

St. John's Parish

"Hand In Hand"

Trinity Sunday

Year C

June 15th 2025

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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 16.6: -

Tuesday 17.6: - 10:00am St John's

Wednesday 18.6: - 10:00am St John's

Thursday 19.6: - 10:00am St John's

Friday 20.6: - 10:00am St John's

Saturday 21.6: -

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.'*

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.

OUR PARISH CODE OF CONDUCT: Central to the mission of St. John's Parish, Trafalgar, and St. Jarlath's community, Yarragon 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: Dear friends, welcomed into the heart of our loving God, one yet three, let us pray for the whole human family to find joy in the divine mystery revealed to us.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo and all bishops and church ministers, that they will be impelled by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the saving truth of the gospel without fail. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the laity of the world-wide church in this Jubilee Year, that the Holy Spirit will continue to raise up visionary, courageous leaders with diverse charisms in their communities. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for people living in the community while troubled with serious mental health issues, that they will be given and will accept the ongoing support and supervision they need for safety's sake. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the frail, vulnerable aged, that they will have trustworthy relatives and friends to protect them from exploitation. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who love the world of books - writers, publishers, booksellers, librarians, readers, teachers and parents, that they will inspire the young to explore its riches. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that the mystery of the Triune God will be fully revealed to them in the kingdom of heaven. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Holy God – Eternal Father, Only begotten Son, and Spirit of Love – we praise and bless you for your goodness. Draw us ever more deeply into the mystery of your being. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A REFLECTION: John Henry Newman wrote this poem when he was still a young man, lost in a torment of doubt and indecision:

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom;
lead thou me on: the night is dark and I am far from home; lead
thou me on. Keep thou my feet:
I do not ask to see the distant scene;
one step enough for me.
I was not ever thus,
nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path;
but now thou lead me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
pride ruled my will: remember not past years.
So long thy power hath blest me,
sure it still will lead me on o'er moor and fen,
o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,
and with the morn those angel faces
smile which I have loved long since,
and lost awhile.

THE LATE POPE FRANCIS ON THE EUCHARIST: *When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours.* "He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but nourishment for sinners. This is why he exhorts us: 'Do not be afraid! Take and eat.'"

WE REMEMBER: We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Margaret Rowell, Mark Garvey, Elaine MacDonald, Kevin

Vaughan, Ida Bragagnolo. *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 Patrick Featonby, Jean Huffer, Elly Van Den Broek, Connor O'Sullivan, Shirley Deane, Peg O'Rourke, Shirley Devlin, Ann Ford, Lesli Perera, Kellie Monson, Brian O'Connell, Fr Herman Hengel, Fr Andrew Wise. *"Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up."*

CELEBRATING BAPTISM: This weekend at St Jarlath's we celebrate the Baptism of Parker Askew, son of Perry and Prue, of Thorpdale. Congratulations to the family from us all. *Parker, receive the light of Christ. Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.* (Rite of Baptism)

LIFE AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: During the week we promoted our Parish & School Film Event. We had a full Cinema and everyone enjoyed the film 'The King of Kings'. It was a positive way to further promote Parish and School connections. We also conducted a Father's Group on Wednesday at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre, with Dr Chris Laming, to support our Dads in their important roles in our families. Next week the Trafalgar Kinder students will visit us for a School Experience. We hope they enjoy their visit.

LIFE AT MARIST-SION COLLEGE: The Marist-Sion College Year 12 overnight retreat, held on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June, at Camp Rumbug in Foster South, offered students a meaningful opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. Over 130 students and staff participated in a range of reflective activities designed to deepen self-awareness, strengthen peer relationships, and explore life experiences. The retreat encouraged students to engage with their spirituality and relationship with God through moments of prayer and quiet reflection, both individually and as a community. It also provided space to recognise their unique gifts and talents, fostering a strong sense of unity and support within the Year 12 cohort.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: Pope Leo's prayer intention for June, a month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is "that the world might grow in compassion". "Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his heart, learn to have compassion on the world. You showed us the Father's love by loving us without measure with your divine and human Heart, Grant all your children the grace of encountering You. Change, shape and transform our plans, so that we seek only you in every circumstance: in prayer, in work, in encounters and in our daily routine, From this encounter, send us out on mission, a mission of compassion for the world in which You are the source from which all consolation flows," the Pope prays.

