

Catholic Parishes of Warragul and Drouin St. Joseph's, St. Ita's, St. Ignatius'

Sunday 5th February 2017 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year A

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St. Joseph's Primary School 5623-2943
Principal: Mr. Paul Mulqueen

St. Ita's Primary School 5625-4222
Principal: Mr. Andrew Osler

Sunday Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times

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



A VISION FOR OUR PARISHES FORMING MISSIONARY COMMUNITIES

Ultimately the point or purpose of forming communities of faith is so that we might be together engaged in mission. What is this mission? Well so significant is this that some flip the common assertion that the church has a mission to say that the mission has a church. In other words, the mission is prior to the church and the church exists to serve the mission.

The mission that the church serves is the continuation of the mission of Jesus and the Spirit. We understand that the Father sent the Son (Jesus), who carried out his mission in his life, death and resurrection. Then the Father and the risen Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles and they were sent to tell the Good News.

Mission means sending; the church's mission is to continue the work of Jesus, with the help of the Holy Spirit, in today's world.

Pope Paul VI wrote a great encyclical letter on mission in the 1960's. He pointed out that all the activity of the church is missionary. This includes our liturgy, our prayer, our work for a more just world, our family life, our community service and our explicit sharing of faith. Mission includes it all.

Therefore, any good work, carried out in faith and love, may be understood to be a work of this mission of God which has been entrusted to us. Anything that helps others live in their full dignity and freedom is mission.

Another emphasis came with St John Paul II who referred to a "new evangelization" in our day. He particularly had the Western world in mind as he spoke of places that used to be Christian and where today the faith is hardly practiced. This sounds like our setting doesn't it? Our main mission field is around us, our own wider community and even our own families. I have heard this called a mission to secularity.

While we experience the tension of this call to mission and perhaps our lack of confidence in responding we are also seeing that Christianity is growing in other parts of the world and many of our migrants are bringing their Catholic faith to our parishes and renewing them. Mission includes making such newcomers welcome and learning from them.

Now we hear Pope Francis calling us to live the joy of the gospel and find ways to engage people around us with a Christian love that is seen in mercy. There are many dimensions to God's mission to which we could contribute.

Fr Peter

CALLED & GIFTED: CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Our Parishes are blessed with many people who share their gifts within our Church and the wider community. Appreciating spiritual gifts helps us to see that our Parishes are places of gifts rather than places of needs.

The spiritual gift of MERCY empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's love through practical deeds of compassion that relieve the distress of those who suffer and help them experience God's love.

Blessed Damien of Molokai (1840 – 1888)

The most famous Catholic of his generation was born in Belgium and was sent as a missionary to Hawaii where he was ordained a priest in 1865. At his own request, Fr Damien was sent to the dreaded leper colony of Molokai in 1873. In addition to his normal duties as a priest, he nursed lepers with his own hands, buried the dead, and designed and built numerous churches, dormitories, and other buildings for the residents of the island. In 1885, it became clear that Fr. Damien had contracted leprosy himself, but he continued his heroic service until his death in 1888.

Some possible expressions of the Spiritual gift of Mercy are: Pastoral workers, St. Vincent De Paul members, Eucharistic ministers to the sick, Parish volunteers visiting Nursing homes.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

If you have a current Working with Children check and have not registered the names of our Parishes, can you please contact Prue at the Parish Office 56231642 as a matter of urgency.

RCIA

Our RCIA catechumen: Leslie O'Reilly and candidate: Michelle Blackwood will participate in the Presentation of the Creed this weekend at the 5.30pm Mass Neerim South. Keep them both in your prayers as they journey to Easter.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2017

A combined parishes information meeting for parents who would like their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday 9th February at 7pm in St. Joseph's Church, Warragul. To make their first Reconciliation, children need to be in Grade three or above. For more information please ring Thérèse Meggetto on 5623 1642

MUSIC FOR THE PEOPLE

Sunday 12th. February. Keith Pretty Sound Shell Civic Park Drouin 3.30 p.m.

