



St. Ignatius', Neerim South



— St. Joseph's, Warragul



— St Ita's, Drouin

## Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

Forming Missionary Communities'

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Principal: Mr. Andrew Osler

St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800  
Principal: Mr Stephen Pitt

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Gary Blackwood- Chairperson  
Fiona Macrae-Secretary  
Richard Wans-Deputy Chairperson  
Marc Schellekens, Gerard Ward,  
Chris Harkin, Alicia Phillips,  
Belinda Pickthall, John Rowe & Dee Jackson

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 18th May 2025 –5th Sunday of Easter- Yr C

**May is the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary'**

**Weekday Mass Times ( 19 May—23 May)**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Drouin</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Drouin</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Warragul 9.30am</b>	

**Mass Times ( 24 - 25 May )**

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Neerim Sth Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Warragul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
	<b>Drouin</b>	<b>10.30am</b>



#### 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.

#### "Love IS all there is!!

Mahatma Ghandi said, "If more Christians were like your Christ, there would be more Christians." 2000 years after Christ, only 30% of the world's population are Christians (over half of those are Catholics). Considering the astounding "Good News" we should be spreading and Jesus' instruction to "baptise all nations in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit", not overly impressive.

Do others see us as Christ-like disciples? Jesus tells us that it is "by this love you have for one another that everyone will know that you are my disciples." (John 13:31-35). "All that matters is love, a love that is expressed most purely when we sacrifice ourselves for the well-being of others. When we love in this way, we show that we are disciples of Jesus who laid down his life for us". (St Paul's Sunday Missal). Do we love like Him? Otherwise, we'll never spread the Good News.

Can others see in us a love, not merely of the "worthy" or those who love us, but the love Jesus showed for the least (even haters)? Love for young people off the rails, street people and addicts, homeless, rough sleepers, sufferers of domestic violence, trafficked humans, migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, prisoners, dysfunctional families, those grieving at loss and dislocation, many indigenous people, disabled and ill brothers and sisters.

All humanity, especially the poor, ragged and disadvantaged are precious to Jesus, as well as the misguided, ignorant, and plain sinful. He loves them all and calls us to do no less. Catholics today enjoy infinite opportunity for self-sacrificing love and plenty of ways for "sleeves rolled up" engagement.

Others should witness Jesus' disciples faithfully self-sacrificing in our daily lives when we work with one or two of the many Catholic social service organisations. Don't just think about it – do it! *Deacon Mark Kelly*

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#### What?: JUBILEE YOUTH FORUM

**When?:** 12.30pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Where?:** Marian Room, St Joseph's

**Why?:** Fun, Food and Planning for Youth of all ages (and their parents)

**How?:** can we be dynamic, Christ-centered + active young parishioners. (Info: contact Fr Brendan/Dcn Mark)

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS WORKSHOP

Dear Parishioners,  
We are providing an opportunity for **Eucharistic ministers to update and renew this ministry and also invite to interested peoples** who wish to become ministers of the Eucharist to receive extra training to be a Eucharistic Minister of the host and chalice in our parish. The workshop will go for one hour and will provide practical assistance and theology for this important ministry in our church.

When asked to be a minister people often reply, "I am not worthy of ministering the sacrament". I recall in seminary formation the liturgy lecturer saying that the sacrament does not depend on the worthiness of the minister. You may be sensing a call to serve our community in this way - please attend this workshop.

**Wednesday 21st May 7pm at the Marian room St Joseph's Warragul. Fr Brendan**

## **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.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST**

**Sat:** 10am St Joseph's Church followed by rosary and Benediction

**Tue:** 9.30am St Ita's Church

### **RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION**

**St Joseph's:** Wednesday 9.15am

Saturday 10.30–11 am

**St Ita's** Saturday 9.45–10.15 am

### **ANDREW CHINN CONCERT.**

On Thursday May 22, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting St Joseph's School to share his songs with the children. Andrew's songs are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Parishioners are warmly welcome to attend The Andrew Chinn concert at 2:25pm in our school hall.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST WITH CHORAL MUSIC**

This Saturday morning at the usual time, Adoration at St Joseph's church will commence at 10am. A choir will be present to assist in prayer with sacred music. Selected quite time at intervals will occur between the singing. This opportunity is an invitation for all to attend.

