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Bulletin Notices: 22nd May, 2022

- **Please pray for those affected by the Ukrainian War. For Ray Bowman and Irene Donohue, who have passed away recently and the anniversaries of Brian Fowles, Kevin Fowles, Pauleen Hayes, John Ryan, Patricia Sibly, Fr. Martin Roche, Fr. Patrick Moore, Fr. William Ryan, Dean Edward Coleman VG. Fr. Peter Kilduff and our loved ones. May God's merciful love shine on them and on their loved ones left behind. Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine.**

God of peace and justice,
Who change the hardened heart and break the power of
violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but

freedom,

You are 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 .

- **CELEBRATING AND THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS:**
National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration and will be held on 16-22nd May 2022. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. In particular, we pay tribute to faithful men and women in our parishes, schools, agencies, committees, health care and social services networks who, by their contribution of service, care and outreach, bring the light of Christ and his Good News to those they encounter each day. National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. In our Diocese of Sale, we are blessed with so many wonderful and faith-filled people whose love for Jesus impels them to serve others in his name. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us in our Christian living.
- **Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians**
24th May is the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians.
Here are two links that may be useful for you to use.

A Prayer

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13jYhizLxxSwGH2yNjFtcy6NaRwsahijM/view>

OLHC Prayer Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=07T2MyMeQ3g&t=2s>

CONFIRMATION:

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place with Most Reverend Gregory Bennet Bishop of Sale on Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's Church, Wonthaggi

A DAY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Following the exhortation of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and upon the blessing of our local ordinary, Bishop Greg, the leadership of the Sale Diocese Charismatic Groups invites us all to an extra-ordinary experience of the Current of Grace as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church (Pentecost). As the Lord promised "you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5; see also Acts 2:1-4). This promise, Peter says, is for every one of us (Acts 2:39). This gathering affords us another great opportunity for a fresh encounter/renewal of intimacy with the Spirit. Friends, this will be an experience you wouldn't want to miss, and you will never forget. God bless you as we come together to celebrate a new beginning in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Date: Saturday 4th June 2022.

Venue: St. Ita's Drouin.

Time: 10:30 start to 4:00pm

Mass to be celebrated at 2:30pm

For queries, please contact the prayer group leaders of your parish, or speak with one of the following:

Bro Lindsay (Chair, service team, 0432 375 391)

Sis Anushka (Secretary, service team, 0425 555 206)

Fr. Francis (Chaplain, 0448 529 712)

Praise the Lord Alleluia!

- **MEDITATION GROUP:** This Monday 23rd May 2022 at 1:30 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch Annex.
- **PRAYER GROUP:** St. Joseph's Church, Wonthaggi on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 1:15pm ALL WELCOME!
- **NATIONAL SORRY DAY: 26TH MAY, 2022.**
- **2022 CHILD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION: Get creative. Tell us what makes you feel safe and supported?**

The Diocese invites all school-age children to participate in a competition where entries can be a poster (digital or scanned in electronic form) or video (mp4).

See entry form, ideas and support materials on

www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding/child-safety-week or contact your parish.

Entries close Friday 22nd July, 2022.

- **DIOCESE OF SALE: DIOCESAN FACILITIES CO-ORDINATOR:**
(Part Time 4 Days per fortnight)

The Bishop of Sale is seeking to appoint a Facilities Coordinator on a part time basis of 4 days per fortnight (0.4FTE) to assist Parishes in the management of Parish Church facilities. The appointee will be responsible to the Bishop of Sale through the Business Manager. The Facilities Coordinator has responsibility for working with Parishes to ensure the maintenance of Church buildings and other Parish facilities, ensure compliance with essential safety, have a process to identify hazards, and compliance with Occupation

Health and Safety in the maintenance of Church properties. The successful candidate will ideally commence early to mid-June with a handover from the current Facilities co-ordinator who is retiring. The appointee is expected to demonstrate a commitment to, and support of the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sale and a commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children. A high level of professionalism, capacity to work autonomously, initiative and superior communication skills is required in this key role. Ideally the successful candidate would have experience in the building industry, engineering or project management.

Applications: A Position Description, Application Form, and other relevant information is available. Please email dos@sale.catholic.org.au to receive this pack.

