



St. Ignatius¹, Neerim South



St. Joseph's, Warragul



St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes

PARISH WEBSITE : <https://warraguldrouincatholic.au/>

Month of the seven sorrows of Our lady

Parish Priest:

Father Brendan Hogan
Brendan.Hogan@cdsale.org.au

Presbytery:

3 Witton St, PO Box 275
Warragul. Warragul 3820
ph: 5623-1642

Deacon:

Deacon Mark Kelly
Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.au

Churches:

St Joseph's: 17 Queen St,
Warragul.

St Ita's: 50 Victoria St,
Drouin.

St Ignatius: 79 Main Neerim Road,
Neerim South.

Parish Office:

19 Connor St, PO Box 275
Warragul. Warragul 3820
Warragul@cdsale.org.au PH: 5623-1642

Office open hours:

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

Parish Staff:

Parish Secretary/Assistant

Melissa Vaca & Margie Schellekens

Pastoral, Catechist & R.C.I.A.

Coordinator

Joan Robertson Ph: 5623-1642
Warragul.rcia@cdsale.org.au

Sacrament Coordinator

Liz Schellekens Ph: 5623-1642
Warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org.au

Safeguarding Officer

Jessica Nelson Ph: 5623-1642
Warragul.Sgo@cdsale.org.au

Mission Outreach Evangelisation Officer

Roslyn Joyner Ph: 5623-1642
evangelisation@warraguldrouincatholic.au

Music Co-ordinator

Richard Wans Ph: 0419 155 004

Altar Server co-ordinator

Chris Bogart Ph: 0434 373 076

Schools:

Marist-Sion College 5623-5944
Principal: Ms. Lisa Harkin

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Members:

Gary Blackwood- Chairperson
Fiona MacRae-Secretary
Chris Harkin-Deputy Chairperson
Marc Schellekens, Gerard Ward,
Alicia Phillips, 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 20th September, 2026

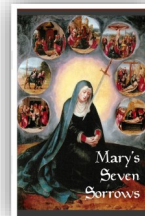
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Weekday Mass Times (21 - 25 Sept)

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
Friday:	Marist Sion Mass St Joseph's Parish	8.10am 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times (26~ 27 Sept)

Saturday:	St Ignatius Church, Neerim Sth St Joseph's Church	5.00pm 6.15pm
Sunday:	St Joseph's Primary School Hall Migrant & Refugee Family Mass with Lunch afterwards	11.00am



MIGRANT & REFUGEE FAMILY MASS & LUNCH

ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
167 Burke Street,
Warragul VIC 3820

*Even just one
of these children"*

Let us remember, pray for and celebrate the
contribution of migrants and refugees in our community.



Many Cultures • One Community • A Shared Journey

Sunday 27th September, 11am Mass. Our parish community will come together again for our *Migrant & Refugee Family Mass*, marking the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. **This year's theme, "Even just one of these children."** All our usual Sunday Masses will be combined into **one special celebration at 11.00am at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**, followed by a shared community lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many cultures, traditions and stories that enrich our parish family.

Parishioners are encouraged to **wear traditional dress** and bring along a **plate of traditional food, clearly labelled, to be shared or an afternoon treat**

BYO drinks. Tea & Coffee supplied.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Readers in native Language; As part of this special celebration, we would love to hear the Word of God and our prayers proclaimed in the many languages represented within our parish community. We are seeking volunteers to read **individual Prayers of the Faithful in their native language**. If you would like to volunteer, please **email Joan at warragul.rcia@cdsale.org.au**.

We also need parishioners to assist with other ministries on the day, particularly **Welcoming and Eucharistic Ministry**, as well as other practical roles. **Please add your name to the volunteer sign-up sheets located at the front of the churches.** Your help will make this special parish celebration possible.

