Catholic Parishes
of Warragul & Drouin/Neerim South

St Ita's Church,
50 Victoria st,
Drouin





St Joseph's Church, 17 Queen St, Warragul



St Ignatius Church,
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Neerim South

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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 5615 9900

Sunday 1st November 2026 - All Saints Day

Weekday Mass Times (2 - 6 Nov)

Monday:	**St Joseph's Church 'All Souls Day'**	**9.30am**
	St Joseph's Church	**7.00pm**
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**
	Remembrance Mass at St Ita's Church	**7.00pm**
Friday:	**Marist Sion Mass**	**8.10am**
	St Joseph's Church	**9.30am**

Weekend Mass Times (7 - 8 Nov)

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 weekdays (during term only)
St Ita's: Tuesday ~ 9:30am-10:30 am
St Joseph's: Saturday ~10am, followed by rosary & Benediction.
St Ignatius: Tuesday 10 -11am & Fri 2- 3pm with Holy Rosary

Reconciliation/Confession
St Ita's: Saturday Morning 9:30am-10:00am
St Joseph's: Wed Morning 9:15am - 9.30am
St Joseph's: Saturday Morning 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: This weekend we welcome **Arthur Tai and Oliver Hanratty** and their families who begin their journey towards baptism.

Baptisms: The next preparation meeting for Baptism will be the **12th November at 7pm** in the Marian Room.
Attendance to this meeting is by prebooking only to:
Roslyn Joyner evangelisation@warraguldrouincatholic.au

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.

Happiness Recipe

The beautiful, familiar Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) are our Gospel for the Feast of All Saints. This translation uses "Blessed are" but some translations say "Happy are". The Beatitudes are Jesus' "Happiness Recipe".

If we are trying to do the right thing, to live well, respectfully of others, justly, compassionately, fairly, truthfully, humbly with our God. Then the News is Good! Pope Francis warned about Christians getting around with long faces, querulous, disillusioned pessimists: "sourpusses". We have the greatest story ever told: About our God who wants the best for us, the best that we yearn for deep inside ourselves and who loves us individually, absolutely and infinitely. Even just as we are – imperfect, warts and all. Christians should be radiating joy to the world! Today's gospel reassures us that it is not the proud, hard, violent, sinful, disparaging elitists, bullies and defrauders who are blessed. Rather, it is ordinary people going about their lives trying to be kind and good who are blessed. Pope Francis had a good understanding of the realities we live and work in, pointing out that God loves the whole lot of us, so we have no call to be stand-offish or to isolate ourselves from ordinary or common people who lack wealth, power, or high social status. Instead, we are called to immerse ourselves up to the elbows in humanity. Many don't think much of our faith, but they wonder what makes us tick and their curiosity is our opportunity to show the world our faces bright with hope. And we Christians can tell them that awkward, messy, threatening, challenging as the world has ever been and many have been our failures but, inspired by today's gospel, we see a world of hope and potential and great joy. When we surrender: false pride, harshness, lack of compassion, nastiness, pettiness, sinfulness then God blesses us with peace, contentment and joy. We are loved completely by God who is watching out for us. We just need to let our Creator do his thing. Let him form us using his "Happiness Recipe". Deacon Mark Kelly

ST ANGELA OF THE CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

During Mission Month, St Angela of the Cross Primary School celebrated Crazy Sock Day as part of Socktober. Our students and staff wore colourful socks to raise awareness and funds for communities in Malawi. Together, we are helping ensure children have access to food and education, giving them the chance to build a brighter future. This initiative reminds us that small acts of kindness can make a difference in the lives of others. We are looking forward to marking Remembrance Day with Prayer Services in our teaching teams, taking time to remember those who have served and sacrificed, and to pray for peace in our world. We invite parishioners to join us for our Foundation Mass on 12 November at 12 noon at our school. We look forward to gathering as a school and parish community to celebrate our faith and share this occasion together.