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 12th. February. Keith Pretty Sound Shell Civic Park Drouin 7.00p.m.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Warragul Hub, a new Christian venture, is recruiting for a number of positions including Centre Manager, Café Assistant Manager, Barista and Party Host. For information on any of these roles contact our parish office or The Hub office@thewarragulahub.com.au

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CUP OF TEA ROSTER.

The cup of tea roster for this year will be drawn up shortly. If there are any friendship groups in the parish who would like to help with this ministry you are most welcome. A cup of tea will be held every 4th Weekend of the month after the 7pm and 9am Masses, beginning at the end of February. Enquiries to: Susan Collis: 56231292, 0407231292 or Joan Robertson: 56231642 (W) or 56223968 (H).

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our new school year has commenced at St Joseph's and we welcome new families and staff to our school community. On Thursday at 7pm the parents of children who will be celebrating their first Reconciliation, will be attending an information session. This will be followed by Commitment Masses next weekend. We wish these families every blessing as they start preparing for this Sacrament.

ST ITA'S NEWS.

ST ITA'S PASTORAL CARE

The team provides casseroles for families suffering bereavement or ill health. Please contact our Coordinators Colleen Butterworth on 56251705/ 0419104310 or David Daly on 0434142236 if you know of anyone who may need assistance.

COMMUNION TO AMBERLEA

Volunteers are urgently needed to take Holy Communion to Amberlea Aged Care on Tuesday mornings after Mass. If you can help with this important ministry in our parish please contact Barbara Durand email cathstita@dcsi.net.au or phone 56254406. **To do this you will need a Working With Children Check.**

ST ITA'S SCHOOL

St Ita's school community had a smooth start to the school year, our staff officially commenced school last Monday and participated in a combined Mass with St Joseph's Warragul, St Joseph's Trafalgar and Marist/Sion. We had 46 Foundation (Prep), students commencing this year, there was much excitement and a few tears. All our students settled well back into the school routine. We also welcome new teachers to our staff, Elise Nooy, Monique Adrichem and Jacqui Greco. Also returning to our staff we welcome back, Jess Winterton, Jodie Brewster and Lisa Biffin, on a part time basis.

ST IGNATIUS' NEWS

ROSARY

Rosary will be recited Tuesday 7/2 11am St Ignatius Neerim South followed by lunch.

YOUTH NEWS

NEW YOUTH MINISTER!

Melanie Bajada is our new Parish Youth Minister. We are planning 2017 Youth Masses and Youth activities and shortly information will be out. Keep Saturday 25th free for Lifeteen and 3rd March for Kids Life. Melanie: 0466337134 youthminister@warragulparish.org.au

MEETINGS

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

meets Mondays 10am St Joseph's Meeting Room. All welcome Enquiries to Ethel 5622 3065

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

Meets Wednesdays 10am St Joseph's Meeting Room. All welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets Fridays St Joseph's Meeting Room 7.30pm All welcome.

MENALIVE PRAYER GROUPS

Every Wednesday 7am St Joseph's Meeting Room

Fourth Thursday of each month 7pm St Ita's Meeting Room.

RCIA Wednesdays 7.30pm Marian Room Enquiries to Joan 56231642

KSC Monday 6/7 8pm St Ita's Meeting Room

BEREAVEMENT TEAM: Tuesday 7th Feb 7.30pm St. Ita's Parish Meeting Room

GREAT IN THE GALAXY

"So remember, when you're feeling very small and insecure, how amazingly unlikely is your birth" go the lyrics of the Galaxy song. Christians count our blessings amid the amazing and expanding universe God has created. We wonder that, though we are such a small part of the world's population and our lives are such a tiny fraction of time, yet each person is beloved of our creator God, uniquely, infinitely, absolutely. Wow! So what do we do about that? Well, surely we resolve to use our precious gifts well and Matthew's Gospel this week (Mt 5:13-16) points us to how to do that.

Rather than waste time with our light hidden "under a tub", Jesus calls us to shine our light in the world, "so that, seeing your good works, they (the world) may give praise to your Father in heaven." The world around us is certainly challenging. Many of the values by which the world lives are not God's values, God's ways. Much needs fixing and yes, we are small and insignificant, but when we recognise the gifts we have received, then we recognise too that our creator is calling us to great works.