### **ST ITA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Term 2 started with the joyful celebration of the Risen Lord as well as the remembrance of those lives who were lost in honour of our Country on Anzac Day. School leaders participated in the Anzac Day commemoration and laid a wreath at the Cenotaph. Mother's Day was celebrated at St Ita's with an open morning to celebrate all the mothers, aunties, grandmothers and other special women in our lives. This coming week St Ita's along with all schools in the Sale Diocese celebrate Catholic Education Week. The school captains, vice captains and liturgy captains will attend the Diocesan Mass at St Francis Xavier on Wednesday and there will be a whole school mass at St Ita's on Thursday. Classes will also be participating in activities about the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope.

### **MASS OF ANOINTING AND MORNING TEA**



All parishioners are warmly invited to the **9.30am Mass on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May St. Joseph's** where the Sacrament of Anointing will take place. Please invite friends and other parishioners to come

along to this special Mass.

It would be appreciated if you could bring a plate of morning tea to share. For more information you can contact Joan at the Parish Office: 56231642

### **PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL LETTERS**

Letters for all parishioners who have responded to and are part of the planned giving program have been prepared and are ready for collection. Please collect your letter from the church foyer. Thank you for your generous contributions to the parishes.

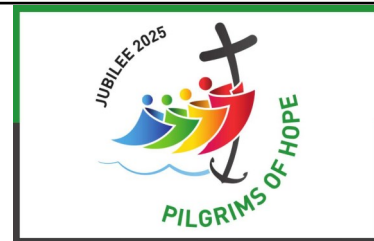
### **Trinity Families Appeal – 2025 Jubilee Year**

Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support.

Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this Jubilee year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. As Pilgrims of Hope, we are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes will be available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. A **special collection** will be held on the last weekend of May. Let us help spread hope in our community.

### **PILGRIMAGE IN THE STEPS OF ST PAUL TO GREECE**

Dear Pilgrims, I write to you with hope and enthusiasm for our pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul, in April 2026. Price is based on minimum group size of 25 pilgrims. **11TH – 24TH APRIL 2026** Fifteen days fully escorted & led by Fr Brendan Hogan, Diocese of Sale Package price: featuring 4 NIGHT AEGEAN CRUISE WITH EPHEBUS AUD\$8,990\* \$2,095\*. I look forward to sharing the journey with you, listening deeply to the movement of the Holy Spirit as we ponder his life and gaze upon his traveled path. For more details please see flyers in church foyer/Boards & tables. **Fr Brendan Hogan**



### **JUBILEE CALENDAR MAY 2025**

**25th Jubilee of Workers**

St Mary's, Cowes

**31st Jubilee of Families & Grandparents**

St Agatha's, Cranbourne

### **Fr Peter Slater will celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination**

24th May 7pm at St Joseph's church Warragul, 25th May 10.30am at St Ita's Church and St Patrick's Church Pakenham at 11am on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Parishioners are cordially invited to the Masses to celebrate with him on these days. It would be appreciated if parishioners that are attending the 7pm Mass and 10.30am Masses could bring a plate of food to share. Many thanks. Please keep Fr Peter in your prayers.

### **NEWCOMERS TO OUR PARISH**

We are planning a welcome afternoon tea for newcomers to the parishes. There will be a form in each church foyer for you to please fill out your contact details to enable us to meet you. We look forward to a positive response to this initiative. For more information please don't hesitate to contact Joan at the Parish Office: 56231642

### **Altered Parish Office open hours**

Tues, Wed & Fri 9am to 3pm  
Thursday 9am to 9.30am and 12.30pm to 3pm.

### **MORNING TEA**

A morning tea on **Sunday, 25th May** will be offered **after the 9am Mass**, all are invited. Please bring a plate of food to share as you chat with friends and new parishioners.







The **Children's Liturgy** of the Word is designed to help children engage with God's word in a meaningful and interactive way. It offers an opportunity for spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of the Mass.

During this special time, children can strengthen their relationship with God.

**Children's Liturgy** will be offered on the **3rd Sunday St Ita's**, Drouin 10.30am Mass and the **4th Sunday St. Joseph's Warragul** 9am Mass

Listed below are the dates until the end of the year.

