

St. John's Parish

"Hand In Hand "

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27th October 2024

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St John's Church –
52 Waterloo Rd, Trafalgar

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

PARISH PRIEST:
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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:**
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OUR SCHOOLS:
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Ms Lisa Harkin - Principal

TEMPORARY WEEKEND MASS ARRANGEMENTS:

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

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY TIMES:

Monday	28.10:	-
Tuesday	29.10:	-10:00am St John's
Wednesday	30.10:	-10:00am St John's
Thursday	31.10:	-10:00am St John's,
Friday	1.11:	- All Saints Day 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, his sight restored, Bartimaeus chooses to follow Jesus in faith. Thankful for all the blessings we have received from Christ, let us pray for the healing of the world.

READER: We pray for the world-wide community of faith, that the ongoing work of synodality will be taken up by all the baptised as the Synod in Rome comes to a close. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the countless people who have fled or been displaced from their homeland, that they will find a safe haven which allows them to treasure their culture and community. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for wisdom and insight at our Parish Conversation Day this week, *that we can fan into a flame the gifts the Holy Spirit has given us.* (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Australia's First Peoples and for those who have arrived here from other lands, that all will work together to honour the past and build a better future. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our families and our parish community, that the feast of All Saints and the commemoration of All Souls will deepen our faith in the fellowship of the living and the dead. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that with the choirs of angels and saints they will sing God's praise forever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

CELEBRANT: Living and life-giving God, you bring us to birth and call us out of death to eternal life with you. Open our eyes to see your glory in all that you have made. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

REFLECTION: Many people today sit at the roadside of life begging, not for money, but for love, for attention, companionship, for a feeling they are important, that their life has meaning. In a sense they are blind, for they cannot see a way out of their predicament. Most of them are too embarrassed to cry for help. They are afraid of being silenced by the indifference of others. They need a kind person to stop and ask: "What can I do for you."

Let us pray: *Lord, that I may see – see my needy sisters and brothers, that I may hear their silent cries, that I may not pass them by. For I too was a beggar, but you enriched me. I too was blind, and you enlightened me.*

CHANGE OF MASS VENUE: For the next few weeks, while St John's church is being repainted, the Saturday evening parish Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Jarlath's, Yarragon, at 6:00pm.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention for October is for "a shared mission" as he calls on the faithful to do their best to contribute to a sense of co-responsibility in the Church.

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.

WE REMEMBER: We pray for those who have died recently, including Margaret Milne, Jim Parise and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Don Fennell, Helen Kenny, Alec (Jock) Templeton, Frank Plozza, Johanna Bramberger, Frank Staberhofer..
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."*

FIRST COMMUNION DAY: Congratulations to all the young parishioners, and their families, who are receiving their first Communion this weekend at St Jarlath's. We hope this is a special, graced day in your lives. Be sure of the prayerful support of all God's people here in the parish.

CELEBRATING ST JOHN'S CHURCH: Our parish Saturday vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Jarlath's, Yarragon at 6:00pm Saturday evenings, while St John's is being painted, for about 4 weekends.

Thanks to all playing a part in the 'mini appeal' towards painting the interior of our parish church. Generous donations to the project have been received already. Parishioners are still, 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.

We're advised by the Programmed Services people the new lighting will be installed this week.

ST JARLATH'S NEWS: Centenary book: The Centenary Book, re-published, is now available. Cost is \$12, ring Bryan – 0407 954 824 for your copy. Recycling Project: There has been a good response to our project to recycle suitable items. You can place yours in the bin at St Jarlath's after Mass any weekend, or contact Bryan: 0407 954 824. on Sundays. Vigil Mass: For the next few weeks the Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Jarlath's, while the interior of St John's is unavailable. Prayer Group: The next gathering of the Prayer Group is in Monday, October 25th from 2:00pm. All are welcome. Thanks: Special thanks to the 'girls' who catered for the "Reflect, Review, Renew" day run by the Diocese of Sale pastoral office, in the hall on Thursday.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Live Your Best Life in Love...

Thanks to Paul and Trish Mulqueen for the information and invitation they shared last weekend. Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome. **When: 16 - 17 November, 2024.**

Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Trafalgar

The weekend commences at 8am on Saturday morning and concludes at ~4:30pm on Sunday. *(Saturday lunch and evening meal and Sunday lunch is provided).* For Information: Mercy and James 0409 183 676 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au;

DIOCESAN CONSULTATION AND ASSEMBLY:

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: OUR
PARISH CONVERSATION DAY:

All parishioners are invited to join in the Second Phase of our Diocese of Sale Conversations, leading to our Assembly, at Warragul, in February 2025.

THIS WEDNESDAY (30/10) a Parish Conversation will be held at the Parish Centre, starting at 10:30am breaking for lunch and then concluding at 2:30pm. Those parishioners who attended last time thought it was a very worthwhile day. Please consider joining in this time. Everyone is welcome.

In our Diocesan Consultation - Phase 2, we will look to the future of our Diocese, making plans for the local church we hope to help build in the years ahead. We invite all parishioners to join in our parish conversation in the Parish Centre. An interesting and worthwhile session has been planned. Lunch will be provided.

The findings from Phase 1 of our Conversations will lay the groundwork for our parish's Phase 2 discussions on Wednesday, October 30th.

THE SAINT OF MATUPIT – contributed by Elisabeth Staberhofer:

(Thanks, Elisabeth!)

