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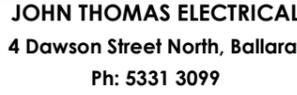
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COVID Safe Plan

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- You no longer need to preregister for Masses. Please ensure you arrive 10 minutes before Mass to register your attendance.
- Contact tracing is required for all Masses. Please use the QR code on the door or sign the register in the foyer (please add your phone number if you are a visitor).
- Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times (1.5 metres).
- A face mask is optional whilst visiting the Church (you should carry it with you as per State Government guidelines)
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.
- Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.
- Once Mass has concluded, please leave the Church immediately afterwards to allow for cleaning of all surfaces.

We appreciate your assistance. In helping stop the spread of the virus.



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MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's
Saturday 5:00 pm
Wednesday No Mass

Our Lady Help of Christians
Waubra 1st & 3rd Sunday 8.30 am
Beaufort 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30 am
Lexton 5th Sunday 8.30 am
Wendouree
Sunday 10:00 am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Ex 24:3-8
Ps 115:12-13, 15-18. R. v.13
Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



30th May 2021 ~ Trinity Sunday (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

Trinity Sunday celebrates the core Christian conviction that God is a communion of relational love. For the people of Israel, no other god could compare with their God whom they knew as both creator and liberator and whom they experienced as intimately involved in every aspect of their history and of their day-to-day lives. In a world of many gods, the assertion found in today's first reading from Deuteronomy that there is "no other god" was an enormous claim to make. God's sustaining and liberating presence brought with it serious responsibilities: keeping God's commandments grounded the people of Israel and their descendants in the life of their God.

The earliest Christians inherited the Jewish belief in one God. At the same time, Christians expressed their faith in distinctively Trinitarian language. Over the first six centuries of the Christian era, the belief that God is a communion of love was to develop into the doctrine of the Trinity, a teaching that is at the heart of Christian faith. The word Trinity is not used in the Christian Scriptures. In fact, it was not until the Council of Constantinople in 381CE that the doctrine of the Trinity was set out in the creed, and not until the Second Council of Constantinople in 551CE that the word "Trinity" was actually used of the Triune God.

Today's gospel reading brings Matthew's gospel to a close. Jesus commands his disciples to make disciples of all peoples and to baptize in the name of the Trinity. At the beginning of this gospel, Jesus is named Emmanuel, "God with us". With Jesus' final assurance, "know that I am with you always", we find ourselves gathered into the very life of God. Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of a cyclical movement or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images or metaphors used to explain the Trinity. The life that is in God is understood, in this image, as a totally harmonious movement of equals. The wonder is that we are gathered into this movement. As St. Paul reminds us in today's reading from his letter to the community in Rome, God is not a distant God, but rather a God whose Spirit draws us, as "joint heirs with Christ", into God's own life of love and relationship. Trinity Sunday is the day we set aside to celebrate the mystery of God and the nearness of God who invites us into the dynamic cycle of life and love, a cycle that reaches out beyond the human community and embraces the entire cosmos. As we make the sign of the cross, a symbolic action with a two millennia history (from 2nd Century CE), we might become more and more attentive to the wonder of the divine life that dwells in us and in whom we are privileged to dwell.



Veronica Lawson rsm

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Jan Dwyer, Anthony Hall, Faye Tobin, Francis White

Anniversaries: We remember: Lang Dean, Maxwell Franklin, Eileen Dean, John Kirby, Frank Reilly, Margaret Waight, Joyce Kyneton

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes especially Dan Coutts, Jan Mullaly, Frances Dorrington and Pat Hogan.

Get vaccinated for the common good Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>. A media release and FAQ information from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is available from the diocesan website "news" section <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholics-in-australia-encouraged-to-receive-covid-19-vaccine/>

Mercy Works Assistance is urgently needed for the growing crisis in Papua New Guinea. We would be very grateful if you could send a donation to this URGENT food APPEAL by 31 May 2021. In response to the growing alarm and anxiety about this health crisis for our nearest neighbour, the people of Papua New Guinea. You can do this by clicking onto our website: www.givenow.com.au/mercyworksappeal

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Robert Falzon reflects on how St Joseph may have responded to his astonishing call to be the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. What does it mean for fathers and husbands in today's world? <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Fundraising program launched for Mass for You at Home A fundraising program has been launched to help enable the ongoing broadcast of Catholic Mass on free-to-air television as it prepares to mark 50 years ministering to people who cannot attend a local church. In recent years, due to changes in religious programming obligations, the annual cost of producing and broadcasting the Mass has run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. To donate go to <https://massforyou.com.au/>

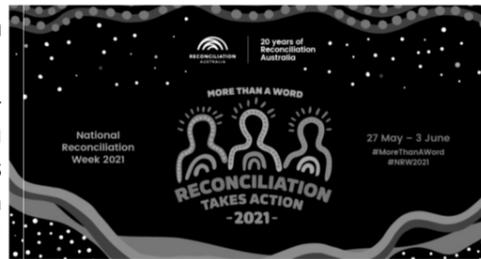
The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholar-ship-for-lay-ministry.html>. Closing Date 30 July 2021

Victorian lockdown starts from 11.59PM 27th May to 4th June 11.59pm. This includes places of worship. There will be no Masses from today until Friday 4th June at 10:00 at OLHC. Vigil on Saturday 5th June 5pm at St Columba's. The Sacrament of Confirmation at OLHC has been deferred to Sunday 6th June at 10am.

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National Reconciliation Week: May 27 - June 3, 2021

The 2021 National Reconciliation Week theme, "More than a word." Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. The Reconciliation movement is at a tipping point: In the past year, with Black Lives Matter protests and huge numbers at Invasion Day rallies across the country, we're seeing people are understanding the truth and speaking up on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. More than a word. Reconciliation takes action asks people to take this awareness and knowledge, and use it as springboard to more substantive, brave action. Resources and further information is available from <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/2021/03/23/more-than-a-word-reconciliation-takes-action/>



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Plenary Council Prayer Campaign People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/



Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021 As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>



Year of the Family Pope Francis launched the "Amoris Laetitia Family Year" on March 19, the 5th anniversary of the publication of his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, a document on the beauty and joy of love in the family. The year will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. The launch was a virtual event entitled, "Our Daily Love", organised by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, the Diocese of Rome and the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute, all based in Rome. The event is available to view online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI4OUXU7_LBguDrPZQKsng

Vinnies launches 2021 Winter Appeal to support homelessness As Vinnies responds to a growing demand for services following the end of Job Keeper and cuts to Job Seeker, the National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including children, which have all been exacerbated by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Society provides vital services and support for individuals and families facing financial hardship. With generous support from the public, Vinnies aims to maintain the dignity of those on the edge and restore hope to people who have fallen on hard times. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

International drawing contest for kids The earth's climate is changing. Kids need to know what is happening, why, and how it will affect them in the future. This contest offers a chance to take action to help slow climate change – because a tree will be planted for every kid that enters! Adults will also be encouraged to contribute to planting more trees too. The competition runs from May – June 2021 for kids aged 4-14. For more information go to <https://kidscareaboutclimate.org>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Virtual Learning Program

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. Study subjects over 3 and 5 week cycles. Study Cycle 5 begins 4 July. Registrations are now open for new and returning participants. For more information go to: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email: djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Helder Camara Lecture 2021 The Church of Australia continues its preparations for the First Assembly of the Plenary Council in October 2021. Various dialogue, discernment and discussions are being held, including an upcoming public lecture led by Plenary Council President, Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB. The lecture will be held on Wednesday, June 30 at Newman College Parkville at 5.00pm. Bookings are essential as places are limited. RSVP by June 28 via email mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

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