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE: We want everyone in our parish community to be able to join us. If you **need assistance with transportation to and from the Mass on the day**, please contact the **Parish Office on 5623 1642**, and we will endeavour to assist with arrangements. **All are welcome — come and celebrate the faith, cultures and stories that make up our parish family.**

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

Please note: There will be NO Meet'n Greet this Wednesday, 23rd September due to a funeral occurring at this time. See you next week.

Altar Server Roster- Sept

Date	6.15pm	9am	11am
Sat & Sun	St Joseph	St Joseph	St Ita
19/20 Sep	Gold	Blue	Red
26/27 Sep	Magenta	Yellow	Purple

Unfair!

God's free and unfathomable love knocks our carefully constructed world off its axis. We think we know how it all works: we need to be saintly and not like all those idlers who don't live as decently as we do. "And so we are shocked when it seems that Jesus bypasses the pious who are loaded with merits and goes precisely to those who are not entitled to any reward from God – sinners who do not observe the Law or prostitutes forbidden to enter the temple." (Pagola J. Following the Footsteps of Jesus). Perhaps we don't understand after all! God is just and generous. God's justice doesn't mean "anything goes" but it is divine justice tempered with vast divine mercy which reflects immeasurable love for each of us. God's Reign is overflowing with justice and generosity.

Humankind has created all sorts of limitations on God's love. We insist he follows our notions of "justice" and "fair go." We point indignantly to some page or sub-paragraph and protest that he treats recalcitrants too generously. But "for those who seek God's will, the important thing is not to read laws written on stone tablets, but to discover the requirements of love in people's lives." (Pagola. J. Jesus: An Historical Approximation p248). Jesus loves people and helps them because they suffer and need help. Our gospel this Sunday is such an example (Matt 20:1-16). The workers of the eleventh hour have the same right to work as the first laborers and the right for them and their families to live from that work. In God's Reign, everyone would have a job with a decent wage. All would have what they need to sustain their families.

The owner of the vineyard asks us, "Why be envious because I am generous?" (Matt 20:16) Likewise, rather than reprimanding God for his big-heartedness, we should celebrate that he is equally generous to us.

Deacon Mark Kelly

FAMILY PRAYER AFTERNOON

Sunday 20th September 3pm-5pm St Joseph's church, Warragul. **3pm** — Holy Hour with Reconciliation

4pm — Introduction to Pope Francis's Encyclical on the sacred heart, *Dilexit Nos*

4.30pm — Afternoon tea, social time & Games.

All welcome, please bring your whole family or just yourself....

And a plate of food to share with others, Thank You.

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.

Our Upcoming Parish Events

20th Sep Sun	Family Prayer Day – 3 to 5pm St Joseph's church Please bring a plate of food to share.
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.

SAVE THE DATE: Flower Workshop– Saturday 24th October, 2pm, in the Marian Room, more details to come!

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	\$601.25
Planned Giving envelope	\$520.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$802.80
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	\$238.40
Planned Giving envelope	\$172.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$482.15
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.

SVDP Warragul, 10.00am & 7pm, St Joseph's Meeting Room.

Thursday: SVDP Drouin, 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room

ALPHA –Teachers Centre Sion House, 6.30pm for 7pm start

Friday: Social committee meeting, 6pm St Ita's Meeting room

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

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions



Saturday 5.00pm: Jean Louis Chator(DA)

Saturday 6.15pm: Ian Lenepveu

Thursday 9.30am: John McLean (DA)

Friday 9.30am: Gino Pandolfo (DA)

ANNIVERSARIES: Moira Merrett, Natalia Kraszewski, Teresa McRory, Maureen Moyle, Meina Van Der Veen and Margaret Saxon.

BAPTISM:

This weekend we welcome Rebecca Brown and Noah Bailey into our parish family.

RITE OF WELCOME:

This weekend we welcome Joey Dean, Lettie Collins & Charlotte Bailey and their families who begin their journey towards baptism.



ROSTERS

St Joseph's 19/ 20 Sep

Readers

6.15pm J.Nelson **9am** F.Huxley

Minister

6.15pm M.Gleeson **9am** J.Marvin & M.Kittely

Offertory & Volunteer **(R)** B.Clover

6.15pm P.Heffernan & **9am** A.Hoffman

Greeters J.Robertson

6.15pm S.Hilder **9am** (MR) G.Pandolfo
(FE) B.Clover

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 B.Rabl **9am**

St. Ita's 20 Sep / 27 Sep

Readers

20 Sep McMahon Fam **27 Sep**

Minister:

20 Sep G.Collins,
B.Maunders & Volunteer*

Communion to sick

20 Sep C.Bogart

Welcoming

20 Sep D.Oliver

Offertory

20 Sep Volunteers*

Piety St

20 Sep I.McLean &

Cleaning D.Oliver

20 Sep C.Butterworth &

Amberlea J.Winterton

23 Sep M.Lara-Laghrou **7 Oct** MASS, Fr B &

Lyrebird C.Amoako-Boateng D.Stewart

29 Sep C.Harkin **13 Oct** G&M.Collins

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

**Migrant Mass
At St Joseph's
Primary School
11am only**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading **Isaiah 55:6-9**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v.18**

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading **Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Phillipians

Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Next weeks readings:

Eze 18:25-28 ~ Ps 24: 4-9.R.v.6, ~ Philippians 2: 1-11
Gospel Mt 21: 28-32

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.

ST ITA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Ita's Primary School has had a busy month! We loved welcoming fathers and special people to our Father's Day Open Morning, sharing learning and a liturgy together. Our Grade Four students enjoyed an exciting camp at Phillip Island, creating wonderful memories with their classmates. We also celebrated Book Week with a fantastic parade and fun class swaps, bringing our favourite stories to life. Our Grade Two students enjoyed an exciting excursion to IMAX, extending their learning beyond the classroom. Everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break over the holidays before coming back for the final term of 2026.

"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.



BAW BAW CATHOLIC MENS GROUP (BBCMG)

Baw Baw Catholic Mens Group monthly pub lunch. The next pub lunch for the BBCMG will be at 12:30pm on the 26th September at The Neerim South Hotel. Prospective members welcome. RSVP via the BBCMG whats app or to Ben at 0459123422.

ST ITA'S WELCOMING & OFFERTORY ROSTERS

The next roster for welcoming and Offertory for St. Ita's Masses is complete. Copies are available in the St. Ita's Church foyer for collection.

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.

VACANCY FOR ASSISTANCE IN RUNNING THE BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETINGS

We are in need of parishioners who could volunteer their time to help assist in running the Baptism preparation meetings that occur pre Baptism. Ideally we are requiring 10 volunteers. 5 teams of 2 people would share a role in the running of these meetings which would equate to running these sessions 2 times a year.

The task required would consist of explaining the sacrament of baptism, in our Catholic faith to parents, help assist them filling out enrolment forms and assist in bookings.

All expressions of interest in this ministry to please contact the Parish office for further details. PH 56231642 or email

warragul@cdsale.org.au attention Baptism preparation vacancy.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:

Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi

Bishop Greg invites you to join him in a sacred journey to be held in Benambra. This sacred journey is not about physical distance, but a journey of the heart. Together, we will travel to **Benambra**—nestled amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains—home to the only church in our diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi. **Our Parish has a 12 seat charter bus organised, leaving Warragul at 6.15am from Church carpark arriving back approx. 9.30pm. Bookings are required for a seat.** Please call or email through to the Parish Office, 5 seats are still available. **Saturday 3rd October, 12 Noon** Jubilee Mass at St Francis of Assisi, **Benambra**. There will be a blessing of pets and shared lunch at the footy field. **3.00pm** Concludes in prayers at the Immaculate Conception, **Omeo** parish. For those parishioners who have already booked a bus seat for Sat or still to wish to book, could you please **also use the below weblink to register for catering.** (it is a small parish requiring advance notice) <http://www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi>



Bookings for the charter Bus, From & Back to Warragul is only organised through the Parish Office.