



# Catholic Parish of St Patrick

Wellington – Stuart Town – Yeoval

Established 1856

Pastor: Rev Fr Carl Mackander

Parish Secretary: Mrs Enid Simpson

Prison Chaplain: Deacon Mike Williams

Chaplain Macquarie Prison: Fran Schubert

Parish Schools: St Mary's Wellington

St Columba's Yeoval



**5th Sunday of Easter – Year B**  
**2nd May 2021**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 21

*Let us praise God as we pray the Psalm together.*

**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live forever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before God. They shall worship the Lord, all the mighty of the earth; before God shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. And my soul shall live for God, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare God's faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'

**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia.**

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

**This week's Readings:** Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2;  
John 10:11-18

**Next week:** Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24;  
John 15:1-8

We gather to worship God of all time and all people and we acknowledge the Wiradjuri people as the traditional Custodians of this land and their cultural and spiritual connections to it.

### MISSION STATEMENT OF PARISH

To foster an **Outreaching Community**  
by developing **Relationships**  
which manifest **Christ's Love-In-Action.**

### This YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH – we pray -

“St Joseph, Deeply Loved – pray for us.  
St Joseph, Tender and Loving – pray for us.  
St Joseph, the Obedient One – pray for us.  
St Joseph, the Accepting One – pray for us.  
St Joseph, the Creative and Courageous  
Believer and Guide – pray for us.”

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Bearing fruit

*The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.*

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Diocesan website: [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au) Diocesan Youth website: [www.youth.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.youth.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

## DAY BY DAY

### Easter Season Masses:

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs. & Fri:**

**9.00am Mass**

**Saturday: Stuart Town: 8.30am**

**Wellington: 5.00pm**

**Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter Yr B**

**Wellington: 8.00am**

**Yeoval: 10.00am**

### GOSPEL PASSAGES for your personal daily prayer at home this week

Monday: John 15:1-8 Sts Philip & James

Tuesday: John 14:27-31a

Wednesday: John 15:1-8

Thursday: John 15:9-11

Friday: John 15:12-17

Saturday: John 15:18-21

**Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter**

John 15:9-17

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish faith community *Lulu Violet Olga*

*French* child of Joseph & Amy

*Max Henry Newman* child of Ryan & Stephanie

*Camila Ann Colgan* child of John & Stephanie

*Hamish Matthew Wright* child of Matthew & Clancy

*Bronte Cate Plain* child of Matthew & Mary who are all being baptised this weekend.



### The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Mass Attendance Count 2021.

The number of our parishioners who are worshipping at weekend Masses will be counted each weekend during May.

### Help for marriages under stress:

The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future.

Visit: [smartloving.org/breakthrough](http://smartloving.org/breakthrough)

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### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Jill Harris (Stuart Town), and let us pray for all who have died from Covid-19 this week.

**Anniversary:** Kit Sheridan, Mort Monk

**Sick:** Sr Marjorie Fitzgerald RSM, Kevin Den (Strathfield), Jayamary & Ravi (Malaysia), Joe Pender (CA 20's), Sr Joanna Healy OSU, Sr Alice Sullivan RSJ, Nicholas Ryan, Rob Walsh (Firefly), Steve Cosier, David Fleming CA, Eileen Hutchins (Ulladulla, brain tumour), Garry Smith (Bowral), Nola Hoffman, Bernice King (Mudgee), Margaret Ridley (Forbes, Enid Simpson's sister-in-law), Paddy Iffland (Year 1, St. Mary's School), Jenny Bremner, Dimity Fitzgerald, Judith Hiatt, Ruth Pope, Jacob Traynor, Marin Sardelic (Alexandria, brain tumour), Maree Williams (Canberra), Peter Jones (Wollongong), Garry & Kevin McMahon (SA, brothers of Michael McMahon), Brian Fulmer (Newcastle, cousin of Paula McMahon), Luke Miller, Karen "Kazza" Heiler (Toukley), Isabella Patterson (Michael & Carol White's granddaughter), Geoffrey Nicholas (grandson of Margaret Jones), Jane Hayes (Townsville), Lila Foxall (Mudgee), Baby Lillie Moore (Gundagai), Joe Doherty, Jenny Manton (daughter of Margaret Jones), Chantelle McMahon (Adelaide, Michael McMahon's niece), Marlene Williams (Bargo, sister of Delma Gersbach), Rebecca Turner, Neralie Dawson, Rosie Lozack (Noumea, niece of Margaret Jones), Sally Anne Mannix, Lee Gibbs (Hamlyn Terrace), Elizabeth Cahill, Patricia Mitchell, Garry McGuire, Sue Smith, Joy Cook (Sydney)

