

Catholic Parishes of Warragul & Drouin/Neerim South

St Ita's Church,
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Drouin



St Joseph's Church, 17 Queen St, Warragul



St Ignatius Church,
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Neerim South

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Open hours:

Tues, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm

Thurs 9am—9.30am and 12.30—3pm

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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

St Oscar Romero Primary School:

Principal: Mr Derek Bruitzman

Sunday 4TH October, 2026 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Weekday Mass Times (5 - 9 Oct)

Monday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Tuesday:	Lyrebird Nursing Home	10.30am
	St Ita's Church	5.30pm
Wednesday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
	Amberlea Nursing home	10.30am
Thursday:	St Ita's Church	9.30am
Friday:	Marist Sion Mass	8.10am
	St Joseph's Church	9.30am

Weekend Mass Times (10- 11 Oct)

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

Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist

St Joseph's: Morning prayer /adoration,
6.30am - 7.30am, not during holidays

St Ita's: Tuesday ~ 9:30am-10:30 am

St Joseph's: Saturday ~10am, followed
by rosary & Benediction.

Reconciliation/Confession

St Ita's: Sat ~ 9:30am-10:00am

St Joseph's: Wed~ 9:15am - 9.30am

St Joseph's: Sat~ 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

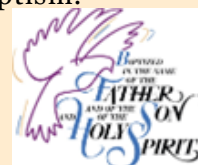
Drouin Ph: 5625 4715

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: Next weekend we welcome **Eddie Phelan** and his family who begin their journey towards baptism.

Baptisms: Next preparation meeting is the 8th Oct, 7pm in Parish Office. Attendance to this meeting is by prebooking only.



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, John Rowe & Dee Jackson, plus Ex-officio.

Strategic goals for 2026-2028

- 1. Strengthening unity across the 3 communities.**
- 2. Developing lay leadership and formation opportunities for parishioners.**
- 3. Expanding mission and outreach beyond parish walls.**

Who are those tenants?

If we are standing outside this parable glaring at those cruel tenants who deserve what is coming to them then we have missed Jesus' point entirely (Matt 21:33-43). Indeed, those tenants who kill the landlord's son aren't worth sympathy. But then we realise we are the tenants Jesus is really addressing. Like those parable tenants, God, our Master, has given us each and collectively a vineyard to look after and everything we need to make it prosper. Our families, our communities, our workplaces and schools, our parish, our environment are all parts of our vineyard and, before we protest the comparison with the tenants in the parable, we need to consider how we have done tending our vineyard.

We have everything we need and much of what we want. How have we employed the gifts he has given us? Have we used those gifts to prosper the vineyard or have we hoarded them to our own self-indulgent ends?

God has given us Jesus and in him the promise of eternal life but, if we are so inclined, we can ignore him, cast him out, attempt to kill him in our lives and the lives of those in our vineyards. Our moral laziness and cowardice can reduce him to a practical irrelevance in our lives and the lives of others; our callous meanness can banish him from our hearts, and we can flagrantly and pro-actively disobey his law.

Instead, we are called to live our mission in the vineyard with resilience, joy and hope including regular prayer and joining our church community in worship but also Christian outreach to family, friends and particularly the lonely and vulnerable. A simple smile to a stranger can go a long way. We need to be tenants who lovingly tend the vineyard we encounter; open to the Son who is present in every aspect of our lives. *Deacon Mark Kelly*

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 twice a year). The task required would consist of explaining the sacrament of baptism in our Catholic faith to parents, assist them to fill out enrolment forms and assist in making the 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 to Baptism preparation vacancy.

SOCIAL CUPPA AFTER

6.15pm, 9am, 11am

Masses next weekend:

Please bring a plate of food to share with others.

Hosted by Finance and Young adult groups.

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 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 - 10.00am & 7pm, St Joseph's Meeting Room. **(2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month)**

SVDP Drouin - 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room **(Thursday fortnightly).**

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Joseph's

Church (1st Collection) Cash	TBA
Planned Giving Envelopes	TBA
Presbytery (2nd Collection)	TBA
EFT for month	TBA

St. Ita's & St. Ignatius

Church (1st Collection) Cash	TBA
Planned Giving Envelopes	TBA
Presbytery (2nd Collection)	TBA
EFT for month	TBA

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 6.15pm: Sebastian Azzopardi (DA)

Sunday 9.00am: Emma Fares (RD)

Monday 9.30am: Thanksgiving for Favours

Tuesday 5.30pm: Omar Boukaroum- Atonement & conversion

Wednesday 9.30am: Nicholas Tsimeris-atonement & conversion

Thursday 9.30am: Jim Hogan (DA)

Friday 9.30am: Alisha Reale- Conversion to Catholic Faith.

Recent Deaths (RD): Kevin Gleeson and Emma Fares.

Anniversaries (DA): Jim Hogan, Kevin Barber, Bill McMahon, Ronald O'Connor, Margaret Chevers, Patricia Baxter, Walter Charles, Heather Crowe, Anne Gleeson and Kristy Telford.

