



St. Ignatius, Neerim South



St. Joseph's, Warragul



St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

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Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800
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Parish Pastoral Council

Members:

Gary Blackwood- Chairperson
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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 17th May, 2026

Ascension of Our Lord—Yr A

Weekday Mass Times (18 -22 May)

Monday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Tuesday:	Fairview Nursing home St Ita's Church Drouin	11.00am 5.30pm
Wednesday:	St Joseph's Church	9.30am
Thursday:	St Ita's Church -School Gr 1	9.30am
Friday:	Marist Sion School St Joseph's church— Anointing Mass	8.10am 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times (23-24May)

Saturday:	St Joseph's Church Pentecost	5.00pm
	St Ignatius Church Neerim Sth	6.30pm
Sunday:	St Joseph's Church	9.00am
Sunday:	St Ita's Church	11.00am



What are we to do?

Here we are at the Feast of the Ascension. Through this Lent and Easter season we have re-lived Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. In the light of it all, what are we to do? The definitive answer is here in this Sunday's gospel from Matthew (*Matt28:16-20*). Jesus' closest disciples have lived the mission with him: learning, growing, tentative success, failure, betrayal, their own cowardice, the awesome resurrection. They have been invited to this mountain top from which Jesus is Ascending and leaving them to the task he has commanded.

And what is it they are called to do? No less than making disciples of all, baptising all, teaching all to observe his commandments. Big job, but they and we can't say we weren't told.

This is the day when Jesus' first disciples (and we later followers) take a deep breath and consider the enormity of the task in light of Jesus' promise to be with us always to the end of time.

Impossible for Jesus' ill-educated riff raff without power or connections! Yet by the time the last of them had died, their revolutionary message of God who loves all equally and absolutely, had spread and had profound effect across the Mediterranean. Today, nearly a third of the world are Christians but we, heirs to those first disciples, still have a big task to complete.

Firstly we need to re-convert ourselves: are we living the commands? Are we sharing Jesus' teaching with our brothers and sisters? Then we commit to re-convert many in our supposedly Christian society who obviously haven't properly heard or understood, or whose hearts have not been touched by Jesus' teaching. And then we ponder how to

make, through the example of our society's selfless love, generosity, compassion and care, disciples of all nations.

Deacon Mark Kelly



ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING SESSION

10.30am at St Ita's Church on Saturday 16th May. Current servers and any interested young people who have received First Communion. Following the session, we'll do pizza and a drink.

Info: Deacon Mark



SOCIAL CUPPA AFTER MASS

This Sunday 17th May there will be a cuppa after 11am Mass Drouin. This will be hosted by St Ita's school. Next weekend the Parish Family Group will host a cuppa after the 5pm and 9am Masses.

Knights of the Southern Cross will host cuppa after 11am Mass Drouin, Please join in and bring a plate of food to share.



MASS OF ANOINTING AND MORNING TEA

All parishioners are warmly invited to the 9.30am Mass

Friday 22nd May at 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

The Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to review our proposed Vision & Mission statement, we ask for your feedback

"A welcoming and inclusive community strengthens us! Eucharist and Faith unite us! Courageous action moves us!"

We envision a joyful and welcoming parish where Christ is truly at the heart of all we do. Nourished by the Eucharist, we grow together in unity, purpose, and love. United in faith, we celebrate life, radiate hope, becoming living reflections of God's love. In this vibrant community, every person is valued and actively engaged in the journey of life and faith. We generously share our gifts and talents, serving others with courage, compassion, and joy. Come journey with us in faith, bring your gifts, heart, and hope.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST –18th - 22nd May

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 9.45 to 10.15am

St Joseph's- Sat 10.30-11am

St Joseph's-Wed 9.15–9.30am

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY MEET'N GREET

Meet 'n Greet operates every **Wednesday** between **1pm till 3pm**, **Marian Room** at St Joseph's Church. Come alone or bring a friend. Each week brings a new face. For those with transport difficulties, let us collect you, call, Chris: 0419 772668 .