In the 1960s I lived for 3 years in Rabaul, PNG. Rabaul is the capital of New Britain and lies on the coast surrounded by volcanoes. The priests there are Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. One of the Priests, Fr Frankie lived at the foot of one of several volcanoes in the area called Matupit, frequently experiencing violent tremors and earthquakes. These islands are part of the Pacific ring of fire.

With the help of his community Fr Frankie had built a small house virtually not far from the foot of the volcano where he lived. A very basic wooden structure, all open, no glassed windows, no fly wires. Adjacent to the house was a small wooden church surrounded by a pretty, colourful garden with some French Japonic trees, Bouganvilleas and other tropical blooms.

The main volcano, Tavurvur had erupted on several occasions, one of the biggest eruptions took place in 1937 the road had opened up and swallowed cars and most of the town was buried under meters of volcanic ash. In 1994 there was another huge eruption after which the town of Rabaul was partly relocated to Kokopo, some 50 km further down the coast.

The natives were scared of the volcano. Every time it started rumbling and shaking they came running to Fr. Frankie. "Father please come quickly, the Mountain is angry, please come and bless the mountain", they would plead. Fr. Frankie took his container with Holy Water and praying the Rosary, they walked towards the volcano. He blessed the mountain with Holy water, another decade of the rosary was said and soon calm was restored.

Looking back, I am still very touched by the childlike faith of the people of Rabaul.

OUR CODE OF CONDUCT: Central to the mission of St. John's and St. Jarlath's is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of all children, young people and adults at risk and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. We have zero tolerance for any form of abuse, particularly of children and adults at risk. This Code of Conduct is intended to complement child protection legislation and the Catholic Diocese of Sale "Code of Conduct for the Care, Protection and Safety of Children and Adults at Risk" (Caring for Children, Promoting Child Safe Parishes").

POSITION VACANT: DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

This Permanent part-time role at 2.5 FTE is based in Sion House in Warragul.

About Us: The Diocese of Sale through its ministries and agencies is at the service of the people of God, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their communities and daily lives. Presided over by the Bishop of Sale, the Diocese comprises around 128,000 Catholics and a wide variety of people, cultures, and ministries, providing services and support to twenty-seven parishes and forty-five schools through pastoral, educational, social welfare, and administrative support. The Diocese has recently been externally audited by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd against the National Catholic Child Safe Standards. The successful applicant will have a solid foundation to continue to foster the Diocesan culture of child safeguarding practice and the care of adults at risk. About the Role As the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, you will contribute to the development and continual improvement of our safeguarding procedures and policies in relation to the Diocese and its parishes.

About You: As the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, you will demonstrate the key selection criteria outlined in the Position Description, including but not limited to: • A commitment to the ethos, values and mission of the Catholic Diocese of Sale. • A commitment to and understanding of child protection and child safety issues. • Strong organisational and communication skills including: – A demonstrated experience in analysing problems, identifying and initiating workable solutions, within the typical constraints of limited resources and skills in the organisation. – Effectively manage multiple priorities and deadlines to achieve desired outcomes whilst maintain attention to detail. – High level written, electronic and verbal communication skills with the ability to liaise efficiently and effectively with relevant Diocesan stakeholders. – Willingness to seek, listen to and act upon advice. – Sound ability to work through and find solutions to problems. • Establish and maintain effective working relationships with internal and external stakeholders. • A capacity to work independently with appropriate guidance.

Catholic Diocese of Sale PO Box 1410 6 Witton Street WARRAGUL 3820 Ph: 5622 6687 Fax: 5622 0955 Applications Including a cover letter and copy of your current Resume addressing the selection criteria and how your qualifications and skills align to the requirements of the Position Description should be forwarded to Mary Winter (Business Manager) by email maryw@sale.catholic.org.au by 4pm 8 November 2024. For further information and a copy of the Position Description relating to this position, contact Mary Winter by email maryw@sale.catholic.org.au or by phone (03) 5622 6600

LITURGY ROSTER: GREETER/COMMENTATOR:

27.10 T Glenys Y Elisabeth
3.11 T Yvonne Y Angela

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

27.10 T Elio Y Ken
3.11 T Gail Y Sue

FINANCE REPORT: Last weekend: Planned Giving \$1186 (includes \$816 Credit cards October); House Collection: \$362.15; 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: *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.*

FIRST READING: (Jeremiah 31:7-9)

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: from Ps 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who were sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: (Hebrews 5:1-6)

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

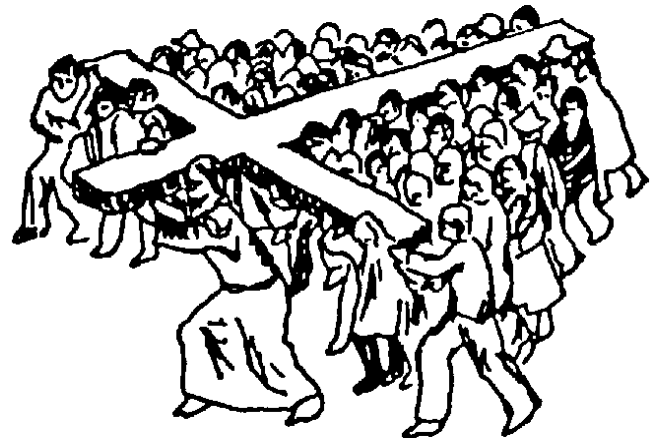
GOSPEL: (Mark 10:46-52)

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.*



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