



Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parish
St. Ignatius', Neerim South-St. Joseph's, Warragul-St Ita's, Drouin
'Forming Missionary Communities'

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Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Saturday 10am St Joseph's Church
 Followed by Rosary and Benediction

Tuesday St Ita's Church following
 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation:

St Joseph's: Wednesday 9.15am
 Saturday 10.30-11.00am

St Ita's: Saturday 9.45-10.15am

Sunday 31st March 2024– Sunday of the of the Resurrection - Yr B

Weekday Mass Times

Monday:	Warragul	9.30am
Tuesday:	Drouin	5.30pm
Wednesday:	Warragul	9.30am
Thursday:	Drouin	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul	9.30am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday:	Neerim South (Vigil)	5.30pm
	Warragul (Vigil)	7.00pm
Sunday:	Warragul	9.00am
	Drouin	10.30am

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.

Easter Church

Famously, Catholic Churches employ all the senses in our glorification and worship of God. Numerous ancient cathedrals and churches in Europe use design, stained glass, and statuary to evoke awe and elevation of the eyes to God.

Recently I have delighted in two modern cathedrals which emphasize gathering around the Eucharist table. Bright swathes of yellow, blue and red light (symbolizing the Trinity) bathe the sanctuary of the amazing Liverpool Catholic Cathedral while the people congregate all-round the altar. Parramatta Cathedral likewise has a central altar imparting a sense of gathering at the table. Ambience is enough to heighten our awareness that we are part of something special happening here.

Our liturgical actions too, our "bells and smells", tell simple and profound truths. We take our whole body to prayer, using more than words. Standing, sitting, kneeling, bell ringing, the waft of incense, the touch of holy water, use of oils, vestment colours and altar dressing, candles and fire, the cross, crucifix and ritual actions all have meaning and say something about our faith.

The Triduum services from the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Jesus' death on Good Friday and resurrection at Easter best illustrate this. The Easter Vigil Mass on

Saturday evening is the pinnacle of the Church's year including a sequence of scripture readings from Isaiah, Ezekiel and others yearning for the Messiah and culminating in the Gospel (Mark 16:1-8). Our hearing engages with the Word of God, enhanced by timeless chant and bell ringing, but also our own voices soaring with beautiful hymns; our eyes behold the burgeoning new light of Easter, we smell incense lifting our prayers to heaven and we are blessed with holy water. Candidates and catechumens are anointed with holy oils and garbed with white garments and the minds and hearts of all are lifted to the divine, celebrating the manifestation of God among us.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Deacon Mark Kelly

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT!

Come along to our combined Junior and Senior Youth Group Movie Night to watch "Hop".

When: **Friday April 5th**

6:30pm-8:30pm.

Where: St Ita's School Hall

Cost: \$5 for food and Drinks.

Please **RSVP** by Thursday April 4th to Olivia Daly on 0431239637 or at Warragul.youth@cdsale.org.au

**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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7th April at St Ita's Church

Beginning at 9.30am

**Rosary & Chaplet prayers
with Adoration**

Confessions available till
10.15am

Prior to 10.30am Mass
3pm Holy Hour at St Ita's

VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

A volunteer is **urgently** needed to operate the **power point presentation** for the 7pm vigil Mass at St Joseph's for the next few months.

SAVE THE DATE:

On **Sunday, 21st April** our parishes will celebrate the momentous occasion of **Fr Brendan's Silver Jubilee** of his priestly ordination, with an afternoon tea at Marist Sion College at 2pm. Details to follow.

**PROJECT COMPASSION
DONATIONS:**

Please return your Project Compassion **boxes** and **envelopes** at any of the Easter Triduum Masses.

**NEW PARISHIONERS or UPDATE
DETAILS:**

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**, please complete your details and drop the form on a collection plate or to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

New parishioner ☐
Change of details ☐
Planned Giving ☐

RCIA. BECOMING CATHOLIC:

Congratulations and welcome to: Nicole McCormack, Alison Cole and Benjamin Clover, our candidates who were welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 30th March 7.30pm at St. Joseph's Church, Warragul and our baptised Catholics: Daniel Cranitch, Michael De Battista and Connor Hopley who were Confirmed.

If you are interested and would like more information about the Catholic faith you can contact Joan Robertson or Fr. Brendan, Fr. Antony at the Parish Office: 56231642, or Deacon Mark Kelly: 0427748646.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS:

ST JOSEPH'S:

Some of our grade 6 students competed in the AFL-X competition in Moe during the week, a modified football game with 7 players on a smaller playing field. We entered two boys teams and a girls team, with one the boys teams winning the competition.