AT ST JARLATH'S: Prayer Group: The next meeting of the Prayer group is on Monday, 16/6, at 2:00pm at St Jarlath's hall. Everyone is welcome.

Recycling Project: Suitable items can be placed in the bin at St Jarlath's hall on Sundays after mass or at other times by arrangement with Bryan. Thank you for your support.

Lectors-Welcomers: Other people to exercise these important ministries in the community would be a blessing to us all, especially if people could volunteer.

MAINTAINING OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES: Very generous donations to this worthy cause still come. Of course, they are always welcome. To make a gift electronically the St John's and St Jarlath's appeals, the numbers at the NAB are: BSB: 083 879; A/c: 44927 4888. Many, many thanks to all who have already generously supported our wonderful projects. It's been a big, long project and our buildings are looking pretty good. Yet, still more to do!

JUBILEE 2025: This Sunday we welcome Pilgrims of Hope from across the Diocese for our celebration of Lay Ministers

and Lay leaders. All are very welcome among us as we celebrate the centrality of the laity in the life of the Church.

The next Diocesan celebration of Jubilee 2025 is the Jubilee of Clergy and Religious, to be celebrated at St Joseph's, Korumburra and St Laurence O'Toole's, Leongatha, on Friday June 27th: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 12-3:00pm, at St Joseph's, Guy Rd, Korumburra.

Mass at St Laurence's, Ogilvy St, Leongatha, with Bishop Greg at 4:00pm

All are welcome. Pilgrims of Hope are welcome to visit St Joseph's and spend time in Prayer for Vocations before the Blessed Sacrament, then journey to Leongatha for Mass at 4pm. RSVP: to the parish office – 03 5662 2020, or to leongatha@cdsale.org.au

WE WELCOME: Next weekend, most of the clergy of the Diocese of Sale will be engaged in a 'pulpit swap'. Fr Bernard will be celebrating the Masses at the Lakes Entrance – Orbost parishes. Coming to celebrate with us here is Fr Hiep Nguyen, the PP at Lakes - Orbost. Fr Hiep was born and grew up in Vietnam. He has been ordained a priest of our Diocese for five years. He will be very welcome among us.

ST PATRICK'S, TARRAVILLE, CHALICE: This weekend, as we celebrate the Jubilee Year, the historic Chalice of St Patrick's, Tarraville has been sent to us. The chalice and paten will be used at Masses across the Diocese during 2025. The St Patrick's chalice and paten are gold-plated and made in France in about 1879. It was first used in the earliest days of what we know today as the Gippsland Mission. The chalice holds great significance as it was likely first used by Fr Philip Kavanagh, the first parish priest of Tarraville. His dedication to his parishioners ultimately cost him his life in 1883, when he travelled in harsh weather to administer the sacraments to a dying parishioner.

CALL OUT TO JESUS FOR HELP: HE WILL HEAR YOU: POPE LEO: When anyone cries out to God for healing or help, God always listens, Pope Leo said this week. "There is no cry that God does not hear, even when we are not aware we are addressing him," the Pope told thousands of people gathered under a hot sun in St Peter's Square.

At his weekly general audience, the Pope spoke about the Gospel story of the healing of Bartimaeus as he continued a series of talks about how the life and ministry of Jesus is a source of hope.

And, noting that June is the month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pope Leo invited people "to bring before the heart of Christ your most painful and fragile parts, those places in your life where you feel stuck and blocked. Let us trustfully ask the Lord to listen to our cry, and to heal us!"

In the Gospel story, the Pope said, Bartimaeus' cry, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me," is an act of faith. And even though the crowds tried to silence the blind man, he continued to cry out to Jesus.

"He is a beggar, he knows how to ask, indeed, he can shout," the Pope said. "If you truly want something, you do everything in order to be able to reach it, even when others reproach you, humiliate you and tell you to let it be."

"If you really desire it, you keep on shouting," he said. Pope Leo also said the Gospel story makes clear that Jesus does not go and lift Bartimaeus up, but encourages him to stand on his own, knowing that "he can rise from the throes of death."

"But in order to do this, he must perform a very meaningful gesture: he must throw away his cloak," the Pope said. And "for a beggar, the cloak is everything: it is his safety, it is his house, it is the defence that protects him."

Christians today can learn from Bartimaeus, he said. "To go to Jesus and let himself be healed, Bartimaeus must show himself to him in all his vulnerability. This is the fundamental step in any journey of healing."