**Masses:** John Wilson, Norma Manning, Silverio & Estrella Alit, Angus & Daphne Gough, Fabian & Kit Kerin, deceased members of Kerin family, Agnes & Daphne Gough & deceased family members, Peter & Tony Gough

### LITURGY ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

**SATURDAY** **SUNDAY 9th May**  
**5.00pm** **8.00am 2nd Sunday**

**Welcomer:** A. East

Volunteer

**Comm:** Volunteer

M. Keirle

**Reader:** R. Conn

R. Whiteley

**Ministries this Saturday: Welcomer:** P. Sheridan,

**Comm:** M. McMahon, **Reader:** K. Taylor

**This Sunday: Welcomer:** D. Tate **Comm:** Volunteer,

**Reader:** C. Griffiths

**Flowers 8th/9th May:** D. Gersbach

**The First Collection** at Mass supports the priests of the diocese (active and retired)

**The Second Collection** – for the maintenance of our church buildings, parish insurances and parish running costs. Thankyou for any support you give!

### \* COVID-19 SIGN IN AT OUR CHURCHES

There is a QR code for electronic sign in at our Parish Churches; this new code is specific to our combined Parishes. Everyone is encouraged to use the electronic sign in, otherwise sign the Register Book as usual. Thank you.

## APPEAL FOR TIMOR LESTE FLOOD VICTIMS

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an appeal for victims of the devastating floods in Timor Leste, Australia's closest neighbour and the poorest country in South East Asia.

**Donations can be sent to:** Salesian Missions Australia, PO Box 264, Ascot Vale Vic 3032

Made via:

Website: [www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au](http://www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au)

Givenow:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionstimorleste> Phone: 03 9377 6060

Email: [salmiss@salesians.org.au](mailto:salmiss@salesians.org.au)

Donations are tax deductible.

## A PILGRIM'S WALKING RETREAT THE CARCOAR CAMINO

Friday 14th May 6pm to Sunday 16th May at 3pm. Cost \$260 (Includes all meals and accommodation) For Bookings: Phone: 6367 3058 email: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com)

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**Join our online InfoZoom on this Sunday 2nd May, visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333**



## *A Prayer For Inner Strength*

*Dear God,*

*Please give me the strength to face  
the day and to see the many  
blessings that it contains.*

*Give me the courage to walk on, no  
matter how long the path or how  
many turns the road holds.*

*Guide my thoughts so that I walk in  
love and peace and with gratitude  
stamped on my heart.*



## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd.**

**You know each of us and  
you call us by name  
to serve You in faith.**

**Help us to respond generously  
to Your voice.**

**Give courage and guidance  
to the 8 young men**

**training for priesthood in our diocese  
and also to those You call**

**to the diaconate,**

**and those you call to religious life  
or lay ministry in our diocese,  
so that they may respond**

**wholeheartedly and serve devoutly.  
Amen.**

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. **This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine.** It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

**The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life.**

This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. **The early church was a multi-ethnic community.**

It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

**Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic.** Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we

## **Pandemic-hit Britain has seen increased Church participation.**

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales say more people took part in Church services after the coronavirus pandemic hit. They have announced a plan to bring more Catholics back to the Church after noticing a higher participation in services following the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in Great Britain. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, spoke about the plan at the end of the bishops' April 19-22 plenary meeting.

*"We have discovered with online streaming, live streaming of Masses, that we get enormous congregations sometimes,"* he said at a virtual press conference on April 23. The Holy Week services were higher this year than at Liverpool's cathedral due to the live streaming. The British bishops plan to increase their footprint on the internet and to branch out to diverse media platforms. The statement -- titled ***"The Day of the Lord"*** -- says **the challenge is to bring faith to a "still greater expression and strength."**

Catholics who got out of the church-going habit and the "Covid curious" who encountered the Church for the first time figure prominently in their plan. A **third group** includes those who concluded that they have no need for communal worship. They experience a wide gap between the spiritual dimension of their lives and communal expression of their spiritual quest. *"Personal contact, clear reassurance, and sensitive invitations will all be needed,"* the bishops say of the group.

The bishops plan to accomplish their mission by highlighting the strengths of the *"veritable treasures"* of the Church. They say ***the greatest treasure is the "sacramental life of the Church and at its heart, the Eucharist"***.

They want Catholics to observe Sunday as ***"a weekly gift from God to his people"*** and the Sunday Eucharist ***"as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed."***

***It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist.***

***It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence,"*** the bishops insist.

They also praise families, parish communities and those who have worked to face challenges of ***"ill-health, grief and isolation."***