



St. Ignatius¹, Neerim South



St. Joseph's, Warragul



St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

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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 Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday 3rd August—National Vocations Awareness Week

Weekday Mass Times (4–8 August)

Monday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Tuesday:	Lyrebird Nursing Home	10.30am
	St Ita's Church	5.30pm
Wednesday:	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	
	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
	Amberlea Mass	10.30am
Thursday:	St Ita's Church	9.00am
Friday:	ST MARY OF THE CROSS	
	Marist Sion secondary School	8.00am
	St Joseph's church	9.30am



Weekend Mass Times (9–10 August)

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

All the above Masses are an invitation for all Parishioners.

Three Score Years and Ten

Australians born a century ago could expect to live to a little over fifty years on average; now our average life length is 83 years (even older for women). The evidence is all around us in society: pretty well everyone in our affluent world is living way beyond the nominal "three score years and ten" suggested in Psalms and Shakespeare. Our readings this week focus us on the reality that we will all die, though it seems some people conveniently forget that.

Reflecting for a moment, we realise our lives are but an infinitesimal blip in time and space, so the issue is what we do with our little lives, how we impact the world and how prepared we are for our brief time to end. Both Luke (Luke 12:13-21) and Ecclesiastes (Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23) remind us of the foolishness of accruing power and property, to be left behind when we die, instead of heavenly things (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11) which we take with us to glory in Christ. Some years ago, my closest friend was there one moment and gone the next. Indeed, for all our average longevity, we know not the day nor the hour and so, whatever we hope of our merciful Creator, we don't want to be found, when death comes, to have wasted our lives. In our human frailty, we must strive to live authentically in the world, putting behind us greed, evil desires, lies and so forth and instead bravely working in a Christ-like manner: open, loving, rejecting prejudices and biases among our brothers and sisters and calling-out causes of violence, marginalisation, discrimination, and poverty. Strengthened, as we are, by the Eucharist, we make our goals "the

spirituality of awareness, of choice, of risk, of transformation ... the embrace of life, the pursuit of wholeness, the acceptance of others, the call to co-creation." (Sr Joan Chittister, The Time is Now p16) Deacon Mark Kelly

PLEASE NOTE MASS CHANGES

Parishioners please be alerted to small changes to both week and weekend Mass times. All changes will be advertised in the front page of the bulletin as above. There will be options for all to attend these Masses.

As of 19th August Fr Brendan will be away for one month. The weekend Masses will remain the same, however week day Masses may Not occur. Please stay posted to the Bulletin for updates.

Please join us next week in St Ita's Hall,
To help celebrate Aniela Buza 100 years
of Life 10th August after 10.30am Mass.

why am I here? "DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?"
"WHAT'S THE MEANING?"
"IS THIS IT?" "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 5 Aug: 9.30am -10.30am

St Joseph's -Sat 9 Aug 10am-followed by rosary & Benediction

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

St Ita's - Sat 9 Aug-9.45 to 10.15am

St Joseph's- Sat 9 Aug 10.30-11am

St Joseph's-Wed 6 Aug 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



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 ANGELA OF THE CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St Angela of the Cross, we were excited to welcome our students back for Term 3. The term began with lots of energy as students dove into swimming lessons and learned important water safety skills. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in the water while having fun and staying active. This week, we were also thrilled to host the 2025 Scholastic Book Fair. It's a fantastic opportunity for families to discover new stories together, support children's interests, and foster a love of reading. Every book sold directly benefits our school, helping to grow our library and classroom resources. Looking ahead, we will celebrate the

Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop next week. As Australia's first saint and a woman of deep faith and service, her legacy continues to inspire our students to live with compassion, courage, and kindness. We look forward to sharing this special celebration as a school community.

DIOCESAN HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

Eucharistic Adoration

As a diocese, let us pray together to the Lord of the Harvest for more vocations



2nd August

11:00AM-12:00 Noon
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sale

10th August

3:00PM- 4:00PM
St. Thomas the Apostle
Church, Clyde North.

Catholic Diocese of Sale

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

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Experience ways to listen to God and pray.

Our next meeting is on Tue 5th August at 7pm, Parish Centre led by Anthea Dacy.

You will be made most welcome.

Light a candle for Gaza

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'

We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.

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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 Girraheen Road
Maryknoll

21 AUG
10-2:30

St Brigid's
Catholic
Church
19 Church St.
Cowwarr

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



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.

'CATHOLIC CARE' SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Prayers for the sick:

Please pray for

Kayce Lodge who awaits
heart surgery next week.

AND

Fr Michael Willemsen who is
recovering from recent medical/surgical
episode.



