

Mary Queen of Apostles – Goulburn Mission

May 2024 NEWSLETTER



Marian Month



The Month of May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

“She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us.” —Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, no. 176

As Pope Benedict XVI reflected in Deus Caritas Est (Dec. 2005), *“Outstanding among the saints is Mary, Mother of the Lord and mirror of all holiness. Mary’s greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself. She is lowly: her only desire is to be the handmaid of the Lord (cf. Lk 1:38, 48).”* Mary, more than anyone, can show us Jesus, lead us to him and teach us to know and love him, *“so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world.”*

Prayer to Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts
our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and
peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our
citizens.

Bless especially the men and women
of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



On Thursday 20 June 2024, Gaye McManus, Principal at Trinity Catholic College, is taking part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout in Canberra. By spending one night in the elements, she hopes to raise as much as possible for people without a safe home.

At the start of this school year, Trinity buried Mr Chris Hardman, their esteemed colleague, teacher and Mathematics Coordinator. During Chris’ eulogy, it was learned that in the early 2000s, Chris spent eight years living on the streets of Sydney.

The truth is, absolutely anyone can experience homelessness. It can impact people from all different backgrounds. All it takes is one just one major devastating life event – like divorce, domestic violence, or illness – for someone to lose everything. With the cost-of-living crisis, the problem is growing. Around four out of 10 people seeking support from places like Vinnies are employed full-time. They simply can’t afford their rents.

Over the next four weeks, Gaye hopes to raise at least \$4000 to help meet the unprecedented demand for Vinnies services. Gaye would most gratefully accept your support! She would so appreciate you donating to her fundraising page below.

www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/gayemcmanus

So far, Gaye has raised \$3,346 which allows Vinnies to provide the following services: 10 individual support programs, 27 beds, 111 meals.

Thank you so much for your support!

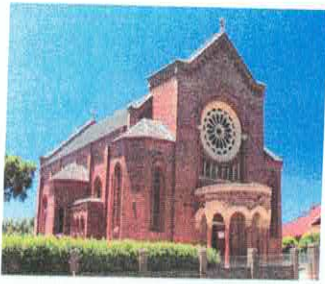
Gaye McManus

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The parish will hold a **retiring collection on 8 and 9 June.**

The Vinnies Winter Appeal is crucially important in enabling to support people experiencing disadvantage and hardship. Funds raised will be used to provide assistance with food, clothing, household bills, specialist homelessness services and support people in need to find and maintain secure housing. Thank you for your generosity which can help give vulnerable people immediate relief.

Christ the King Parish, Taralga



The parish celebrates a significant milestone, its 90th anniversary, in November 2024 on the Feast of Christ the King.

This will be an incredible time to come together as one family of God to share 90 years of history. There are more details to come. Meanwhile let us begin preparing for this celebration with this special prayer.

Eternal and Loving God,

we give thanks to you for your goodness through these 90 years of worship and witness in this Parish of Christ the King, Taralga.

We give thanks for your grace in calling us to be your people, gathering here in this building; a visible symbol of your presence among us. For these chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for us, your people.

We praise and honour your name with gratitude for you established this community for these years of your presence: "For wherever two or three have gathered in your name, you are in their midst."

We thank you Lord for fulfilling our desire to know and love you, accepting our petitions. We have received the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in Baptism through the sacraments celebrated in our Parish yearly.

You have pardoned our sins when we have fallen short of our Grace; you have gladdened us with the oils of healing and the Eucharist celebrated regularly has been a foretaste of your Kingdom.

In years past we have received the blessings of Marriages, crowning our years with goodness. We have met to farewell our dear ones and celebrate their anniversaries in the church.

We remember the benefactors of our Parish, especially those who have died in the peace of Christ, with the fellowship of your Saints. We make this prayer through Christ our redeemer and King.

Amen.



First Holy Communion Morning Tea

On Sunday 2nd June at the 10am Mass a number of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Come and join us for the celebration of this Sacrament. After Mass we will have a Parish Morning Tea in St Brigid's. Please bring a plate to contribute. All welcome!

Parish Luncheon – Sunday 30th June

We're delighted once again to promote the Mary Queen of Apostles Annual Parish Lunch. This will take place on The Feast of Sts Peter & Paul - Sunday 30th June at the Goulburn Workers Club.

This year our special guests are Fr Richard Thompson, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese, and the Hon Senator Deborah O'Neill.

We warmly encourage everyone to come along to this annual parish event. As well as sharing a convivial meal, there will be music, trivia, and much fun to be had!

Bookings through the Parish Office or:

www.trybooking.com/CRYIE

(RSVP Please by Tuesday June 18.)

Children's Liturgy Reflection

Please note the addition of the children's Liturgy reflection monthly to the website link.

Have you thought? "Mystery"

I always thought that to describe the Trinity as a 'mystery' was a bit of a 'cop out' for not offering a decent explanation. However, a theological 'mystery' is defined as something that not only are we incapable of discovering except through divine revelation, but that even when its truth has been fully revealed, we are incapable of fully grasping it. Our understanding can never be any more than partial, even when we fully accept it. This is a concept with which our world struggles – that there is something that is not fully able to be known but it's OK not to fully understand it.

Greg Sunter

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