'RECLAIM THE CLASSROOM': SCHOOL DISCIPLINE GOES BACK TO BASICS: Students will face a stricter disciplinary

regime at Melbourne's Catholic schools in a bid to "reclaim the classroom" from social media, unruly behaviour, inattention and disrespect. Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) this week announced its new "Vision for Engagement" that covers its 290 schools and 118,000 students.

The new MACS framework will be based on the principles of explicit instruction – which was adopted by all MACS schools for maths, reading and writing last year – and will aim to make respectful student behaviour a core focus. The approach will also feature a "strong stance" against the harmful effects of social media.

MACS executive director Edward Simons, who will outline the vision at the summit, says the objective is to create calm, respectful and inclusive classrooms that give children the best chance of a quality education.

Mr Simons said yesterday that explicit teaching in maths, English and reading had shown promising early academic results, and that the approach would be widened to cover most aspects of school life.

"Now, we are intentionally sharpening our focus on student engagement as a key pillar of how we support student growth – through explicit teaching of respectful behaviour, shared expectations and consistent reinforcement," Mr Simons said.

Expectations of students include "behaving respectfully towards others, attending school every day on time ... and listening intently and paying attention". Mr Simons said there was a teacher welfare element to the vision. "We have to ensure workplaces are safe for teachers, and this requires urgent adjustment to improve student behaviour," he said.

"We want to create an environment that will allow teachers to focus on what they do best, and ensure our students are making the most of their time in the classroom." That includes a strong pushback against the influence of screens, Mr Simons said, after overwhelming feedback from MACS teachers, support staff and parents that social media was causing serious harm to children.

THE PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR: The Catholic concept of the preferential option for the poor calls for prioritising the needs and rights of the poor and marginalised in society. It reflects God's love for the poor and is a guiding principle for social justice, urging individuals and communities to work towards alleviating poverty and inequality. This principle demands that economic, social and political decisions are evaluated based on their impact on the most vulnerable, promoting their dignity and well-being.

FINANCE REPORT: Last weekend: Planned Giving: \$565.00; House Collection: \$409.00. Thanks to all our regular and generous benefactors. If there's anyone who'd like to join the planned giving program, either through taking a set of planned giving envelopes; or automatic credit card giving, please take an enrolment card from the back of the churches, or contact Julianne at the parish office. As we continue to improve our facilities, it's handy to have all generous 'hands on deck'.

LITURGY ROSTER: GREETER/COMMENTATOR:

15.6	T Elly	Y Genevieve
22.6	T Judith	Y Elisabeth
29.6	T Glenys	Y Lyn

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

15.6	T Lucy	Y Cynthia
22.6	T Glenda	Y Mick
29.6	T Elio	Y Karen

Anyone else happy to be on the roster, share the load? Let us know. We would be so happy to hear from you!!

ST JOHN'S CHURCH: June Roster
Cleaning: Geoff and Elly Altar Linen: Ann

Special thanks from of us all to those who care so carefully and generously for our beautiful churches and properties.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.*

FIRST READING: (Proverbs 8:22-31)

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: from Ps 8

O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air,
and fish that make their way
through the waters.

O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: (Romans 5:1-5)

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The Word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL: (John 16:12-15)

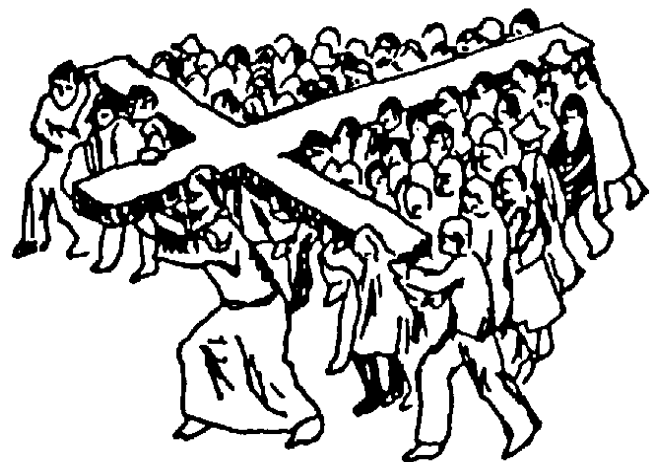
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things 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: *Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.*



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: