrate Invitation Sunday. Next weekend you will be invited to take an invitation card to give to a parishioner or someone that you might know that would like to be welcomed, re-engaged and reconnected to our Church communities. Would appreciate if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share. More details in next week's bulletin.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: We understand that times can be challenging for many families, but even a small act of kindness can make a big difference. If you would like to help, simply choose a gift tag from the Christmas Tree in the foyer, purchase the gift listed and place it unwrapped under the tree. All gifts will be distributed to individual and families in need in time for Christmas. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support in helping make someone's Christmas a little brighter. Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Catholic Young Adults Group (18-35 yr olds): Next meeting on Friday 27th November, 6PM, St. Josephs Church Warragul (Marian Room). We're continuing our video series and doing a Kahoot Trivia Night. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. RSVP by the 24th of November to Nikki (0460 352 306). Come with ideas on how to fundraise for WYD with Fr Aneesh.

THE CHURCH CALLS US TO BE: Next Sunday 29th November at all Masse the Liturgy will have a focus on the 40th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II, visit to Alice Springs. The Pope's speech to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Blatherskite Park remains a significant moment for First Australians and also in the history of the Church in Australia. Forty years on, the Church celebrates and commemorates this significant event. The Alice Springs address called the Church in Australia to such listening: to receive the wisdom, spirituality, and culture of First Australians not as an optional enrichment, but as essential to the Church's identity and life, so we may be the Church Jesus calls us to be.

MEN' GROUP MONTHLY PUB LUNCH: - the next BBCMG pub lunch will be at 12:00 on 28 November at the Royal Hotel, Drouin. This will be the last meet up for the group until the new year. Non-members welcome to join. RSVP via Men's group WhatsApp or to Ben at 0459123422

CHRIST THE KING -Annual ECUMENICAL SERVICE: Christ church Anglican, Drouin. All invited 7pm, Sunday 22nd Nov.

VOLUNTEER THANKYOU DINNER: save the date- Friday 18th December- 5.30pm in Marian Room- more details to follow.

The Sacred Heart Group

Adult faith formation & Lay Ministry

Catholic Parishes of Warragul & Drouin (and Beyond)

The Sacred Heart Group is a welcoming forum for adults of all ages and from any walk of life to build deep fellowship, unified by our core identity as Catholics who want to grow in our faith formation.

Together we look to the saints and other spiritual masters to experience the true riches of our faith. Our upcoming gatherings are designed for reflection and meditation on the great spiritual texts of the church…not intended as dense or challenging theology.

Meeting the 1st Thursday of each month in the Marian Room, St Joseph's Warragul at 8pm. Opening night 3rd December.

Far more than a book club, our gatherings are a place where anyone, anywhere on their faith journey, can feel at home with like-minded friends, be set on fire by the truth and support one another in our daily lay apostolates.

Our inaugural study will be Pope Francis' final encyclical *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us), focusing on the human and Divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ.

If you wish to join us on this mission, learn more, or receive a copy of our first reading text, please register your interest today by calling or sending a text to: Anthony Menzies 0421 854 162

-This Week's Readings:
Our Lord Jesus Christ-King of the Universe
Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 22:1-3, 5-6
1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28:
Mt 25: 31-46

-Next Week's Readings:
1st Sunday of Advent- Yr B
Is 63: 16-17; 64:1,3-8 Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13: 33-37

DIOCESE VOCATION PRAYER

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

Position Vacant ~ Pastoral Officer-Sacraments and Catechetics

The position of Pastoral Officer-Sacraments and Catechists will be for 6 hours per week. The role is an integral part of the Parish team. The person who fills this role works closely and collaboratively with the pastoral team, including the Parish Priest, Deacon, the Pastoral Officer-RCIA, Liturgy, and the Mission, Outreach and Evangelisation Officer. The majority of the role is around the preparation of your children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation, as well as coordination and delivery of Religious Education for children in government schools. The timing of the preparation for these sacraments fluctuates through out the year, therefore the role at other times will be to pastoral team meetings. If you feel that you have the qualities required for this role, please contact the Parish Office for further job description. Applications via email, brendan.hogan@cdsale.org.au with attention to: Fr Brendan, close Friday 3pm, 27th November 2026.

DIOCESE OF SALE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST and FUNDRAISING IDEAS TO ASSIST OUR YOUTH!

We are now calling for all interested young people aged 16 to 35 years old to submit their Expression of Interest to be either a pilgrim OR small group leader. Head to the Diocese of Sale World Youth Day website for all up-to-date information and the link to the form: cdsale.org.au/world-youth-day-seoul For questions, email WYD Project Officer, Tishan Lokuge tlokuge@doscel.catholic.edu.au **FUNDRAISING IDEAS:** We are calling out to Parishioners who can provide some fundraising Ideas, to help with finances that are required. This will help go towards some of the accommodation and food expenses that our Youth will encounter on the WYD 2027. If you think you can help, please see Fr Aneesh or contact Parish Office: 56231642



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DROUIN CONFERENCE CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

On **Sunday, 29th November**, St. Ita's and St. Ignatius will be supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal . We invite you to help those in need in our community to celebrate Christmas with joy and dignity. Envelopes will be provided on your seats and there will be a leaving collection. Thank you for your continued generosity and support in the past. Your kindness makes a real difference to those who need it most.

