



St. Ignatius, Neerim South



St. Joseph's, Warragul



St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

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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.

Month of the Most Precious Blood Sunday 27th July-2025-World day of Grandparents /Elderly

Weekday Mass Times (28 – 1 August)

Monday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Tuesday:	St Ita's Church Martha, Mary & Lazarus	5.30pm
Wednesday:	St Joseph Primary School	9.30am
Thursday:	St Ita's Church St Ignatius of Loyola	9.30am
	Community Aged Care	2.00pm
Friday:	Marist Sion secondary School	8.00am
	St Joseph's Primary School	9.30am
	St Angela of the Cross, Primary	12.00pm



Weekend Mass Times (2 – 3 August)

Saturday:	Neerim Sth First Saturday	5.30pm
Saturday	Warragul	7.00pm
Sunday:	Warragul	9.00am
	Drouin	10.30am

Father!

How absent-mindedly we recite this prayer that Jesus taught us: at every Mass, six times in a Rosary and other times in our daily lives!



Where does it come from? Well, from Jesus of course. But there are strong elements from Old Testament prayer and the Jewish prayer tradition with which Jesus was familiar. Our Catechism teaches that this prayer is "truly the summary of the whole gospel" yet, sadly, in our human frailty, we rarely stop to savour it as we should. This week's gospel features the less well-known Luke version (*Luke 11:1-13*), essentially the same as Matthew's but with some interesting variations.

Jesus encourages us to address the "Father" who is extolled as "holy". No mention of "heaven" but entering into dialogue with the Creator of all, we are blessed to have a special and personal connection. The core of Jesus' mission is to bring us the Good News of the Father's Kingdom, which is coming in fullness but is observably already here. Luke's prayer doesn't mention the Father's will (that's a given in his kingdom) and Jesus encourages us ask for our needs for each and every day, for forgiveness of our sins and to be spared time of trial.

Rattling it off in rote form as we often do is exactly the wrong way to pray. The disciple asks for guidance (*Luke 11:1*) and Jesus models how to pray rather than the detail of what to pray. He might have said, "these are the main things: remember you are speaking with the Creator of all, who is your loving Father and who wants what is truly best for you and for everyone." It is in thoughtfully articulating our issues we pray best. The Father knows it anyway but, rather than

going around in circles, we might trustingly nestle to this loving Father, telling him how we adore him and what is happening in our lives at the moment.

Deacon Mark Kelly

Living the gospel

Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.



CUP OF TEA

Please join in a cuppa this weekend after the 7pm Mass hosted by Jackie and Michael Charles and 9am Mass hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share. Many thanks.

why am I here?

"IS THIS IT?"



"DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?"
"WHAT'S THE MEANING?"
"DOES GOD EXIST?"

ALPHA commences

Thursday 7th August 2025 at 6:30pm

Marian Room (St Joseph Church)

Please register via

warraguldrouinalpha@gmail.com or

send a text to Dee 0413515201

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.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST

St Ita's - Tue 29 July: 9.30am - 10.30am

St Joseph's - Sat 2 Aug 10am - followed by rosary & Benediction

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

St Ita's - Sat 2 Aug - 9.45 to 10.15am

St Joseph's - Sat 2 Aug 10.30 - 11am

St Joseph's - Wed 30 July 9.15 - 9.30am

MEET 'N GREET

Meet 'n Greet, every **Wednesday** between **1:00pm to 3:00pm** in the **Marian Room** at St Joseph's Church. Come alone or bring a friend. Come and enjoy a cuppa and lively chat. Each week brings a new face. For anyone who has transport difficulties, let us collect you, by phoning Chris on 0419 772668 or Fran 0439 864175

IMPORTANT: CONSENT FOR NAME PUBLICATION IN THE PARISH BULLETIN AND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Dear Parishioners, With the recent Diocese of Sale Privacy Policy (copy can be viewed on the Parish website), to comply with this policy, the parish needs to obtain your explicit consent for publishing your name in the Parish Bulletin and any published volunteer rosters. Can you please email the Parish Office with either "Yes, I consent" or "No, I do not consent" to having your name published in the Parish Bulletin and any published volunteer rosters. If we do not hear back from you, we will assume you do not consent to your name being published. If you prefer, another option, is your consent to have your initials published. Again, please advise accordingly. Thank you. Fr Brendan

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training and rostering preparation, 10.30am Sat 26th July, St Ita's church, **WHY?** Our liturgies are better as a complete team. We welcome those who have received First Communion. Teens/ tweens/ primary school/secondary school/girls & boys. Contact: Dcn Mark 0427 74 8 646

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will be celebrated this Sunday at the 9am Mass in Warragul. All primary aged children are most welcome to join in these sessions.

