

St. John's Parish

"Hand In Hand "

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
29th September 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	30.9:	-
Tuesday	1.10:	-10:00am St John's
Wednesday	2.10:	-10:00am St John's
Thursday	3.10:	-10:00am St John's
Friday	4.10:	- 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

THE CONFITEOR: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; *(All strike their breast 3 times)* therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

APOSTLES' CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: Dear friends, to follow Jesus is to welcome the poor and the weak with open arms. In that spirit let us pray for the needs of the whole human family.

READER: We pray on this World Day of Migrants and Refugees for all who have left their homelands in the hope of new life, that they will gain the peace and security they long for. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for participants in the Vatican Synod on Synodality that their days of preparation lead them in mind and heart towards fruitful discernment and dialogue. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for participants in our Diocesan Assembly that *we might build a church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.* (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for peace-makers around the world, that they can amplify their call for an end to violence in every heart, home and land. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for our parish community, that each one's gifts will be welcomed by all and will build up the Body of Christ in faith, hope and love. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will join the saints in the everlasting praise of God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CELEBRANT: Giver of all good gifts, Lord God, you never cease to grace us with your Spirit of love. Help us share your love by the joyful service of all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

REFLECTION: "Woe to the person who leads the little ones astray. It were better that a millstone were tied around his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." What would Jesus say of those who devastate the lives of little ones? Or of today's drug-pushers who wreck the lives of the young? Or of those who corrupt the young, pouring slops over their souls? If you saw a young tree vandalised you would be angry because of what that tree could have become. Jesus saw a marvellous potential in every child every person. He did not want to see it ruined.

A writer, looking at a child in a pram, said: "This is a life full of beautiful promise. Little princes in legends are no different from this. Protected, sheltered, cultivated, what could this child not become?"

DIOCESAN CONSULTATION AND ASSEMBLY: In our Diocesan Consultation, Phase 2 will look forward, to the future of our Diocese, making plans for the church we want to help build in the years ahead. We invite all parishioners to join in our parish conversation on Wednesday, October 16th from 10:30am in the Parish Centre. Lunch will be provided. Please consider! Mark your calendar now! October 16th. All welcome, of course.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

THE 'OFFERTORY' PROCESSION: We will soon re-introduce the Offertory Procession, into our weekend liturgies, the "Procession of Gifts". The procession with the gifts by members of the assembly is a powerful expression of the assembly's participation in the Eucharistic offering.

WE REMEMBER: We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Margaret Rowell, Thomas Johnson, Jim Malady, Florina Bagnara, Lawrence Malady. *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 Lesli Perera, 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."

CELEBRATING ST JOHN'S CHURCH: Thanks to all playing a part in the 'mini appeal' towards painting the interior of our parish church. Parishioners are kindly asked to distribute our 'appeal brochure' as widely in the family circle or community as possible, especially to those we don't see often but still who will want their parish church looking great on important days when they need it.

Let's also pray for our parish that as we build up, repair, develop, refurbish all our buildings we are doing something similar for the depth of faith, hope and trust alive in our parish.

After a visit from the Programmed Services people, it looks like the painting of our church will begin in mid-October and will take about 4 weeks. We seem to have three choices for a Mass venue on the weeks when we can't use the church for our vigil Mass: 1, the Mac Killop Room of the school; 2. the community room in the Parish Centre; 3. vigil Mass at St Jarlath's church, Yarragon.

ST JARLATH'S NEWS: Celebrating our 125th Anniversary: All are invited to an Afternoon Tea on Sunday, Nov 17th, at 3:00pm to celebrate this significant birthday for our church building. A gift to the Restoration Fund of \$20 would be gratefully received. Centenary book: The Centenary Book, re-published, is now available. Cost is \$12, ring Bryan – 0407 954 824 for your copy. Recycling Project: A bin for collecting suitable cans and bottles that are sought for recycling has been placed in St Jarlath's Hall. Items can be left there before or after Mass on Sundays or by arrangement with Bryan – 0407 954 824.

A REFLECTION: As we head into the Synod on Synodality, at the Vatican, October 2nd-27th, the readings lead us to ponder Moses and Jesus combining to kindle flames of hope. 'If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!', Moses cries. 'Anyone who is not against us is for us,' Jesus declares.

Vatican II ushered in a new era that eased the church's fear of and opposition to the world, perhaps naively, but still decisively. Yet to be accomplished is a whole-hearted recognition that the Spirit of prophecy has indeed been poured out on all the baptised. How much the Synod can add impetus to this movement remains to be seen. Ultimately, it's for faithful believers to own the gifts of God and use them boldly.