- **St Vincent de Paul Society**

- **St. Joseph's Conference**

As a Conference, we would like to thank you all for your ongoing support for the work we do in the community. Your donations of cash and the food items you place in our baskets in the foyers are of great assistance to our work. Our conference meets together at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church foyer every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Here, we pray together and plan our activities for the next fortnight. On four days each week we go out, in pairs, visiting people who have called for assistance. Each member has allocated visits once per fortnight. We always ensure that our visits are carried out in a COVID safe manner. In the last quarter we made 166 visits, assisting 232 adults and 161 children.

We are always looking for new members. If you feel that you can volunteer a couple of hours per week to be part of our group, you will find it an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Please give this request some consideration; then contact the Parish Office on 56 721 111 and one of our members will ring you to talk about your involvement and answer any questions.

- **WALKING IN THE SPIRIT NATIONAL PRAYER PILGRIMAGE FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL:**

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the **Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9th July 2022**. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us.

Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit

- **MAY IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH.**

In 2016 the Catholic Bishops of Victoria released a statement committing themselves to the elimination of domestic and family violence in which they say:

Our goal must be a society where all people are safe in their home, families, and close relationships; where violence and abuse are not acceptable; and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person. This is part of the Gospel vision of love and respect. With domestic and family violence on the rise, we are all called to work in ways to eliminate this type of violence.

The contents of this statement remain relevant as domestic and family violence incidents have increased since 2016. This month, you are invited to read the Bishops 2016 statement to learn more about a Catholic response to Domestic and Family Violence. To read the statement visit

<http://www.faithsafe.org.au/images/catholic-kit-family-violence.pdf>

(Please read the statement that is posted on this site at the end of the bulletin.)

(There is also a Flyer for SHINING A LIGHT A workshop about Domestic Violence on Saturday 4th June, 2022 at St. Joseph's Church (Marian Room) 3 Witton Street, Warragul. RSVP 31/5/2022 Parish Secretary:

Warragul @cdsale.org.au. A WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S WONTHAGGI ON 25TH JUNE, 2022. A letter supporting these workshops from Bishop Greg Bennet, Bishop of Sale follows this bulletin.

- **Mary MacKillop Australian Pilgrimage:**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage. "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18th October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29th October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

I am happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at National.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 02 891 24818.

Annie Bond rsj

Assistant Director-Responsible for Ministries.

- **DIVINE RENOVATION: "Do you want to help parishes move from maintenance to mission?"**

Divine Renovation Ministry is hiring! We're currently seeking candidates for 3 Relationship Guide roles for Queensland, NSW, and Victoria. If you (or someone you know) feels called to serve the Church through ministry work by accompanying and offering support to priests and parishes on the renewal journey, we encourage you to check out the position and apply at www.divinerenovation.org/jobs. Please contact us at australia@divinerenovation.org for more information.

- **EMMAUS SALE:**

INTERNATIONAL IGNATIAN ECOSPIRITUAL CONFERENCE (IIEC2022)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=713pwSLiTV4>

- **BISHOP'S LAUNCH STATEMENT FOR TRINITY FAMILIES 2022 APPEAL:**

I am delighted to launch the Diocese of Sale Trinity Families 2022 May Appeal. Trinity Families is the charitable arm of the Catholic Diocese of Sale and provides funding through grants to other charities working to provide services and programs for families within the boundaries of the Diocese. Since its inception (originally named Bishop's Family Foundation), Trinity Families has provided over \$2,000,000 in grants. For the past two years this Annual Appeal has been on hold due to the impact of COVID but Trinity Families, through sound management, has still been able to provide grants in 2020 and 2021.

Your donation to the Trinity Families 2022 Appeal will assist with the ongoing support given by Trinity Families throughout the Diocese of Sale. I encourage you to give generously and pray for those who are providing the programs services.

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

(Please see the attached flyer for further details.)

- **COME JOIN OUR PRAYER SHAWL GROUP:**

We gather once a month (3rd Monday of the month) to knit or crochet shawls & rugs that are blessed at Mass, wrapped with a prayer card, and then freely given to those who may be struggling with life in any way. Simple patterns and wool are available. Wool donations are gratefully accepted (8ply acrylic preferably).