Our Upcoming Parish Events

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
26th Aug	Baptism program for school children , Tue, Marian Rm, start 3.45pm

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS— ARCHBISHOP DINNER 2025

Join the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria to celebrate the 25th annual Archbishop's Dinner. The dinner is held each year to raise funds for the Priests Support and Education Fund. This fund was established by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist in the funding and education of seminarians and the post-ordination education of priests. **Fri 29th Aug 7-11pm, Mooney Valley Racecourse, Freehan Av, Moonee Ponds. Cost \$170pp RSVP: 8th Aug, Black tie event. Guest speaker: Dr Andy Mullins**



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

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 week's Sunday collections)

St Joseph's Parish:

Church (1st collection) cash	\$494.70
Planned Giving envelope:	\$499.00
Presbytery (2nd collection):	\$618.10

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

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash	\$335.45
Planned Giving envelope:	\$370.00
Presbytery (2nd collection):	\$652.70

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Monday:	St Ita's Rosary , 10.30am followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. KSC , After 9.30am Mass, Marian Room. Lawrie McNamara 0403 218 935
Tuesday:	St Ignatius Rosary , 11.00am followed by lunch. Contemplative Prayer Group , 7.00pm Parish Centre. Bereavement Ministry Team Meeting: 1.30pm New Parish Office.
Wednesday:	RCIA 7.30pm Marian Rm Enq: Joan Robertson, Parish Office Ph 56231642 Prayers to St Joseph , Warragul, after 9.30 Mass. SVDP Warragul , 10.00am St Joseph's Meeting Room.
Thursday:	SVDP Drouin , 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room 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: Allan McLean Quirk (DA)

Sunday 9.00am: Hugo & Dalila Monterossa 50ys
Wedding Anniversary



Monday 9.30am: Allan Patrick Quirk (DA)

Tuesday 5.30pm: Levi Johnson (Grace of eternal salvation)

Wednesday 9.30am: Peter Coelho (Health & Intentions)

Friday 9.30am: Marie Cogan (RD)

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Gleeson, Patricia Charles, Stephen Devlin, Lisa Moyle, John Kleynjans & John Smolders

RECENT DEATHS: Marie Cogan

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 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.Azzopardie 9am (MR) A.Hoffeman
(FE) G.Pandolfo

St Joseph's 9 / 10 Aug

Readers

7pm A.Rankins 9am R&R.Tarraran

Minister

7pm M.Gleeson 9am M.Kittelly &
B.Clover

Offertory

7pm A&G. Rankins 9am M.Kittelly &

Greeters

7pm B.Rabl 9am (MR) P.Heffernan
(FE) R.Tarraran

St Ita's 3 / 10 Aug

Readers

3 Aug B&P.Maunder 10 Aug J.Blibby

Minister

J.Fahey R.Pederson

3 Aug M.Collins, 10 Aug G.Collins &
K.Fahey & Volunteer* B.Maunder

Communion to sick

3 Aug D.Gleeson 10 Aug M.Collins

Welcoming

3 Aug D.Oliver 10 Aug Chrissy &
Tahlia

Offertory

3 Aug Chrissy & Tahlia 10 Aug J.John

Piety Stall

3 Aug I.McLean & 10 Aug C&T.Heggerty

Cleaning S.Gorden

2 Aug L.McNamara 9 Aug C.Rushbury

Amberlee

6 Aug Mass, Fr & 13 Aug J&M Marvin

Lyrebird D.Stewart

5 Aug Mass & G&M 19 Aug M.Whitmore
Collins

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 11:13–21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,

"Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me."

He replied to him,

"Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?"

Then he said to the crowd,

"Take care to guard against all greed,

for though one may be rich,

one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable.

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.

He asked himself, 'What shall I do,

for I do not have space to store my harvest?'

And he said, 'This is what I shall do:

I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.

There I shall store all my grain and other goods

and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you,

you have so many good things stored up for many years,

rest, eat, drink, be merry!"

But God said to him,

'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;

and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves

but are not rich in what matters to God."

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL
Diocese of Sale

Open to young people from
Year 9 up to those 25 years of age.

If interested in attending
Register your expression of interest

- Use the QRcode
- Link: forms.office.com/r/g0b0t1M0a0p0d
- Speak to your Parish Priest

For more information visit: acyf.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Melbourne, Victoria
Sun 30th Nov
till Tue 2nd Dec 2025

Those youth interested
please contact Parish
office or Parish Priest,
Fr Brendan.

For more info: acyf.org.au

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Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived! The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life. Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!