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 Wednesday (not during school holidays) 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 - 7pm St Joseph's Meeting Room. **(2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month)**
SVDP Drouin - 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room **(2nd & 4th Thursday of the month).**
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
Passionist Family Group - meet socially once a month. Contact Joe Brady 0417863839
St Joseph's Pastoral Care Group - 2nd Thursday of the month 10.30am Marian Room. Enq Maureen 0488172111

CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Joseph's (last 2 weeks)

Church (1st Collection) Cash	$1145.80
Planned Giving Envelopes	$1079.00
Presbytery (2nd Collection)	$653.05
Special collection	$749.00

St. Ita's & St. Ignatius (last 2 weeks)

Church (1st Collection) Cash	$624.40
Planned Giving Envelopes	$420.00
Presbytery (2nd Collection)	$865.30
special collection	$770.00

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

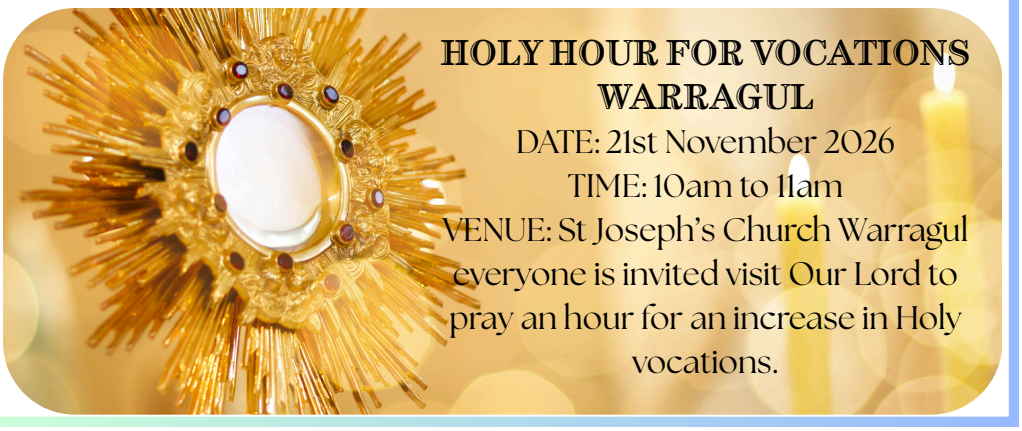


Saturday 6.15pm: Stephen Martret (conversion & reparation)
Sunday 9.00pm: Mario Meggetto (DA)
Monday 9.30am: ALL SOULS DAY

Anniversaries (DA): Mario Meggetto, Lorraine Bradford, Allan Walkinshaw, Lynette Spencer.

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

A fundraising BBQ will be hosted by the Baw Baw Men's group after 9am & 11am Masses this Sunday



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

REMEMBRANCE MASS

A Remembrance book will be displayed and available for all parishioners to enter the names of deceased relatives and friends.
This year the Remembrance Mass will be held on *Thursday, 5th November at 7pm* St. Ita's Drouin. This is an invitation to friends, family, and parishioners who have suffered pain, illness, bereavement or any loss to be part of this special Mass of comfort and healing. The Mass will be followed by supper in the foyer of St. Ita's. A plate of food would be appreciated. All are welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Columban calendars are available now at St. Joseph's & St Ita's Piety Stalls. They will make great Christmas presents.

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING & MORNING TEA

All parishioners are warmly invited to the *9.30am Mass on Thursday 12th November* at St. Ita's Drouin 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.

"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.

DIOCESE OF SALE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST!

Expressions of Interest for the upcoming Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea will officially open on Monday 26th October!

We are now calling for all interested young people aged 16 to 35 years old to submit their Expression of Interest to be either a pilgrim OR small group leader.