Altar Servers Roster- May

Date	5pm St Joseph	9am St Joseph	11am St Ita
16th/17th	Blue	Red	Gold
23rd/24th	Yellow	Purple	Magenta
30th/31st	Gold	Blue	Red

DIOCESAN MYSTAGOGIA MASS

The Diocesan Mystagogia Mass (Mass of Thanksgiving)

will be celebrated on Sunday 17th May 2pm here at St. Joseph's Church for our Neophytes (New Catholics) in our Parish and across the Diocese.

This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg and is open to all parishioners. It would be appreciated that those attending could bring a plate of food to share.

MEN'S GROUP LAUNCH

All parishioners are warmly welcome to the launch of our new Men's Group on Saturday 16th May at St Joseph's Church in the Marian Room.

3.00pm BBQ

4.00pm Official Launch

5.00pm Mass

We hope to see both men and Women join us for an afternoon of fellowship as we begin this new Ministry.

ST ITA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a busy and rewarding time at St Ita's School. Our whole school Cross Country was recently completed, and we congratulate all students on their participation, perseverance, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

Last week, our Grade 5 students enjoyed camp at Mount Evelyn, where they developed teamwork, independence, and resilience through a range of activities and shared experiences. We also celebrated Mother's Day with a lovely Open Morning and Prayer Service. Thank you to the many families who joined us to honour the special women in our lives. Next week we look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week with a concert by Andrew Chinn on Wednesday and a whole school Mass on Thursday.

ANDREW CHINN CONCERT

Popular musician Andrew Chinn is visiting St Joseph's school on Thursday May 21st. He will work with the students during the day culminating in a "Journey through the Bible Concert" at **2:25pm**. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for the concert and experience the uplifting joy of praise through music.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our next meeting will be **23rd May** after the 5PM Mass at St, Joseph's Church Warragul. We will continue to watch our series on Discipleship by Dr. Edward Sri, while sharing dinner. Boardgames are to follow in the Marian Room. Please bring a plate to share for dinner. Contact: warragul.youngadult@cdsale.org.au

Sacrament of Confirmation – Presentation Masses

There will be a Presentation Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend 16th/17th May at St. Joseph's Warragul on Saturday 5pm and on Sunday 9am, and at St. Ita's Drouin 11am. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

Next weekend at the 9am Mass, Laurie Skewes and Brad Davidson will celebrate the Rite of Reception into the Catholic Church, Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please join in the cuppa after Mass to celebrate with them, their family and friends.

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED TO SEW

There is a small task that requires some sewing to make up white stoles/sashes for the Drouin Baptisms. If you think you can volunteer some of your time to help us please contact: 56231642 or email us on warragul@cdsale.org.au

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INIATION OF ADULTS (Advanced notice)

Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Completing your sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Sacrament of Confirmation? Or maybe you are interested in learning more about the catholic faith? If you would like more information, please contact: Fr. Brendan or Joan Robertson at the Parish Office: 56231642. Deacon Mark Kelly: 0427 748 646

An information session will be held on Wednesday 29th July 7.30pm Marian Room at St. Joseph's Church Warragul

Prayer for Priests

Dear Father, you have appointed your Son Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. Guide those he has chosen to be ministers of word and sacrament and help them to be faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

NEW PARISHIONERS or UPDATE DETAILS & GIVING:

Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us at Warragul and Drouin parishes. If you are **new** to the parish, have **changed** your details or need planned giving **Envelopes** or to **update your giving**, please complete your details cut it out and drop the form on a collection plate or return to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- New parishioner
- Change of details
- Planned Giving by cash (envelope)
- or electronic giving