On Wednesday the grade 6 students led our Stations of the Cross prayer. The students acted out the roles of each station with prayers and reflections read at each station. It was a very moving prayer.

We had a staff formation day, led by a number of presenters including Maria Forde and Fr Brendan. We reflected on the events of the Easter Triduum and discussed what these events mean to us today.

St Joseph's school community wishes the parishioners a holy and peaceful Easter season.

ST ITA'S:

St Ita's Primary school would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy, Holy and safe Easter. On Monday our Mini Vinnies team organised a plain clothes day whereby students came dressed in purple or green or as a doctor, nurse or patient. Money raised will go to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal which this year is providing money and support for Regional Hospitals to assist country children. After studying the Holy Week

events, on Wednesday our Grade 6 students performed a very moving re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross for the rest of the school.

MARIST-SION COLLEGE:

As we prepared to begin our school holidays, our College community gathered to celebrate a liturgy for Holy Week on Thursday. Led by Deacon Mark and our College Justice and Liturgy Captains we took part in the Way of the Cross in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world. Praying with each of the fourteen Station of the Cross we reflected on Scripture, words of Pope Francis, prayers and stories from those communities assisted by the work of Caritas through Project Compassion. We acknowledge the continued efforts of the Marist – Sion community in supporting Project Compassion each year.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

Dear Parishioners

St Vincent de Paul Society are looking for people interested in supporting us help our community. There are many ways in which this can happen. You all have gifts/ talents to share and there may be an avenue for you to spread that. Come share your ideas/skills with us. The call for assistance is varied and for some families it is looking for direction and friendly support. Many hands make light work.

We meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month @ 10.00am in the St Joseph's Meeting Room.

We realise that may not suit everyone. We're very flexible in time.

Contact Fran on 0477834794

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

To enable respite for a young family of 5 children we are organising a beach retreat. There are no boogie boards or sand play equipment there. If anyone has any of these items and no longer require them could you please leave them in the Marian Room? We'll organise that they are left at the retreat for more families to enjoy.

Thank you all for your continued support.

God Bless, St Vincent de Paul Society Conference Warragul.

Easter Sunday 31st March



THANKYOU
PROJECT
COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



DONATE NOW Caritas Australia

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion

2024 Lenten appeal.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



DIVINE RENOVATION EVENT:

Join us for the Divine Renovation 'Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to 'Go Make Disciples' event, where we'll empower you to make a real difference in your parish.

Saturday 13 April 2024

9:15am—4.30pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

Narre Warren

Keynote speaker: Dan O'Rourke

See website or posters in the churches for more details. Register at divinerenovation.org/events

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 Parish:

Presbytery (1st collection): \$712.50
Planned Giving envelope: \$855.00
Church (2nd collection) cash \$142.30

St Joseph's Building Fund: \$20,770.00
(Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Presbytery (1st collection): \$820.75
Planned Giving envelope: \$455.00
Church (2nd collection) cash \$351.45

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Tuesday 5.30pm: Ada Ciraldo (Spiritual Needs & Physical Healing)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Stagg
& Lien Huynh

ANNIVERSARIES: Ivaka Braha, Jodie Pitkin and Pat Gogan.

ROSTERS

30/31 Mar

Readers

7.30pm RCIA 9am F&D Matchado

Minister

7.30pm RCIA 9am E Cameron

Offertory

7.30pm RCIA 9am Volunteer

Greeters

7.30pm B Rabi 9am A Portelli (MR)
D Cameron (FE)

6/7 Apr

Readers

7pm A Yaqoo 9am M-T Tuck

Minister

7pm M Gleeson 9am P Bertacco

Offertory

7pm V & J Rowe 9am Kuriakose fmlly

Greeters

7pm Volunteer 9am P Kruk (MR)
S Hilder (FE)

St. Ita's

Readers

31 Mar J Bibby 7 Apr Youth

& R Pedersen

Ministers

31 Mar G Collins 7 Apr B Durand

Offertory

31 Mar B&J Durand 7 Apr B & J Durand

Welcoming

31 Mar L Bibby 7 Apr L Bibby

Piety Stall

31 Mar L & A 7 Apr D Oliver &
Schellekens I McLean

Communion to the sick

31 Mar J Durand 7 Apr D Gleeson

Cleaning

6 Apr J Winterton & 13 Apr L Schellekens
C Butterworth & S Jensen

Amberlea

3 Apr Mass 11 Apr M Lara-Laghoun

Lyrebird

2 Apr Mass 16 Apr J Gibbons
& B Maunder & C Harkin

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of The Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 16:1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

Next Week Readings: Sunday of Divine Mercy.

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24;

1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31.

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