FR BRENDAN'S PILGRIMAGE 2026

Is going ahead. For those still interested, there is still further places for more people to feel welcome and join along.

GREETERS 7PM ROSTERS FOR ST JOSEPH'S:

Greeters 7PM rosters are now completed. Please find rosters for collection on the tables at the entrance to the church. Many Thanks. Margie, Parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



- * Have you thought about becoming Catholic,
- * Completing your sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?

* Or maybe you are interested in learning more about your faith? If you would like more information, please contact: Fr. Brendan or Joan Robertson at the Parish Office: 56231642 or Deacon Mark Kelly: 0427 748 646. An Information session will be held on Wednesday 30th July 7.30 pm Marian Room at St. Joseph's Church Warragul.

BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN



Have you ever thought about Baptism for your school aged child?

An invitation is extended to parents who desire Catholic Baptism for children of school age to attend our Older Baptism Program. The program consists of two parent/child workshops, held on **Tuesday 26th August**, and **Tuesday 2nd September** in the Marian Room in Warragul (enter car park from Bowen Street). Each session will begin with an afternoon tea at 3.45. When families have attended these two sessions, parents will need to attend a parent session to book a time for Baptism. For more information, please contact Liz on warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org.au or ring 5623 1642

ST ITA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Ita's staff and students have returned to school for Term 3 after a well deserved break. We have 11 Grade 6 students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will attend a retreat day in two weeks to participate in activities with students from other schools. Next week our Grade 6 students will go to Marist Sion for a Sports Day with other Catholic Schools from the area competing as well. This term all our classes are undertaking Religion Units about Creation and Stewardship. The whole School will look for ways that we can look after our wonderful world created by God.



JUBILEE CALENDAR July Month of Youth and Vocations

FLAMES OF HOPE

A day of Prayer
& Reflection

Facilitated by the
Emmaus Spirituality Team.

All are invited
A chance for busy people to
pause, reflect and renew hope

Please register whichever date and location best suits you.

**16
AUG**
10-2:30

Holy Family
Catholic
Church
70 Girrahween Road
Maryknoll

**21
AUG**
10-2:30

St Brigid's
Catholic
Church
19 Church St.
Covwarr

Cost is \$25 /person

To register please use the QR code
Or Use the link: tinyurl.com/4bdykw5s
For more information please contact
Siji Dominic at sijiD@sale.catholic.org.au



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Warragul:

<https://www.catholicparish.app/subscriptionid=0010I00000B2zM0IAZ&req=subscribe>



Prayers for the sick:

Please pray for **Kayce Lodge**—a new borne baby who will need heart surgery.

This Section of the bulletin will be given to those of us who wish to pray for a special intention and for those who are sick and unwell in need of our loving prayers
Please seek permission from person to put in the Bulletin.

Our Upcoming Parish Events

30th July	RCIA information session, Wed, 7.30pm, Marian Rm –Anyone who is interested or knows someone who wishes to further their faith, Welcome.
1st Aug	Youth Support Group Meeting -Marian Room, 7pm, Friday
7th Aug	ALPHA – 6.30pm Marian Rm—Please register using details in front of bulletin.
10th Aug-	Aniela Buza 100 Yrs celebration in St Ita's Hall after 10.30 Mass
10th Aug	SVDP –celebrating 60 yrs with 9am Mass followed with Morning tea

PRAYERS TO ST JOSEPH

A prayer group will meet every Wednesday after 9.30am Mass St Joseph's for a duration of 20 to 30 minutes. Come along & Pray for our church & the world. All welcome.

Bishop Greg warmly invites young people to:

Vocations Come and See event



Date: 17th August, 2025
Time: 3:00- 4:00 pm
Venu: St Patrick's parish, Pakenham, 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham, 3810
a time for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Join us for prayer, hear vocation stories, ask questions, and take the next step in discovering where God may be calling you.

