

St. John's Parish

"Hand In Hand "

PENTECOST SUNDAY

19th MAY 2024

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St John's Church –
52 Waterloo Rd, Trafalgar

St Jarlath's Church –
cnr Campbell and Rollo Sts. Yarragon

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

- St John's: Saturday: Vigil Mass – 6pm
- St Jarlath's: Sunday – 10am.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY TIMES:

Monday	20.5:	-
Tuesday	21.5:	-10:00am St John's
Wednesday	22.5:	-10:00am St John's
Thursday	23.5:	-10:00am St John's
Friday	24.5:	- 10:00am St John's

RECONCILIATION: The sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated at St John's on Saturdays from 10:00am, or any time by arrangement with Father.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

'We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather, the Gunai Kurnai people. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. 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.'



**our stories,
our church,
our mission.**

Diocese of Sale

DIOCESE OF SALE CONSULTATION PROCESS:

This Sunday, as well as being the feast of Pentecost, we also launch our Diocesan Consultation Process that will take place from June to October this year. Bishop Greg, and the Animation Team organizing the process, chose the feast of Pentecost for the launch because Pentecost is the feast we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. In our ongoing journey as a Diocese, and as parish communities, the Holy Spirit continues to call us, as agents of the Spirit, to renewal and conversion, in our personal lives, and in the transformation of our communities and society.

A launch video has been produced featuring Bishop Greg who's issuing an invitation to all the people of the Diocese to be engaged in the Consultation Process, a brief explanation of what will occur in the coming months, and a selection of people expressing their hopes for the process. We will also light the Consultation Candle, sent to all the churches of the Diocese for this weekend. It will remind us of our identity as people of the light, especially in the months ahead.

All parishioners are invited to join in the first 'phase' of the Consultation, gathering on June 27th for a 'conversation' session over lunch from about 10:30 to 2:30. This is one way to play our part in preparing for next year's Diocesan assembly.

Why now?: A lot has happened since the 2019 Diocesan Assembly. Covid shut down church and social life for nearly two years while parishes and schools continued to serve the mission of the church. We've had a change of Bishop. The Australian Plenary Council Second Assembly produced several directions for the church to implement. Pope Francis also invited Catholics throughout the world to engage in a process of listening to what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting the church to take, to grow, to journey together in communion, mission and participation.

Please take home a "Consultation and Assembly" prayer card this weekend, and support this important work.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: Dear friends, the Holy Spirit has kindled the fire of love in our hearts. In the warmth and power of that love, let us pray for the human family with all its joys and hopes and griefs and anxieties.

READER: We pray for success for our Diocesan Consultation and Assembly: May we listen openly to each other, the stories of our church and its mission, and the call of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the blessing of peace on our fractured and challenged world, that children in every place of bloodshed, anger and injustice will soon play safely again. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for a spirit of true freedom to flourish in human hearts, that the decaying fruits of self-indulgence will be turned into a healthy harvest of grace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the Australian church, that under the patronage of Mary, Help of Christians, it will respond with enterprise to the challenge of contemporary unbelief and disregard. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the doctors, nurses and carers who minister to those approaching the end of their lives, and that Palliative Care can help make their work of compassion better understood and appreciated. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be raised to eternal life by the Spirit of the risen Lord. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Holy God, your Spirit anoints us with wisdom and love. Impel us by these gifts to renew the face of the earth. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.

A REFLECTION: Thoughts from St. Paul: Let me remind you that you were called to freedom, the freedom of the children of God. If you want to be free you must let yourselves be guided, not by the spirit of self-indulgence, but by the Spirit of God. Look at the legacy self-indulgence produces: bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness, revenge, fornication, idolatry and drunkenness. These are ugly things. They can make slaves of us and make lives miserable. And they can leave people feeling as though they cannot belong to the kingdom of God. But then consider the legacy the Spirit brings: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Let us pray: *Lord, these are beautiful things and make life worthwhile. Those who live them are free. They already belong to God's kingdom, yet what they enjoy now is only a foretaste of the joys to come. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.*

GST JAR COLLECTION: Thank you all once again for your continued support of this fund raising effort. There is still a steady flow of coin going into the bank! The next banking will be the first week in June- so please fill those jars and bring them along by June 2nd! Once again, many thanks for your support, Judith

WE REMEMBER: We pray for those who have died recently; and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Dorothy Harvey, Patrick Geary, Loretto O'Neill, Kathleen O'Connell.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: We pray the Lord's healing touch upon Jean Huffer, Kellie Monson, Brian O'Connell, Fr Andrew Wise, Elly Van Den Broek, Connor O'Sullivan, Stephen Casonati, Shirley Deane, Peg O'Rourke and Shirley Devlin.

"May the Spirit of the living God, present with us now, enter you – body, mind and spirit – and heal you of all that harms you, in Jesus' name."

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT: Pentecost Sunday is the last day of the Easter season. From next Sunday we resume our long liturgical journey through Ordinary Time

This Sunday, 19/5, a gathering of the local Christian Church communities will be held to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost. The venue is the UCA in Campbell St. Yarragon and 3:00pm is starting time. Afternoon tea will follow. All are invited to celebrate our shared life in the Holy Spirit.

FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/ LITURGY

MEETING: The PPC/Liturgy Team met recently. Present were: Judith, Lucy, Glenda, Elly, Cynthia, Fr Bernard, Maree, Elisabeth. Apologies from Gail, Trish, Yvonne, Jean. Items discussed included:

There is now holy water in the fonts in the porch of the church for people to bless themselves as they enter the church. A discussion was held on dismantling the old marble pulpit and using the marble to build a new altar to replace the wooden one. The Hallet family, stonemasons, of Melbourne would be a good starting point for advice on this project. Fr Bernard to pursue. There is a need for another person to be on the roster for taking Communion to the sick. "Conversations in the Spirit": PPC to help prepare the parish for the two phase preparation towards the Diocesan Assembly in February 2025. Phase One will consider two major questions: When or where do we experience the Gospel and Mission most alive in our community? · What is the unfinished business that we, baptised Catholics need to recognise; and for which we take shared responsibility? A parish session will be held over lunch in the Parish Centre, Thursday, June 27th, gathering at 10:30 for 11:00 start - 2:30pm.

A Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Service will be held at the Uniting Church Yarragon at 3pm. Parishioners are encouraged to attend. The Easter liturgies were reviewed, e.g what went well, what could be done better.

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN CONSULTATION

PROCESS: The Consultation Process is inviting everyone to join in a two-part consultation process of prayer, of attentive listening to each other and the Holy Spirit and to formulate ideas for pastoral initiatives towards a more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary Diocesan church. The first phase of the consultation will review what has been happening in our church and world since the last Diocesan Assembly in 2019. The second phase will ask everyone to look forward to what initiatives we want to see implemented in our church community over the next five years. Then the feedback from these two consultations will be presented to a Diocesan Assembly in February 2025. We look forward to you sharing your ideas and stories! Please, be a part of it!!

AUSTRALIA'S CATHOLICS CONTRIBUTE IDEAS AHEAD OF ROME ASSEMBLY:

Australia's Catholics have provided a wealth of ideas on how to improve the way the Church listens to the faithful and promotes its message in the community.

From February to April, hundreds of Catholics contributed their thoughts to the Australian Summary, an eight-page document that has been sent to the Vatican ahead of the October Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

The National Centre for Pastoral Research ran the consultation process which occurred at a diocesan and national level. Twenty-five dioceses and three Eastern Catholic Church eparchies submitted summaries of their consultation outcomes, while a further 13 organisations submitted summaries from the national consultation – culminating in the final report.

National Centre for Pastoral Research director Trudy Dantis said those who took part in the process had appreciated the opportunity to listen to differing opinions in a deep and respectful way, as well as contribute ideas about how to become a synodal Church in mission.

"One thing that was acknowledged widely was the changing nature of the Catholic Church in Australia through migration and differing patterns of engagement," Dr Dantis said.

"There were many comments on finding ways to encourage the involvement of all cultural groups in the mission of the Church, improve the awareness and enactment of co-responsibility and overcome barriers by deeper listening."

Social media, liturgy and faith, reaching out to families and young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry, the equal dignity of women and men, working with other churches and encouraging the use of peoples' unique gifts were themes emerging from the consultations.

The document, and others like it provided by other nations, will provide the basis for talks in Rome in October. Fifteen Australian participants – including bishops, priests and lay people – will attend the second assembly from October 2-27, 2024.

UNDERSTANDING ORDINARY TIME: Ordinary Time is the longest season in the Church's year. Comprising thirty-three weeks, it is divided into two sections; one short and the other very long. The weeks between the Christmas and Lenten seasons are the shorter part of Ordinary Time while the weeks between Pentecost and the Advent season form the long stretch.

The word 'Ordinary' comes from the word 'ordinal' which means 'counted'. Each week is known by a number, e.g. the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The use of the term Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar distinguishes it from the other seasons—Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter—which focus on particular aspects of Christ's life: his birth, suffering, death and resurrection. Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus' teaching and ministry. It gives us time to reflect on how we live as Christians. We have thirty-three weeks to examine and 'order' our lives while we focus on a particular Gospel, in a three-year cycle, and to enter it deeply. We are presently in Year B, the year of Mark

TRINITY FAMILIES MAY 2024 APPEAL: Bishop Greg Bennet has urged all in the Diocese of Sale to support generously the annual appeal for Trinity Families.

He said "As good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, we must always find a necessary place for those who need our help. To achieve this, Trinity Families needs to continue to grow its funds so that its mission of service can be more effective. It is important to keep at the forefront of our minds that this is our own charity arm specifically set up to serve and support the needs of families in the Greater Gippsland area. While there are many calls upon our generosity at this time, what is both worthwhile and unique about Trinity Families is that it is locally based and supports the particular needs of our area."

Trinity Families is the trading name for The Trustee for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sale Charitable Fund which is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission. Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status has been granted by the Australian Taxation Office. Those wanting a receipt for Taxation purposes are asked to use the envelopes available in the church.

We plan to have a 'leaving collection' at the weekend masses, next weekend, May 26th, Trinity Sunday appropriately, as a parish support for the appeal.

FROM OUR PARISH'S SAFEGUARDING POLICY:

Statement of Commitment: At St. John's and St. Jarlath's we are committed to ensuring that our local church communities protect and promote the inherent dignity of all children and adults at risk and their right to be respected and nurtured in a safe, abuse-free environment.

With zero tolerance for child abuse, we hold the care and wellbeing of all children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility. This commitment is based in faith on the heart of the Gospel message and teachings of Jesus the Christ and his love for everyone.

FINANCE REPORT:

Planned Giving: \$490:00

House Collection: \$ 377.80

Thanks to all who so generously support all the various appeals, including the needs of the parish. If there's anyone who'd like to join the planned giving program, either through envelopes or credit card giving, please see Fr Bernard or Julianne at the parish office.

The parish Finance Committee is preparing a report to parishioners which will be given over a 'cuppa' after Masses on the weekend of June 1st and 2nd. Please consider staying on for the report that weekend.

LITURGY ROSTER:

GREETER/COMMENTATOR:

19.5 T Elly Y Elisabeth

26.5 T Judith Y Angela

2.6 T Glenys Y Maree

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

19.5 T Lucy Y Karen

26.5 T Glenda Y Yvonne

2.6 T Elio Y Cynthia

(There is always space for new names on the roster for the ministries of lector or commentator. Please let someone know. Your generous service will be appreciated.)

ST JOHN'S CHURCH: May:

Cleaning: St Joseph's School **Altar Linen:** Pat McD

With the thanks of us all to those who care so carefully and generously for our beautiful churches.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what it said, alleluia.*

FIRST READING: (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11)

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 46

LEADER: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are.

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: (Galatians 5:16-25)

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you

before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection
until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.*



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