We next meet on **Monday 16TH May, @ 2:15pm in the Inverloch Church Annex (following the Meditation Group)**. All welcome, even non-knitters who may like to make the tea/coffee and enjoy a chat. You can also still be a part of this valuable ministry by knitting at home if you cannot attend meetings. For enquiries or to obtain a rub/shawl for someone you know who may benefit from receiving one (no cost), please contact the

Parish Office or one of the following ladies:

Philippa Warby: 0408 331 340

Maureen Maartensz: 0407 055 447

Julie de Bondt: 0407 535 032

- **MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE (MMHC)**

'Cuppa with Mary' When visiting Melbourne, please include a visit to the Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trails and Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which include a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$20 per person. **Contact Kate on 03 9926 9300 for a group booking.**

Learn about the Mary MacKillop's story and ministry through participation in a two-day program at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. Titled **Mary MacKillop "Daughter of Melbourne"** in this program, you have opportunity to explore the Life and Spirit of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as well as have a guided tour of places in Melbourne that were connected with Mary and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Victorian Story and time for personal reflection. While this is an opportunity to learn about and be touched by the life and spirit of Mary MacKillop, it is also an opportunity for you to explore and share the challenges and stirrings in your own heart as you respond with others to action today. You can access more information, obtain a brochure, and register for this two-day event.

Mary MacKillop Gift shop- With Easter coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph by purchasing a present from the **Museum Gift Shop** (communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books, and Peruvian handmade items).

Accommodation Specials- With Melbourne opening up again, book a stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. **Contact Kate on 03 9926 9300.**

- **PATHWAYS VICTORIA:** Bishop Greg Bennet said: I join the Catholic Bishops of Victoria in our renewed and sincere apology to all victims of sexual abuse by clergy and Church personnel. We pledge ongoing commitment to ensure all those who have allegations of abuse have an appropriate independent process in order for them to tell their story in safety, and to have an appropriate pastoral response which respects their particular individual needs and circumstances. **For further information about Pathways company and the new model is available in the Pathways website: www.pathwaysvictoria.com**

- **ASSEMBLY: PLENARY COUNCIL: Keep up with the latest Plenary news:**

The Connection between the Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops.

There has been some confusion amongst people about the Synod and the Plenary Council. In preparation for the 5th Plenary Council of Australia, we have been on a four-year journey of listening, dialogue and discerning what God is asking of us in Australia at this time.

Now Pope Francis is asking us to a similar thing, but together with the entire Church worldwide. As Christ's church, we are all called to living in a synodal way, attentive to others and ready to walk alongside one another. In your parishes you will have already experienced aspects of living synodally as a faith community. The synodal journey is not something which ends with the Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome

in 2023 but is meant to be the way in which we are to be disciples of Christ, bearing his Good News for the transformation of ourselves, the church and the world.

Bishop Shane Mackinlay (the Plenary Council's Vice-President) is featured in a brief video (1.5 minutes) explaining the connection between the Plenary and the Synod of Bishops.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-JgRwx5NnQ>

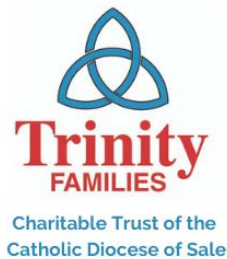
To watch the full video (6-minute version) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnz0DCXGZ10>

- **Cry of the Earth the Social Justice Statement can be read on**
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>.
 - **MISSAL ON LINE: 'An App' which Father Darren Howie finds very helpful is Universalis.**
This will allow you to follow the Daily Mass.
 - **CARITAS AUSTRALIA:**
There is still time to support our global neighbours as they tackle the challenges of poverty.
Your generosity today can help create a better tomorrow for people living in some of the most remote and marginalised communities in the world.
All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.
Caritas Australia: www.caritas.org.au
 - **CATHOLIC CARE: New self-help mental health service for parents, families and individuals.**
Teaching children and young people how to keep safe online (on how to use technology wisely) is important for their mental health and wellbeing.
But as a parent or carer, ensuring eSafety for kids and teens can feel overwhelming or unachievable. Whether you're worried about cyberbullying, privacy, online content, social media, or time spent using technology, there's things parents and carers can do to help keep kids safe.
To learn more please contact CatholicCare Victoria.
 - **Aid to the Church in Need Australia**
This month can you provide transport to help priests and religious reach and nourish the faithful in Tanzania? Your offering will bridge the divide between priests and their people in Tanzania due to the harsh terrain and dangerous travel. By providing a means of transport, the faithful will be able to participate in more frequent Masses and partake of the Sacraments, as well as providing a means of help to the people, including pregnant mothers, to reach medical facilities. To make an offering to ACN's Project of the Month visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject
- P.O. BOX 335, PENRITH NSW 2751
1800 101 201/ 02 9167 9517
- **We have been emailing and sending out important communications from the Diocese and if you would like to be involved and receive this information then please contact the Parish Office on 56 721 111 or email your details to wonthaggi@cdsale.org.au.**