Simply being born is wondrous enough, but to live in Gippsland as a 21st century Australian is an amazing opportunity. Rather than hide our light under a tub, we can use our gifts to reach out to those in need in our community and beyond, to share our bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked and our "light will shine like the dawn." (Is 58:8) We can make our lives count!

Deacon Mark Kelly

Please pray for the following of our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7pm Warragul

Patrick Masterson (A)

Sunday 9.00am Warragul

Tom McGrath (A)

Monday 9.30am Warragul

Elisa, Edda & Gino Bidinost (A)

Tuesday 9.30am Drouin

Avril Hughes (80th Birthday)

Wednesday 9.30am Warragul

Shirley Howard (R)

Thursday 9.30am Drouin

Jean Morris (A)

Friday 9.30am Warragul

Special Intention

RECENTLY DECEASED Tom Lia, Shirley Howard, Jeanne Stadegaard.

ANNIVERSARIES Patrick Masterson, Tom McGrath, Elisa, Edda & Gino Bidinost, Jean Morris

ROSTERS

St Joseph's

4/5 February

Greeters

7pm P Buckingham, K Jenkinson, B Rabl,
9am J Kennedy, R Thompson, K Thompson

Readers

7pm B Bird
9am A Keating

Communion Ministers:

7pm Vol, J Steven
9am J Johnson, P Myers, A Keating

Offertory

7pm A & A Mitchell
9am A & E Tarantino

Extraordinary Ministers to Sick

P Heffernan, P McInerney Vol
Counters M Savage, M Langelaan, P Riley

11/12 February

Greeters

7pm A Youlden, H Beggs G Rabl
9am A Hoffman, C Powell, A Keating

Readers

7pm R Lewry
9am S Pongracic

Communion Ministers:

7pm N Coster, B Rabl
9am M Christian, Vol A Marum

Offertory

7pm J Steven
9am E & A Romanin

Extraordinary Ministers to Sick

J Steven, M Christian R Thompson
Counters A & C Van Oss, B Mumford

St. Ita's

Church Flowers & Dusting

5/2 L Schellekens, S Jensen
12/2 M Franklin M Clark

Eucharistic Ministers:

5/2 G & M Collins 12/2 E Martin, D Daly

Longwarry & Drouin Sick

5/2 H Kelly 12/2 F Godfrey

Amberlea:

7/2 S Overeem 14/2 K Fahey

Lyre-Bird:

7/2 G Collins 14/2 M Collins

Readers

5/2 B Maunder 12/2 J Eury

Welcoming families:

5/2 I McLean 12/2 P & D Hengel

Offertory families:

5/2 Murphy Family 12/2 Daly Family

Piety Stall

5/2 D Oliver, F Godfrey
12/2 M Finlay, A Leo

St Ignatius'

Church cleaning:

4/2 K Fusinato
11 & 18/2 S Gorman

Readers:

5/2 J Gleeson 12/2 M Ryan

Communion Minister

5/2 J Younger 12/2 B Tolan

Offertory Procession

5/2 M & S Gleeson
12/2 O'Sullivan Family

PASTORAL SERVICES

Parish Office:	19 Connor Street Warragul Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
Baptisms:	Celebrated on Sundays by prior arrangement including participation at an information meeting for Parents (and Godparents)
Marriages:	By prior arrangement, six months notice requested.
Reconciliation:	Warragul Wednesday 9.15-9.25am Saturday 10.30- 11.00am 6.30-6.50pm Drouin Saturday 9.45-10.15am.
Piety Stall:	Before and after Sunday Morning Masses in Warragul and Drouin.
CatholicCare:	Services include Family and relationship Natural Family Planning Ph 1800 522 076

St. Vincent de Paul

Conference helpline: Warragul Ph: 5623 6741 Drouin Ph: 5625 4715

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.
The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

- 1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
- 2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
- 3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

SECOND READING I Cor 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.
The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'
The Gospel of the Lord

**ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?
WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU**
(Or have you changed your address recently?)

Please fill in the form below and place on the plate or hand in at the
Sacristy or Parish Office.

Name:.....
Address:.....
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Phone Number:.....

Next Weeks Readings
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 15: 15-20;
1 Cor 2: 6-10;
Mt 5: 17-37.