

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/ Glory and Praise for ever!*

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)  
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

### SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### 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.*

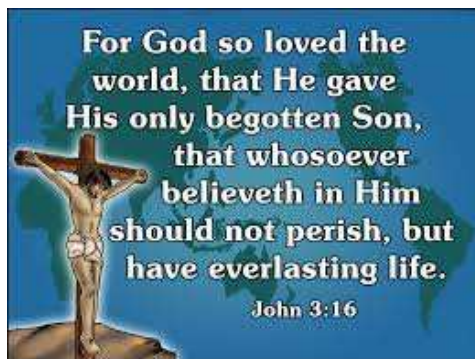
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our Confirmation Candidates who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. And, thank you to all our teachers who prepared them, and parishioners who prayed for them.



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## The Most Holy Trinity - YR A

### 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026. Year of St Francis

THE TRINITY



**FOCUS on the WORD:** The mystery of union with Christ lies at the heart of mission', Pope Leo XIV reminds us. Indeed, as he explains, **the Church itself is 'a communion that flows from the Trinity, and continues to be sustained by the Trinity.** A communion at the service of fraternity among all human beings and harmony with all creation.' 'Being a Christian', therefore, the Pope explains, 'means abiding in Christ ... immersed in the life of the Trinity.' As the Pope puts it, **'the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us.** Our proclamation of the Gospel, therefore, **the Pope adds, should be 'an action that is always harmonious, communal and synodal.'** He encourages us to **'learn to recognise joyfully the good that the Spirit inspires in each person, to embrace diversity as a treasure, to bear one another's burdens and always to seek the unity that comes from above.'** 'The mission of the disciples and the Church as a whole,' the Pope encourages us to recollect, 'is to continue the mission of Christ in the Holy Spirit: a mission born of love, lived in love, and leading to love.' [Quotes from Message for World Mission Day 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/mission/documents/20260125-giornata-missionaria.html>]

## 12. Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4-6 December 2026, more information is available at [melbourmecatholic.org/synod2026](http://melbourmecatholic.org/synod2026)

Parents and caregivers are called to help teenagers make choices that foster respectful and virtuous relationships, honour dignity and reflect love.

Scan the QR code to register, or go to [www.trybooking.com/DLTHX](http://www.trybooking.com/DLTHX)

**THU 11 JUN 7PM-8PM**  
FREE ONLINE WEBINAR

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN:** The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to [the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people](#) in our community. May our message be **that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.** You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention) safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**MEMORIALS/FEASTS** Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June St Justin Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June Sts Marcellinus & Peter Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June – St Charles Lwanga & Companions Fri 5<sup>th</sup> St Boniface Sat 6<sup>th</sup> St Norbert, St Marcellin Champagnat

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full  
(John 10:10)*

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**REGULAR MASS TIMES:**  
Saturday Vigil Emerald and FTG 6:00 pm  
Sunday Belgrave 8.30am FTG 10.30 am  
Gembrook 9am Monbulk 11.00am  
Tuesday Belgrave 9am FTG 7:00pm  
Wednesday Belgrave 9am FTG 9.15am  
& Thurs Belgrave 9am FTG 9.15am  
Friday Belgrave 9am FTG 11.00 am  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 5.15 pm

**GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2pm  
**WILLOWBROOK MASS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 11am

**BAPTISMS:** are celebrated either during the weekend Masses on the second Sunday at any of the Mass centers, or at 12:00 pm on the second Sunday of the month at St John's, Ferntree Gully. A six weeks' notice is required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on the Parish website. Contact the Parish Office on 97581029 or via email at [marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au](mailto:marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au).

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

**The HOMESCHOOL CATHOLIC** Join the Ave Maria Home-school group, as they get together every Thursday at 11am. Generally, starts with a song, followed by bite-sized instruction in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 11am -2pm  
<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/ave-maria-homeschool-group>

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**PRAYING FOR...**

**All who have died recently:**



**Those who we remember at this time**

Raymond Daniels, Ernest Williams, Marjorie White, Benny Lizza, Cladinollo Zollo, Conchita Censon and Jean Agius,

**The sick:** Rosa Lisle, Lyle & Bonnie Hofer, Barbara Kenny.



**ROSARY** the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes prior to **all weekday Masses** in the Church. All welcome to join in.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**

When: **First Saturday of the Month** Please contact Joan Ryan on 0408 411 096 for details.

**CHILDREN' LITURGY** Our children's liturgy sessions are held in the room at the rear of the church.



**ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER** on Tuesday Mornings in the Parish Community Centre , 10.15am for a 10.30am start. All welcome

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING** Come and join us each **Thurs Morning at 10am in the Parish Community Centre** for a chat, a game of cards, may just a cuppa and to sit and knit. **All welcome.**

**PARENTS AND KIDS GROUP** will meet after the 10.30am Mass **Every First & Third Sunday of the Month** in the Parish Community Centre. Email [jacquiandcarlos@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiandcarlos@gmail.com).

