

St. John's Parish

"Hand In Hand"

Feast of Sts Peter and Paul

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June 29th 2025

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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	30.6:	-	
Tuesday	1.7:	-	10:00am St John's
Wednesday	2.7:	-	10:00am St John's
Thursday	3.7	-	10:00am St John's
Friday	4.7:	-	10:00am St John's
Saturday	5.7:	-	

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, united in the faith handed on to us by the great apostles Peter and Paul, let us pray devoutly for our needy sisters and brothers around the world.

READER: We pray for world leaders, that they will use the power at their disposal to bring deadly wars to an end and work together for the safety and wellbeing of the whole human family. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Pope Leo and all bishops and missionaries, that in the spirit of Saints Peter and Paul they will firmly proclaim Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Christians holding fast to their faith in places of opposition, threat and violence, that they will draw strength from the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are struggling with mental health conditions, that they will receive the support and accompaniment they need to lead fulfilling lives. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray in thanks for gardeners of every kind, that their love of nature will bring joy to many and inspire us to care for earth's gifts. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will receive the crown of righteousness in the courts of heaven. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CELEBRANT: Saving God, you raised up the apostles Peter and Paul to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth. Set our hearts ablaze with the fire of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A REFLECTION: Peter is the Rock on who Jesus built his Church. By telling Peter that he is a 'happy man', Jesus tells him that he has been specially favoured. He does not merit or earn such blessings. Yet the Church will always be tempted to counter the political power structures of the world by responding in kind. This must not happen. Our faith, Church and leadership are God's gifts. Everything in our dealings with God, Jesus and the life of the Spirit, is pure gift. Let us pray: *Lord, always help us to keep this truth in mind, lest we think that the Church and its administration of your gifts can be manipulated into yet another power structure, following the ways of flesh and blood.*

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART: The feast of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated next week with St Joseph's school, on Friday, 4/7, at the parish's 10:00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

FATHERS' GROUP: St Joseph's school community invites men from the parish to join in the next Fathers' Group gathering. It will involve a group conversation led by Dr Chris Laming on Wednesday, July 9th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm, in the parish centre. This is a 'Dads Workshop' and entry is by a gold coin donation to cover coffee. Bring a mate! Open to all, not simply the school dads!

OUR PARISH WEBSITE: Have you visited our website recently? It's always worth a look at the latest photos from parish events.; and the weekly bulletin is included if you haven't one from the church at the weekend. Thanks to Lucy who keeps it up to date. It's handy for people wanting to make contact with the parish.. Visit at: www.stjohnstrafalgar.com.au

WE REMEMBER: We pray for those who have died recently including Anne Roughead; and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Daryl Vittorio, Peter McGrath,

Rosalia Varsace, Kevin Assmussen, Peter Hendy, Mary Fennell. *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."*

LIFE AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: We presented our biannual school concert on Thursday. It was a huge success! Next week we will celebrate the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Mass on Friday July 4th at 10am. Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us.

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".

JUBILEE 2025: The next Jubilee celebration, in the Diocese of Sale and across the world is the Jubilee of Youth, with the theme: "Highway to Heaven". This is a pilgrimage organised with the host parish being Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren. 'Jubilee of Youth' is for High School aged youth and Young Adults. The 6.5km Pilgrimage will start at St Michael's Church, Berwick where pilgrims will walk through a safe council approved route through Berwick guided by volunteers and led by the 'Jesus Youth' group on a journey with their peers. After a lunch and rest break at Wilson Botanic Park, Berwick, the pilgrims will venture on to Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Princes Highway, Narre Warren, where they will celebrate from 4:00pm, with talks, adoration and a Vigil Mass with Bishop Greg at 6:00pm. After Mass dinner will be served before a concert in the Don Bosco School Hall headlined by the Jesus Youth band. For a more detailed schedule of the event and more importantly to register participants or as a volunteer, please visit [https:// olhc.org.au/jubilee-of-youth event/](https://olhc.org.au/jubilee-of-youth-event/)

CALL TO SUPPORT PETER'S PENCE APPEAL IN 2025:

The Vatican described Peter's Pence as "an offering that may be small but has a profound symbolic value". Catholics around Australia are being encouraged to support the Peter's Pence appeal as we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul this weekend. We will have a leaving collection on July 12th/ 13th. Donations to the appeal, which goes back to Medieval times, support Pope Leo XIV's mission from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education and peace.