Head to the Diocese of Sale World Youth Day website for all up-to-date information and the link to the form: cdsale.org.au/world-youth-day-seoul
For questions, please email WYD Project Officer, Tishan Lokuge (tlokuge@doscel.catholic.edu.au)

ALL SAINTS DAY FAMILY BBQ ~ THIS SUNDAY

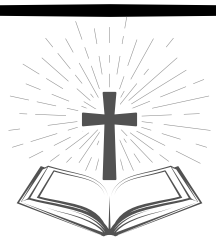


‘LIFE IS A JOURNEY’— LENTEN PARISH RETREAT 8–13 MARCH 2027



Next year our parish will be offering a Parish Lent Retreat,with the theme- *‘Life is a journey’.*
Fr Chris McPhee MSC, will be the presenter for this retreat. The abbreviation MSC comes from the name in Latin, *Missionarii Sacratissimi Cordis*. The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart minister in more than 50 countries worldwide, with over 1,700 MSCs carrying on the legacy of our founder, Fr Jules Chevalier. The Sacred Heart family has grown throughout the years, and now includes the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and MSC lay associates. Fr Chris a Missionary of the Sacred Heart who has served in parish, formation, and leadership roles throughout Australia and internationally. From 2017–2023 he was Provincial of the MSCs in Australia, guiding the Province through significant transitions with a focus on hope, transparency, and pastoral care. He now dedicates his ministry to leading retreats, accompanying communities in healing and reflection, and helping people discover the gentle, transformative presence of God in their own lives. His approach is grounded in Heart Spirituality — a way of seeing and living that places compassion, honesty, and deep listening at the centre of the Christian journey.
To help prepare ourselves for Easter 2027, you are invited to a Lenten retreat that explores how the journey of Jesus helps us join the dots in our own journey — our hopes, our struggles, our choices, and the places where God is quietly at work. The date and time to note are as follows:
The week retreat, 8th to 13th March 2027 will run from Monday to Friday, the same session will be offered each day at 10:15 AM and 7:00 PM. We will gather all together on Saturday at 10:15 AM for the final session.
There is no group sharing — just listening, prayerful, reflective time to let the life of Jesus shed light on your own story. Their will be a cost. All are welcome. Please save the date for next year if this interests you. More information see further bulletins and/or through the Parish office 5623 1642

This Week’s Readings:
ALL SAINTS DAY 1st Nov - Yr A
Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14 Ps 23: 1-6. 1 Jn 3: 1-3
Mt 5: 1-12



Next Week’s Readings:
32nd Sunday in ordinary time - 8th Nov -Yr A
Wis 6: 12-16 Ps 62: 2-28:R 1 Thess 4: 13-18
Mt 25: 1-13

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CO-ORDINATORS ORGANISING EVENTS IN THE PARISH:

All events that are organised in our parish must be brought to the attention of staff in the parish office. Events should be advertised at least 2 to 3 weeks ahead of time, to allow for collection of news items/flyers etc to be placed into the bulletin. It is a requirement for special speakers or visiting clergy from outside of our diocese to have clearance papers collected and filled out well before the event happens. Contact the Parish office to organise the appropriate clearance.



The LAMP Youth Festival: Faith in Action

All youth and young adults aged 13 to 30 are warmly invited to the upcoming LAMP Youth Festival, themed "Faith in Action: Change Starts with You." Join us for a full day of games, dance, food, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass.

- Date: Saturday, 21st November
- Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Lunch provided)
- Location: St Michael's School Stadium, 125 High St, Berwick VIC 3806
- Age Group: 13 – 30 years old
- Donation Drive: Please bring two or more non-perishable food items. All collections directly support the John Mc Foundation Inc.



DIOCESE VOCATION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask you to bless our diocese and the Church with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously live their lives in service to your Son’s Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Bless our families and parishes that we may be given the grace and strength to live our baptismal vocation to be.holy, as You are. Bless us that we will respond to your invitation to be living witnesses and disciples of hope as we discern our life in your son, Jesus Christ.
Bless young men and women to respond openly and generously to your invitation to become ministers of your Word and Sacraments, or to serve You faithfully in the covenant of Marriage, or the dignity of single life.
Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say “yes” to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.
Amen