**YOUTH GROUP** Please dm us on Instagram @sjtb.youth or email us at [sjtb.youth@gmail.com](mailto:sjtb.youth@gmail.com) if you would like to know more or if you have any questions

**CAN YOU HELP VICTIMS OF CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?**

For 14 years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. Generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims with (counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities). **You could help this important work** simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider **donating an unwanted motor vehicle.** Lifeboat" also needs a few people who are reasonably familiar with the usual car transfer regulations to assist donors of vehicles (and potential buyers) **to negotiate the formal processes.** If you or someone you know could help (maximum involvement with four cars per year), please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au)) for more information.

**MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY**

**FRANCISCUS: CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI!** The Capuchin Franciscan Friars are hosting a 2-day Conference at St Anthony's, Hawthorn on the weekend of **30th-31st May** For more details, and to Register: : <https://www.trybooking.com/DMBUF>

**PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS** Thank you to all who came to be a part of the Pentecost celebrations last Sunday. And a big thank you to Mary, and all her helpers who set up the Hall, arranged the food and drink, did the dishes and packed up. Your kind help and service is much appreciated.

**MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY** It's been a big week in the Catholic Church—and the world of technology—as Pope Leo XIV released his much anticipated first encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*, on Monday evening. In a deeply considered and wide-ranging document, he draws on the Church's rich understanding of human dignity and the common good to make a compelling case for prioritising 'magnificent humanity' in our response to the many significant challenges posed by AI.

The encyclical has been warmly [welcomed by Church leaders and scholars in Australia](#), including Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, who emphasises the importance of putting people first as we consider the deeper question that Pope Leo poses: **'What kind of humanity are we becoming?'** Read more here: [melbournecatholic.org/news/](http://melbournecatholic.org/news/)

**MASS FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION**

**WEEK Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May, 11am-12pm** The Binnap Partners invite you to Mass for Reconciliation Week at the **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, 434 St Georges Rd Thornbury** all are welcome to stay and enjoy a shared meal. Please bring a sweet or salad to share. Please RSVP for catering purposes to [Lilian.Hobson@cam.org.au](mailto:Lilian.Hobson@cam.org.au).

**PROCLAIM26 DAY ONE:** This day is dedicated just for **clergy and lay leaders.** It is an inspiring two-day gathering to equip, form and send clergy, lay leaders and all who want to share Jesus Christ into their communities. **The Keynote Speaker** is **Sherry A Weddell**, co-founder and Executive Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. She is the author of *Called & Gifted* charism discernment process and several books including global best-seller, *Forming Intentional Disciples.*



**DAY TWO:** For All – whether clergy, lay leader, or someone interested in sharing the Good News. Cost: \$30 per person per day, or 2 day ticket \$50 **Ticket includes lunch, refreshments, access to the keynote sessions and workshops.** Find out more [Proclaim26|MelbourneCatholic](http://Proclaim26|MelbourneCatholic) Register Now!

**COR SANCTUM: A HEALING INTENSIVE FOR MEN BATTLING SEXUAL ADDICTION** Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 8am- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jun 4pm. Details via this link: [Melbourne Catholic](http://MelbourneCatholic)

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS (with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick) – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.** Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.

**ROOTED IN CHRIST- YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT** go deeper, live boldly stand firm. Ages 18-30yrs **CYC Phillip Island Adventure Resort.** 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 Register by 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2026 <https://www.srmaustralia.org/events>

**PROCESSION OF LOVE: WHY CORPUS CHRISTI INVITES US TO TAKE CHRIST TO THE STREETS**

According to a tradition, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, originated with a doubting priest struggling with his faith. In 1263, Peter of Prague was making a pilgrimage to Rome. The 4<sup>th</sup> Lateran Council had adopted Transubstantiation to explain how the elements of the Eucharist change from bread and wine, to the Body, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. As Peter grappled with his belief in the Eucharist and the Church, he stopped in the town on Bolsena to celebrate Mass, and at the tomb of St Christina, he took up the host and said the words of consecration, "This is my body". Suddenly, over his fingers seeping from the host, blood flowed as if from a wound. He stopped the Mass, told his congregation and wrapped the host in a corporal, and the people joined in a joyful procession to bring the host to Pope Urban IV. Later the feast of Corpus Christi was established. [Read more here:](#) Just such a procession is a curious feature of the feast day to this day. Participants now joyfully carry the Blessed Sacrament, displayed in a monstrance, through the streets of their cities and towns. **On Sunday 7 June 2026, the feast of Corpus Christi**, parishes, communities, families and all people of good will are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli in sharing the light of Christ at the annual **MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION.** Beginning at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, concluding at Federation Square:

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**, owing to the King's Birthday Public Holiday.

<b>ROSTERS: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June to Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	
Flowers	Marg H & Judy G
Linen	Carole D'S
Welcomers	6.00 pm Peter G & Wilma H 10.30am Joanna C & Thelma B, Anna M
Lectors	6.00pm Louise Di B 10.30am Priya F
Counters	Joan R, Peter C, Ruben P
Gardening	Roger K & Henner T