

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1st - 7th October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." *Saint Padre Pio*



For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

About Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Learn more on our website: www.aidtochurch.org

RCIA

Three of our current RCIA candidates, Davin, Darcy and Leesa, will be initiated into the Catholic Church on 22nd November by celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. In the weeks leading up to the Ceremony, they will be presented with The Creed and The Lord's Prayer. Please keep them and our other candidates in your prayers.



Recent Deaths: Patrick McCluskey, Bernice Clarke

Anniversaries: Jeannie Howland, Sharon O'Dwyer, Joe Morgan

Baptism

We welcome Elsie Crosier, Flynn Templeton, Duke & Tully Robertson, Hugh & Jack Macilwain, Hudson & Elodie Kordupel, Jack McCorkell, Finley & Patrick Logan and Lola Hussey, into our faith community this weekend.

A Baptism Information evening is held on every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Gathering Space at 7:00pm at St Joseph's. Please call the Office 5562 223 to register
Next session 13th October.



Receiving from the Chalice

You are reminded once again that those who desire to drink from the chalice please do so by receiving it from the minister with both hands and consume a small amount of the contents, after which the chalice is returned to the minister who wipes the rim.

NB: Parishioners are reminded not to 'intinct' (dip) the host in the chalice.



Volunteer Recognition Afternoon Tea

This year's Volunteer Recognition Afternoon Tea will be held at the St Pius X Function Room on Sunday 25th October from 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Afternoon tea will be served, so come along, relax and enjoy a chance to catch up with fellow volunteers and friends. If you need a lift, please contact the Office to help.

RSVP to the Parish Office 5562 2231 or sign up sheets in the churches by Monday 19th October.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mass to Celebrate

Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year will be held on:

Tuesday November 10th at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm.

Clergy Jubilarians this year are:

Frs Dan Arundell & Damien Heath – 70 years;

Fr Denis Ryan – 40 years;

Fr Marcello Colasante – 25 years.

Bishop Mark will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests celebrating a jubilee. All are welcome to attend.

Diocesan Social Justice Commission

Reflection Day on the current Social Justice Statement

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference released the second Social Justice Statement for this year ahead of Social Justice Sunday (August 30, 2026), "Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division". This statement invites us to see our current social climate as an opportunity to witness to the Gospel. The Church can and must be a sign of unity: a community where every person feels at home and all are encouraged to use their gifts to build a more just, peaceful and cohesive Australia. The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will host an online webinar on Thursday, November 12th from 6.30pm – 8.00pm to celebrate the launch of the Statement. Registration details to be advised. Further information, the Statement, and accompanying resources are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/service-and-agencies/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement-current/>.

Catholic Mission Month

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love. See Bishop Mark's message: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/service-and-agencies/welfare/mission-and-outreach/catholic-mission/>



Morning Tea

Please share a 'cuppa' next Sunday after 10:30am Mass at St Joseph's. Served by Passionist Family Groups (please see one of them if you'd like to find out more or join a group).

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

Jesus challenges the leaders with another vineyard parable. Here the owner planted the vineyard, built the protection around it, and constructed the winepress to be used at the time of vintage. After all of the hard work was done, he leased it to tenants who had only to care for the vines until the grapes were ready for the press. Leaving the country, he acted as an absentee landlord. The scene is set for the drama to unfold. Jesus probably intended an allegorical interpretation of this parable, one that would be understood clearly by his audience. They must have known that the parable highlighted their own resistance to God. They must have realised that whatever judgment they might suggest would fall on their heads as well. Dianne Bergant CSA

MONDAY

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Adoration, Rosary, Holy Hour OLHC

7:00pm Rosary St Pius X

TUESDAY

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass St Joseph's

1:15pm Prayer meeting St Pius X

5:10pm Confession St Pius X

5:30pm Mass St Pius X

7:00pm Abide St Pius X

WEDNESDAY

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Mass St Joseph's

11:00am Mass Mercy Place

3.30pm Moyneyana Aged Care

7:00pm Bible Study St Joseph's

THURSDAY

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass OLHC

FRIDAY

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass St Joseph's

10:30am Confession St Joseph's

10:45am 'Mothers who pray for their Children' Infant Jesus

SATURDAY

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:40am Confession St Pius X

10:00am Mass St Pius X

First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel. Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,

I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,

and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;

overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of host is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm-Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;

to plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea,

to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,

devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

4. And we shall never forsake you again:

give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading - Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel -Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

*It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.*

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?
'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd/4th October

From the Parish Priest



The psalm response is '*The vineyard of the Lord, is the house of Israel*'.

If we focus on the vineyard as the place where we live, it gives us a

grounding and structure on which to focus. If we are able to change our environment then this will allow for natural growth within ourselves.

This month is mission month, the universal church looks at mission and going out to spread the good news and also the message of God. A question for each of us is what is my mission and how do I work in the vineyard of the Lord?

School resumes for Term Four on Monday, I wish all of our teachers, support staff and students all the best for this final term of the year.

God Bless



Fr Matthew

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Parish Vision Statement

We are a Christ-centred community who gather with open hearts to recognise Christ in one another. In the Catholic tradition, we journey together in faith, hope and service to bring life to the church and to the wider world.

We are a Child Safe Parish

Our Parish adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria. Our Policies are on display in each church and on our website.

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Infant Jesus, Koroit - Leisa McCosh
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St Joseph's, W'bool - Jill Haberfield
St Pius X, West W'bool - Karen Johnson
OLHC, East W'bool - Dion Bartlett

OLHC
East W'bool
Saturday 6:00pm

St Pius X
West W'bool
Sunday 9:00am

Infant Jesus
Koroit
Sunday 9:00am

St Patrick's
Port Fairy
Sunday 10:30am

St Joseph's
Warrnambool
Sunday 10:30am
Sunday 6:00pm

St Anne's
Purnim
2nd Sunday 11:00am
Lay-Led Liturgy other Sundays 11:00am

