

## **ST. JOHN'S PARISH**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

[www.stjohnstrafalgar.com.au](http://www.stjohnstrafalgar.com.au)

#### **St John's Church –**

52 Waterloo Rd, Trafalgar

#### **St Jarlath's Church –**

cnr Campbell and Rollo Sts. Yarragon

#### **PARISH PRIEST:**

Fr. Bernard Buckley VG

Phone: 5633 1166

#### **PARISH SECRETARY:**

Mrs. Julianne Keily.

E-mail: [trafalgar@cdsale.org.au](mailto:trafalgar@cdsale.org.au)

#### **OUR SCHOOLS:**

##### **St Joseph's Primary School**

58 Waterloo Rd. Phone 5633 1151

Mrs Trish Mulqueen - Principal

##### **Marist Sion College**

165 Burke St. Warragul.

Phone: 5623 5944

Ms Lisa Harkin - Principal

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

St John's: Sat: Vigil Mass – 6pm;  
St Jarlath's: Sunday – 10am.

#### **THIS WEEK'S LITURGY TIMES:**

**Monday 19.2:** -

**Tues 20.1:** - 10:00am St John's

**Weds 21.1:** - 10:00am St John's

**Thurs 22.1:** - 10:00am St John's

**Friday 23.1** - 10:00am St John's

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 10:00am, at St John's, or any time by arrangement with Father.

**ENTRANCE ANTIphon:** *All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High.*

**COMMUNION ANTIphon:** *You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

**WE REMEMBER:** We pray for those who have died recently including Roy Kenyon and Glen Murley; and all whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Eric Kenny, Ted Koch, Fr Laurie Cusack, Terry Geary. *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 for Randy Jansz, 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 Bernie Krotwaar, Fr Michael Willemsen. *"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."* (Rite of Anointing)

**I GOSPEL LIVING – POINTING THE WAY:** John the Baptist 'points the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might use. Treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

**ST JARLATH'S NEWS:** Prayer Group: The Prayer Group will meet again on Monday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm at St Jarlath's Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Our Recycling Project: our project to recycle suitable bottles and cans has raised \$370 so far. This will be used to help with various projects at St Jarlath's. Suitable bottles and cans can be put in the bin at the hall on Sunday after Mass, or contact Bryan for delivery at other times.

In Lent: We plan to pray the Stations of the Cross at St Jarlath's on Fridays, during Lent, at 3:00pm. Ash Wednesday is on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.

**POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:** January 2026 : *That praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.*

**WELCOME TO BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Jarlath's we welcome Andrew and Krystal Doughan who are presenting their children for baptism: Oakley, Zaylee and Alarni. Congratulations to you all.

*Oakley, Zaylee, Alarni, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross. (Rite of Baptism)*

#### **POPE CONDEMS ZEAL FOR WAR AND**

#### **THREATS TO HUMAN RIGHTS:**

Pope Leo XIV warned diplomats of a breakdown in multilateralism and the rise of a "diplomacy based on force" in a wide-ranging address that also included his strongest language to date on abortion and surrogacy.

In his annual address on Friday to ambassadors accredited to the Holy See, the Pope surveyed the global crises of chief concern to the Vatican, including the situation in Venezuela following the United States' January 3<sup>rd</sup> capture of its president, Nicolás Maduro.

"I renew my appeal to respect the will of the Venezuelan people, and to safeguard the human and civil rights of all, ensuring a future of stability and concord," he said.

The Pope also called for "an immediate ceasefire" in Ukraine as peace talks continue to stall and renewed appeals for peace in Gaza, reiterating support for a two-state solution that would secure Palestinians "a future of lasting peace and justice in their own land."

"A diplomacy that promotes dialogue and seeks consensus among all parties is being replaced by a diplomacy based on force, by either individuals or groups of allies," he said. "War is back in vogue and a zeal for war is spreading."

#### **LITURGY ROSTER:**

#### **GREETER/COMMENTATOR:**

18.1 T Glenys Y Elisabeth

25.1 T Yvonne Y Genevieve

1.2 T Jean Y Elisabeth

#### **MINISTERS OF THE WORD:**

18.1 T Elio Y Mick

25.1 T Gail Y Cynthia

1.2 T Judith Y Mick

#### **ST JOHN'S ROSTER:** January 2026

**Cleaning:** Geoff and Elly

**Altar Linen:** Yvonne

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**CELEBRANT:** Dear friends, we are blessed to be God's holy people, one in the Spirit of Jesus. Let us pray for our sisters and brothers in every land.

**READER:** We pray for the human family, that God's saving light will shine forth in every nation and uncover the path of peace. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all Christian churches, that together they will bear joyful witness to Jesus, Son of God and Servant of all. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all groups caring for neighbourhood parks, gardens and waterways, that their service will support global efforts to conserve the health of the planet. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who live in this blest land, that we will pledge ourselves to overcome any forms of discrimination, racism and vilification in our hearts and across the nation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for emergency personnel and volunteers on alert for the season's fires, floods and storms, that they will stay safe as they protect others' lives and possessions. (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 take their place among the saints in heavenly glory. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

**CELEBRANT:** God, our light and our strength, you sanctify us with your Spirit and send us out as heralds of hope. Bless all that we do in your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### **FINANCE REPORT:** Last weekend:

House Collection: \$498.15

Planned Giving: \$355.00

With the thanks of us all to those who so generously support the work of the parish.

### **PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

God of peace and justice

Who changes the hardened heart  
And breaks the power of violence,  
We entrust the people of Ukraine to  
you.

Protect them in their time of peril,  
Let them know not death but life  
Not slavery but freedom.

You are the father of all,  
We are brothers and sisters  
Give us the strength to live that  
truth in love  
choosing peace, not war.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**THE COLUMBARIUM:** The Columbarium, beside St John's church, is a sacred space for keeping the ashes of loved ones whose bodies have been cremated. Information is held at the parish office about reserving a niche in the Columbarium with a prayerful Catholic rite to accompany action.

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.

**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