"To all of you, brothers and sisters ... throughout the world: we want to be a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering," Pope Leo said.

Peter's Pence also aims to support a range of charities which bring aid and comfort to the poor, children, families, the elderly, the marginalised, victims of war and natural disasters, refugees and migrants. In recent times this support has gone to 236 projects in 76 countries.

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CELEBRATING BAPTISM: This weekend at St Jarlath's we celebrate the Baptisms of Mila and Mason Ryan, the children of Mitchell and Megan of Yarragon. Congratulations to the family from us all.

Mila and Mason, receive the light of Christ. Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. They are to walk always as children of the light. (Rite of Baptism)

THE JUBILEE 2025 PRAYER

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen

ON THE EUCHARIST/ LITURGY: *The Church, therefore, earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at this mystery of faith, should not be there as strangers or silent spectators; on the contrary, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers they should take part in the sacred action conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration. They should be instructed by God's Word and be nourished at the table of the Lord's body; they should give thanks to God; by offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they should learn also to offer themselves.* Sacrosanctum Concilium 48

As the late Pope Francis wrote: *I think of all the gestures and words that belong to the assembly: gathering, careful walking in procession, being seated, standing, kneeling, singing, being in silence, acclamations, looking, listening. There are many ways in which the assembly, as one body, participates in the celebration. Everybody doing together the same gesture, everyone speaking together in one voice — this transmits to each individual the energy of the entire assembly.* Desiderio Desideravi, 51

AT ST JARLATH'S: Prayer Group: The next meeting of the Prayer group is on Monday, 30/6, 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 please consider being a volunteer.

Community Garden: Interest has been expressed by a parishioner that we establish a Community Garden near the hall. Any suggestions, comments etc are welcome.

BRINGING FAITH AND TECHNOLOGY TOGETHER TO 'AWAKEN AND TRANSFORM':

Young Sydney Catholics will encounter the faith of Blessed Carlo Acutis – the first millennial saint – through the world's first virtual reality experience dedicated to his life and legacy. Developed by Sydney Centre for Evangelisation director Daniel Ang, in collaboration with

leading Sydney-based tech innovators, the *Carlo Acutis: A Light in the Digital World* exhibit marks a new chapter in digital evangelisation.

Inspired by the vision of Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers, it brings faith and technology together like never before. "One of Bishop Umbers' key encouragements has been to explore the potential of new technology and how it can serve the Gospel," Mr Ang said.

"This new initiative invites young people to see holiness not as something distant, but as something real and relatable – something lived in their own digital world." Far more than a technological novelty, the experience offers a spiritual encounter with a role model of holiness who is inspiring a generation.

Born in 1991 and dying from leukaemia at just 15, Carlo Acutis loved pizza, video games, and soccer –but at the heart of his short life was a passionate devotion to the Eucharist, which he called his "highway to heaven." He will be canonised on September 7.

During the two to three-minute journey, young Catholics are not just learning about Carlo –they're invited to dream about their own path to becoming a saint. "Our goal isn't just to inform, it's to awaken and transform," Mr Ang said.

"We want young people to understand that holiness isn't some unreachable ideal, nor does it require extravagance. It's a real and present call. "This VR experience helps them encounter that truth in a way that's immersive, deeply personal, and unlike anything they've experienced in Church life."

The exhibit will be unveiled next month at Sydney Archdiocese's Purpose Fest and will serve as a trial of virtual reality initiatives ahead of the International Eucharistic Congress, which Sydney will host in 2028.

In the Clyde North parish of our Diocese, near Cardinia, a new school named in honour of Blessed Carlo Acutis will open in a couple of years. Although on Sept 7th this year Pope Leo will canonise him to be known as St Carlo Acuti.

FINANCE REPORT: Last weekend: Planned Giving: \$365.00; House Collection: \$438.70. 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:

29.6	T	Glenys	Y	Lyn
6.7	T	Yvonne	Y	Gina
13.7	T	Jean	Y	Maree

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

29.6	T	Elio	Y	Karen
6.7	T	Gail	Y	Genevieve
13.7	T	Judith	Y	Ken

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: *Peter the Apostle, and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles, these have taught us your law, O Lord.*

FIRST READING: (Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11)

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him.

It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

from Ps 33

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around
those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

SECOND READING: (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the

crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter,
the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

(Matthew 16:13-19)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Simon, Son of John, do you love me more than these? Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.*