THE COLUMBARIUM: Our parish Columbarium, beside St John's church, is a sacred space for the ashes of loved ones whose bodies were cremated. Information is held at the parish office about the use of, and cost of, reserving a niche in the Columbarium. There is a prayerful Catholic rite for the placing of ashes.

**DIOCESAN CONSULTATION
AND ASSEMBLY PRAYER 2024- 2025**

*Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!
Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.*

*May we listen attentively
to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call expressed
in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church that radiates
and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be at one with all of humanity
and the rest of God's creation.*

*May we develop the courage to be people of mission,
alert to opportunities, always on the move,
bringing Good News to our needy world,
Wind and Fire for one another.*

Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Pray for Us

CELEBRATING ST VINCENT DE PAUL: During the week the church celebrated the feast of this great saint, one whose name is well known in every parish. Vincent was born on April 24th, 1581, in Pouy, (now Saint-Vincent-de-Paul) France, and he died September 27th, 1660, in Paris. He was canonized in 1737. Vincent was the founder of the Congregation of the Missions (or Vincentians) for preaching missions to the peasantry and for educating and training a pastoral clergy. The Vincentians staffed the Adelaide seminary for many decades. The third Bishop of Sale, +Richard Ryan, was of the Vincentian congregation. Vincent is primarily recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor. After founding the Congregation of the Missions in 1625, Vincent de Paul established in and around Paris the Confraternities of Charity—associations of laywomen who visited, fed, and nursed the sick poor. The wealth of these women, many of noble family, aided him in establishing the foundling and other hospitals. With St. Louise de Marillac he cofounded the Daughters of Charity (Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul) in 1633, the first non-cloistered religious institute of women devoted to active charitable works.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, as we know, is still dedicated to the service of the poor. It was founded by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam in 1833. Incalculable would be the good the parish conferences have done across Gippsland over all these years. Blessings on their work, especially that of our own parish Conference.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION (PWF):

A 'leaving' collection will be taken up this weekend to support the work of the Priests' Welfare Foundation in the Diocese of Sale. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Many thanks to those able to assist this appeal, amid so many other appeal

AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE: A discussion is being held with a group called OSH Club to establish an After-School Child Care centre using our parish facilities. OSH Club has several centres in our region including in Catholic schools. The proposal is to use our Parish Centre as the venue, from about 3:00pm -6:00pm daily. It could raise some funds for the Centre when up and running, next year. The Principal of our school, Mrs Trish Mulqueen is leading the discussion for us with the OSH Club representatives.

110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES:

This Sunday the church celebrates the World Day for Migrants and Refugees. The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has created online resources, stories, and interviews, to help celebrate this special day. These resources available at: acmro.catholic.org.au



LITURGY ROSTER:

GREETER/COMMENTATOR:

29.9	T	Lucy	Y	Elisabeth
6.10	T	Heaven	Y	Elisabeth
13.10	T	Elly	Y	Angela
20.10	T	Judith	Y	Maree

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

29.9	T	Taryn	Y	Karen
6.10	T	Glenda	Y	Karen
13.10	T	Lucy	Y	Yvonne
20.10	T	Glenda	Y	Cynthia

FINANCE REPORT: Planned Giving: \$1141 (includes \$816 credit cards September) House Collection \$ 337.25. If there's anyone who'd like to join the planned giving program, either through envelopes or automatic credit card giving, please see Fr Bernard or Julianne at the parish office.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH: October roster:

Cleaning: Glenys and Rosemary **Altar Linen:** Julianne
Special thanks from of us all to those who care so carefully and generously for our beautiful churches and properties.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

FIRST READING: (Numbers 11:25-29)

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: from Psalm 18

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

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SECOND READING: (James 5:1-6)

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury: in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

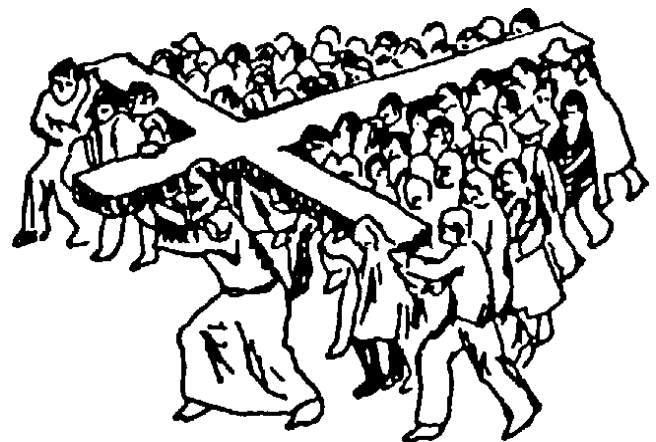
But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*



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