- **WORKING WITH CHILDREN: AS WE ARE HOPING TO RETURN TO A ROSTER SYSTEM FOR READERS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS IN THE NEW YEAR, THIS IS JUST A REMINDER TO CHECK THAT YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN HASN'T EXPIRED AND IF IT DOES NEED RENEWING PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE WITH THIS.**
- Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk. Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding
If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Contact Kristine McRae via the Parish Office: 03 56 721 111 or St. Joseph's School Safeguarding Officer 03 56 721 052. Take care, we are here to help.

Lend a hand...Locally

Donate to Trinity Families' Annual Appeal this May



Scan to donate,
visit www.trinityfamilies.org.au
or give in your parish

With generous support through the Trinity Families 2021 grant, FareShare has been able to cook and deliver thousands of cooked, nutritious meals to local agencies, charities and schools in Gippsland to support vulnerable people in the region.

-FareShare



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6th May 2022

Dear Father, Deacon, Parish Leader,

Families are a vital part of parish and community life. We want to promote strong and flourishing families and relationships. As such, we cannot ignore the critical issue of domestic and family violence within our local communities, and the Gospel mandate that calls us to do something about this.

Following the release of the 2015 Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence, which encourages faith communities to be proactive about addressing domestic violence, the Victorian Bishops wrote a pastoral statement as a part of a Domestic Violence Resource Kit, put together by Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV), for parishes. To further support the implementation of this resource, several parishes in Victoria engaged Sister Nicole Rotaru RSM (auspiced by Catholic Social Services Victoria) to equip themselves to deal with domestic violence. The workshops helped to deepen the participants' understanding of what domestic violence is, the various ways in which it is overtly and insidiously perpetrated and provided a closer examination of the impact that domestic violence has on women and children and how we can respond and work to prevent this. Recent research has sadly indicated that violence is used just as much within faith communities as it is in the general population.

I am pleased to inform you that Sr Nicole is hosting workshops within our own parish communities in the diocese over the coming weeks and months. This will make up a 'pilot' program of workshops and will develop the capacity for an effective whole-of-Church response to the prevention of violence against women, children, and men.

These workshops aim to:

- build awareness of the complexity, immediate and inter-generational impacts amongst faith leaders and influencers in the community,
- build awareness of the propensities that faith communities have to prevent and respond well to situations of violence, and also propensities that may dismiss, perpetuate and at worse allow domestic violence, and
- create connections within and across faith communities and local social services that allows for the pooling of resources and mutual support for activity that creates a community of care, respect, and love – and which actively addresses the gendered drivers of violence.

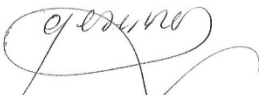


In engaging in this pilot project, we hope that our diocese will become an example of how we can effectively and whole-heartedly work towards being in right relationship with each other — that all our relating to one another builds up the dignity of each person and promotes each one's flourishing – man, woman, and child.

I commend this project and give all involved my blessing. I pray that together we can work toward a community that is free from any form of violence against each other. We pray that our families can all be a place of safety, love and nurture, and flourishing.

If you have any enquiries, or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm on nicolerotaru0@gmail.com or Joshua Lourensz, Executive Director of Catholic Social Services Victoria at Joshua.Lourensz@css.org.au. If you would like to learn more about this important issue, please visit www.css.org.au/advocacy-policy/prevention-of-family-violence/.

With every grace and Blessing

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Bishop Greg Bennet
Bishop of Sale