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



**October is the month
of The Holy Rosary**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

The Catholic diocese of Sale & DOSCEL are jointly coordinating the diocese of sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul, South Korea 2027 led by Bishop Greg Bennet. Approx Dates: Friday, 30th July to Monday, 8th August 2027. We encourage eligible young people aged 16(as of 01/01/2027) to 35 years from across the Sale Diocese to join this pilgrimage. THEME: " Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). It is the way that young people place their hope in Christ, who has overcome fear, sin and death, and to live with courage and confidence in their faith. Pilgrims can expect to encounter the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV , prayer & liturgies, catechetical sessions, workshops, cultural experiences and opportunities to connect with young catholics from around the world.

Fr Aneesh George IVD, will be the Lead Chaplain. All pilgrims (colleges & Parishes) will be required to participate in the same itinerary and program. Until a project Officer is appointed Br Tony Clark can be contacted for questions.

tony.clark@sale.catholic.org.au

MOVIE NIGHT

You're invited to A MOVIE- 'SENSE and SENSIBILITY'. Tuesday, 20th October at 6:30pm. Tickets \$20 (includes movie, supper & door prizes) available @ Parish Office. DIRECT DEBIT BSB : 083879 971765356. Reference YOUR NAME & MOVIE. (Money for St Joseph's building works).

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, to be held on Tuesday 13th October, and Tuesday 20th October in the Marian Room in Warragul (enter car park from Bowen Street). Each session will begin with an afternoon tea at 3.45. Please note, that for children to be baptised into the Catholic faith, at least one parent needs to be a baptised Catholic. For more information, please contact Ros at evangelisation@warraguldrouincatholic.au or phone 5623 164

SHINE THE LIGHT: “Enlighten the light of our hearts”

This week's theme, "Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts," connects with the Parable of the Wedding Banquet. The gospel reminds us that everyone is called to the feast—to be welcomed with honour, dignity, and genuine kindness. When we allow God's light to enlighten our hearts, we are moved to recognise the value of every person and ensure that each home and gathering within our community is a place where all feel safe, cherished, and supported.

“Enlighten the eyes of our heart”. Ephesians 1:18

One of the central themes of this parable is that God freely invites humanity to his eternal banquet. There are those who willingly accept the invitation, reject the invitation or are indifferent, consumed with the busyness and demands of their own lives. By accepting God's invitation, we are called to transform our lives, to “enlighten the eyes of our heart” by seeing as Christ sees. In a sense, Christ is the “wedding garment”. St Paul refers to this as “putting on Christ” (Romans 13:14).

“Enlighten the eyes of our heart” can therefore become a prayer: Lord, help us to see what we have become accustomed to not seeing, to that which blinds us from seeing with the eyes and heart of Christ.

It is often very challenging to look beyond what is visible and to see people and situations as Christ sees them. In the context of domestic violence, this means having the courage to recognise what may be hidden behind closed doors: fear, control, intimidation, humiliation and abuse. As a community we are called to respond with courage and compassion that respects the inherent dignity of the person. In his Encyclical Letter “Magnifica Humanitas” Pope Leo reminds us that “Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love. #50” *Reflection by RoseMarie Black*

This Weeks Readings:
27th Sunday in Ordinary time. Yr A

Is 5:1-7 Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43



Next Weeks Readings:
28th Sunday in Ordinary time. Yr A

Is 25:6-10 Ps 22: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14



MELBOURNE

**On Saturday
10th October 2026
Meet at 1pm at
Treasury Gardens**
(Corner of Spring Street & Wellington Parade)

**Please Wear Pink
and/or Blue**

Join us as we peacefully walk through the city of Melbourne to protest the current abortion laws in Victoria



Date NIGHT

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6 DATE NIGHTS to strengthen your relationship

With Smart Loving's Marriage Kit,
hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries

Invest in your relationship through six online sessions designed to strengthen communication, decision-making and connection. Grounded in relationship science and created for real couples, this program offers practical tools to help you build a stronger, more loving marriage.

HOW IT WORKS Enjoy each lesson together as a couple, then join the weekly date night hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries.

BEGINS
Wed 7 Oct 2026
7.30pm Brisbane

FORMAT
Online
6 x 1 hour sessions

COST
\$24.50 per couple
PDF included

RSVP Before **Tuesday 6 October** via the QR code or visit archdiocesanministries.org.au/date-night/



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100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION DAY

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MISSION**

Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This year marks **100 years of World Mission Day**, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

Live Your Best Life in Love.

Strong marriages don't happen by chance.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest

Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships.

You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to keep it alive. No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

Please check our website for details to book your special weekend:

Our last weekend for 2026: November 6-8th

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Info/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note these dates:

Monday 12th Oct, Tuesday 13th Oct,
Wednesday 14th Oct, Monday 19th Oct
and Tuesday 20th Oct.