ST. ITA'S DROUIN 10.30AM MASS	ST. JOSEPH'S WARRAGUL 9.00 AM MASS
Sunday May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday June 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday July 27 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday August 24 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Sunday September 28 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday October 26 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday November 23 <sup>rd</sup>

### MEET'N GREET (drop-in centre)

The mid-week **Meet 'n Greet** (formerly referred to as **Drop-In Centre**) will commence on **Wednesday, 21 May, 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Marian Room** at St. Joseph's Church and continue every Wednesday thereafter. This new and exciting venture will be a wonderful opportunity for people to come together and enjoy a cuppa and chat. For anyone who has transport difficulties, let us collect you, by phoning Chris Harkin on 0419 772668 or Fran Huxley 0439 864175. To the steering group, please note that a final meeting will be held after the 9:30am Mass at St Joseph's, Wednesday, 14 May.

### 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 \$699.50  
Planned Giving envelope: \$535.00  
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$698.15  
April EFT (direct debit, credit card) \$7196.00

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$25,550.00  
(Running total of donations)

#### **St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):**

Church (1st collection) cash \$456.35  
Planned Giving envelope: \$2130.00  
Presbytery (2nd collection): \$588.20  
April EFT (direct debit, credit card) \$4755.00

*Thank you for your generous contributions.*

### MEETINGS

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

**Tuesday:** **PPC**, 7pm Marian Room

**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 7.00pm:** Anne Marie Johnston (DA)

**Sunday 10.30am:** Steven Medjeri (DA)

**Monday 9.30am:** Holy Souls in purgatory

**Tuesday 5.30pm:** Isobel Lynch (DA)

**Wednesday 9.30am:** Raffaella & Rosina Colosimo

**Thursday 9.30am:** Myra Casale (DA)

**Friday 9.30am:** Holy Souls in purgatory

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jessie Thaw, Gary Wilts, George Collins Bob Berthauer, Steven Medjeri, Myra Casale, Raffaele & Rosina Colosimo, Evelyn Joan Hallett and Isobelle Lynch,

**RECENT DEATHS:** Barbara Altimor

### RITE OF WELCOME:

This weekend we welcome Henley & Brooks Green, George Jones, Leo & Sonny Saliba, Bobby Cribbes, William & Isabell Hickey and their families who begin their journey towards baptism.

### ROSTERS

#### St Joseph's 17 / 18 May

##### Readers

7pm St Angela School 9am P.Bertacco

##### Minister

7pm Dcn Mark 9am J.Marvin

##### Offertory

7pm M.Gleeson 9am T.Giblin

##### Greeters

7pm B.Rabl 9am M.Stadegaard MR)  
R.Tarraran (FE)

#### St Joseph's 24 / 25 May

##### Readers

7pm J.Charles 9am MT.Tuck

##### Minister

7pm M.Charles 9am D.Monterossa

##### Offertory

7pm V&J.Rowe 9am Thompson Family

##### Greeters

7pm V.Rowe 9am P.HeffernanMR)  
MT.Tuck(FE)

#### St. Ita's 18 / 25 May

##### Readers

18 May St Ita's School 25 May J.Bibby &

##### Minister

18 May B.Maunders 25 May G.Collins

##### Communion to sick

18 May J.Durand 25 May D.Gleeson

##### Welcoming

18 May I.McLean 25 May D.Oliver

##### Offertory

18 May J&K.Fahey 25 May J.Winterton

##### Piety Stall

18 May D.Oliver & 25 May S.Jordon &

##### Cleaning I.McLean

17May J.Bibby 25 May K & J. Fahey

##### Amberlee

28 May B.Durand & 4 June Mass, Fr &

**Lyrebird** J.Charles **Volunteer\***

20 May G&M Collins 3 Jun Mass, C.Harkin  
& J.Fitzgerald

\* with current WWCC & signed COC please

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

### Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

### Gospel Acclamation

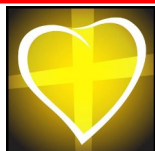
John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!



## Gospel

John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### City Life for True Lovers

'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'



### This week coming is CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK.

This Saturday 7pm St Angela of the Cross school will help us celebrate Mass with a small powerpoint presentation and students reading the liturgy of the word.

On Sunday morning at St Ita's church, 10.30am, St Ita's Primary school will help partake in the Mass with a presentation from the Principle and the jubilee, pilgrims of hope hymn sung by their choir.