Our Upcoming Parish Events

16th May Sat	Altar server recruitment & training session 10.30am St Ita's— pizza provided
16th May Sat	Men's Group Launch -st Joseph's Marian Rm 3pm BBQ, 4pm Launch, 5pm Mass
17th May Sun	Social cuppa after 11am Mass, hosted by St Ita's School, please bring a plate to share
17th May Sun	Mystagogia Mass , 2pm St Joseph's church, Celebrated by Bishop Greg
22nd May Fri	Anointing Mass — St Joseph's church - 9.30am please bring plate of food to share afterwards

Diocese of Sale 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

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	\$283.00
Planned Giving envelope:	\$452.00
Presbytery (2nd collection):	\$666.30
St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):	
Church (1st collection) cash	\$375.70
Planned Giving envelope:	\$175.00
Presbytery (2nd collection):	\$437.75

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

Monday :	St Ita's Rosary 10.30am followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet.
Tuesday:	PPC Meeting , 7.00pm Marian Room.
Wednesday:	Prayers to St Joseph, 10.00am Warragul, after 9.30 Mass. Finance Meeting Parish office 7pm
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 5.00pm:	Patrick Johnston-Conversion of heart
Sunday 9.00am:	Evelyn Hallett-repose of soul
Monday 9.30am:	Holy souls in purgatory
Tuesday 5.30pm:	Guilio Taranto-repose of soul
Wednesday 9.30am:	Intention of thanksgiving
Thursday 9.30am:	George Taranto-repose of soul

ANNIVERSARIES: Stan Clapton, Frances Masterson, John Walkinshaw, Jessie Thaw, Gary Wilts, George Collins, Bob Berthauer.

RITE OF WELCOME:

This weekend we welcome Liam Elliot & Maeve Harvey with their families who begin their journey towards baptism.

*Our Parish Mass intentions are for our parish families and their friends
Please note: The Australian Bishops Conference has recommended that a minimal stipend for each individual Mass intention be set at \$10 per Mass*

First Collection (P/G)

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 Works Account
083879 971765356

ROSTERS

St Joseph's 16 /17 May

Readers

5pm A.Yaqoo 9am J.Davine

Minister

5pm P.Heffernan & 9am J.Marvin, M.Kittely
Offertory Gabrielle (R) B.Clover

5pm P.Heffernan & 9am Thompson Family

Greeters J.Robertson

5pm S.Hilder 9am (MR)P.Heffernan
(FE) (FE)M.Kittely

St Joseph's 23 /24 May

Readers

5pm A.Yaqoo 9am A.Isaacs

Minister

5pm M.Gleeson 9am D.Monterrosa &
Offertory J.Marvin (R) B.Clover

5pm V&J.Rowe 9am F&D.Matchado

Greeters

5pm N.Azzopardie 9am (MR)B.Clover
(FE) (FE)B.McIntosh

St. Ita's 17/ 24 May

Readers

17 May B&P.Maunder 24 May G.Collins &
Minister Volunteer*

17 May K&R.Coller & 24 May J.Durand &
Volunteer* C.Atkins & Volunteer*

Communion to sick

17 May M.Collins 24 May C.Bogart

Welcoming

17 May V&J.Bibby 24 May L.Bibby

Offertory 24 May

17 May CHILDREN 24 May J.John

Piety St

17 May M.Finlay & 24 May L&A Schellekens
Cleaning E.Hamer

17 May L.McNamara 24 May C.Rushbury

Amberlea

27 May B.Durand & 3 June MASS Fr B &
Lyrebird J.Charles D.Stewart

26 May B.Maunder 9 June C.Harkin

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1: 11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

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

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or

any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



Catholic Charismatic Renewal

With Charis Australia

Are hosting this event:

Open invitation to all, to attend a day with Mass, Praise, Worship and Talk.

St Ita's Church, 30th May 2026
10.30am till 3.30pm

Many Voices, One Song

31st May at 2pm, at
Darnum Memorial Hall.

An afternoon of song from
the Yallourn Madrigal
singers & Casey Choir

Booking required:

Www.trybooking.com/
DKFNP

Or attend and pay at the
door.

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.