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 two week's Sunday collections)

St Joseph's Parish:

Church (1st collection) cash \$766.55
Planned Giving envelope: \$864.00
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$1249.80
Peter's Pence \$1433.95

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$27,590.00
(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash \$1000.09
Planned Giving envelope: \$896.00
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$1054.10

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

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

Wednesday: RCIA Info night 7.30pm Marian Rm

Prayers to St Joseph, Warragul, after 9.30 Mass.

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 7.00 pm: Frances Gibbons (DA)

Sunday 9.00am: Anne Condon (DA)

Tuesday 5.30pm: Ron Hally (DA)

Wednesday 9.30am: Dianne Woollard (DA)

Thursday 9.30am: Sr Mary Barry

Friday 9.30am: Joseph Lynch (DA)

ANNIVERSARIES: Evelyn Bibby, Gemma Imbroll
Isabelle Arnephy, Peter McKay, Anne Rankins, Carmel Traynor, John Kilmartin, Irene Mackie and Michael Gorman,

RECENT DEATHS: Jill Oliver, Sheila Joyce

RITE OF WELCOME:

This weekend we welcome Alexis, Maddison & Tahlia Bradley and their family who begin their journey towards baptism.

BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome George Pierides, Max Wilkinson and Florence & Everleigh Hantz into our parish family.

Please note: The Australian Bishops Conference has recommended that a minimal stipend for each individual Mass intention be set at \$10 per Mass, with thanks.

First Collection

(Planned Giving)

St Joseph's Church Account

083879 489045334

St Ita's Church Account

083879 568166097

Second Collection (to support our Priests)

083879 941199437

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

St Joseph's Building

ROSTERS

St Joseph's 26/27 July

Readers

7pm J.Parsons 9am B.Clover

Minister

7pm A.Jones 9am J.Marvin

Offertory

7pm Gabrielle & Tony 9am E.Romamin

Greeters

7pm Volunteer* 9am (MR) B.Clover
(FE) B.McIntosh

St Joseph's 2 / 3 Aug

Readers

7pm J.Charles 9am F.Huxley

Minister

7pm M.Charles 9am P.Bertacco

Offertory

7pm P.Heffernan & 9am T.Giblin

Greeters

J.Robertson
7pm N.Azzapardie 9am (MR) A.Hoffeman
(FE) G.Pandolfo

St. Ita's 27 July / 3 Aug

Readers

27 Jul J.John & 3 Aug B&P.Maunder

Minister

J.Fahey
27 Jul M.Collins 3 Aug M.Collins,

Communion to sick

K.Fahey & Volunteer*

Welcoming

27 Jul J.Durand 3 Aug D.Gleeson

Offertory

27 Jul I.McLean 3 Aug D.Oliver

Piety Stall

27 Jul J&B.Durand 3 Aug Chrissy & Tahlia

Cleaning

I.McLean & S.Gorden

Amberlee

26 Jul K&J.Fahey 2 Aug L.McNamara

Lyrebird

6 Aug Mass, Fr & 13th Aug J&M Marvin
D.Stewart

29 Jul B.Maunder

5 Aug Mass & G&M.
Collins

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Genesis 18:20-32*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

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

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

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.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. *(R.)*
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Colossians 2:12-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 11:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished,

one of his disciples said to him,

"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread

and forgive us our sins

for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,

and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend

to whom he goes at midnight and says,

'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,

for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey

and I have nothing to offer him,'

and he says in reply from within,

'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked

and my children and I are already in bed.

I cannot get up to give you anything.'

I tell you,

if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves

because of their friendship,

he will get up to give him whatever he needs

because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;

seek and you will find;

knock and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives;

and the one who seeks, finds;

and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

What father among you would hand his son a snake

when he asks for a fish?

Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?

If you then, who are wicked,

know how to give good gifts to your children,

how much more will the Father in heaven

give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

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**CATHOLIC CARE SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE
NEXT WEEK**

Contemplative prayer group

Our next meeting is on Tue 5th August at 7pm, Parish Centre. You will be made most welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WARRAGUL

Our Conference **Thanks You** again for the generous support we continue receiving, to assist families in our community battling to make ends meet.

your constant support enables and encourages us in the Conference to give time, support and hope for those in our community.

On August 10th we will be **celebrating 60 years** of operation - with Mass @ 9:00 followed by Morning Tea. It will be an opportunity to thank you all for support and encouragement. As well as a thank you to past and present conference volunteers. Thank you and God Bless. Fran