

Risen



Christ

The Most Holy Trinity

14 & 15 June 2025 - Year C

The Catholic Communities of Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham & St Francis Xavier, Montmorency



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging.



Gospel - John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Reflection - Break Open the Word 2025

This reading is a small but precious fragment of Jesus' farewell discourse with his disciples—it is reflective and meditative. John repeats his affirmation that Jesus is one with the Father, and now he adds that, when the Spirit of truth comes, the message will be the same because all come from the same source. The promised Spirit will lead them to the 'complete truth', that is to a full understanding of all the things Jesus has been teaching them, but which to date they have only partially understood.

This reading continues the ideas we have heard in recent weeks about sending the Spirit our Advocate (from John 14). The text calls for respectful and prayerful delivery.



**Congratulations to all who celebrate
their sacraments this weekend:**

Saturday, 14th June, 2025

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm

Bowie Summer Knight
Maci Bella Knight
Sonny Jude Knight
Charlie Ray Janiw
Harry Thomas Janiw
Leon David Palihena

Baptism
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Sunday, 15th June, 2025

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 10:00am

Oliver William Chesterman
Michael Anthony Cianci
Ethan James Holt
Jake Lucas Lloyd
Anthony Simon Morabito

First Eucharist
First Eucharist
First Eucharist
First Eucharist
First Eucharist

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 12:00pm

Stella Cecilia Zordan Bastiani
Joseph Charles Entecott
Kip Donald Entecott
Harper Jay Elsie Martin
Marlee Pannam

Baptism
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Baptism



*This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.
We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.*



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RECONCILIATION

available half an hour before
any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

Collections: 1 & 8 June 2025

		OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving	Cash	\$642.00	\$849.00
	Electronic	\$1,254.00	\$3,867.00
Presbytery	Cash	\$842.00	\$909.50
	Electronic	\$50.00	\$165.00

Thanksgiving / Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
March	\$8,083.67	\$15,977.50	\$24,061.17
April	\$6,796.67	\$10,257.50	\$17,054.17
May	\$6,846.67	\$7,868.50	\$14,715.17

Risen Christ Parish Calendar of Events

Saturday 14

12:00pm Baptisms: Charlie, Harry, Leon,
Maci, Bowie, Sonny Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 15

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists Eltham

12:00pm Baptism: Stella, Kip, Joseph,
Harper, Marlee Eltham

Monday 16

11:30am Holy Trinity Feast Day
Whole School Mass Holy Trinity

Tuesday 17

9:30am Mass & SFX Yr 1/2 Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

2:00pm Bethany Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 18

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

1:00pm Kairos Small Church Community Montmorency

Thursday 19

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

2:30pm Meditation Eltham

Friday 20

9:30am Mass Eltham

11:30am Funeral: Jim McShane Montmorency

Saturday 21

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Sunday 22

8:30am Mass & First Eucharist Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharist Eltham

Tuesday 24

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

7:00pm Jordan Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 25

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

Thursday 26

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:00am Emmaus Small Church Community Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

2:00pm Mass Calvary Lower Plenty Garden Views

2:30pm Meditation Eltham

Friday 27

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 28

12:00pm Baptisms: Reilly, Sebastian, Juliette
Jacob, Eva Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 29

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists Eltham

12:00pm Baptism: Audrey, Adelina, Anastasia Eltham



Damian Roff and Kate Frazier from Armidale Catholic Schools.

Melbourne prepares to host Australia's largest Catholic event in December

Preparations are ramping up as Melbourne prepares to welcome more than 10,000 young people, from Year 9 to 25 years old, later this year for the fifth Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF). Offering a range of activities including talks, Mass, prayer, workshops, live music, games, engagement with justice issues and an interactive expo, the festival will take place from 30 November to 2 December at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Diocesan and school leaders from across the country recently gathered at the Convention and Exhibition Centre for a national briefing, which included a tour of the venue and a glimpse at the festival spaces.

'This festival is going to be the largest Catholic gathering in Australia,' said festival director Teresa Rhynehart. 'And it's going to be a place of encounter for our young people. They will encounter the Church—our bishops, religious congregations, various Catholic organisations—and see the incredible breadth of the Church that exists in Australia.'

'But most of all, hopefully, there will be an encounter with our Lord. And that might be an encounter that they are having for the very first time in their life,' she said.

Dioceses across Australia are already planning their pilgrimages to Melbourne.

Kelly Paget, Chancellor and Director of Mission at the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, shared that Broken Bay is sending 120 pilgrims to this year's festival, which she sees an opportunity for 'the young heart of Australia to come together into one place' and to explore their faith.

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TERESA RHYNEHART, FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

Adrian Gomez from Catholic Schools Parramatta sees the festival as 'a precious time of encounter of the young people with their bishops,' and a moment of 'joy and excitement' as the Australian Church gathers. The diocese is planning to send almost 200 pilgrims to the festival in December.

To assist dioceses with their planning, Teresa outlined a four-phase roadmap to ACYF, which begins with prayer and discernment, followed by invitation, formation and then, finally, sending forth the young people on their pilgrimage.

For more information about ACYF, including registrations and opportunities to sponsor young people to attend, visit www.acyf.org.au. ■



Geoff Gowdie, Claire Spinelli and Fr Adi Indra from the Diocese of Sandhurst.



Fr Michael Gallacher and seminarian Patrick Harris.

Better together: Patrick Harris and Fr Michael Gallacher

Patrick Harris was in Year 11 when he was sponsored to attend the 2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth, where he got to know Fr Michael Gallacher, a chaplain for his ACYF group. Later, when Patrick decided to pursue his calling to the priesthood, his friendship with Fr Gallacher meant he was well placed to receive support and advice. The two caught up recently and reflected on their journey together.

PATRICK

I first met Fr Gallacher at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth in 2019. I was really struck by how careful he was with the Blessed Sacrament. I wasn't taking my faith overly seriously at the time, but that really laid a foundation for our friendship.

I joined his parish, St Roch's, Glen Iris, and he gave me some wonderful exposure to the apostolate and helped me understand what spiritual fatherhood was.

Fr Gallagher and I enjoy sport, we enjoy fraternity, we enjoy spending time with our families, but I think probably a little bit deeper than that is that we're both men that want to give our lives to God completely.

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PATRICK HARRIS ABOUT FR MICHAEL GALLACHER

When I was living in country Victoria, Father travelled up to Bright. He saw me on the Saturday morning and then drove home at midday to say a Saturday-night Mass. He was willing to do eight hours of travel to have a conversation with me, to see how my family was, and to make sure that the friendship we established at ACYF was maintained. It sums up his desire to always be available for the souls within his care.

Fr Gallacher taught me that God needs to be the most important thing in my life. I went from being a Sunday Mass-goer who didn't really understand what the Church taught and certainly didn't have a prayer life, to someone who felt as though the Lord was calling me to be a priest. Without those conversations with Father and without his ongoing support, I certainly wouldn't be sitting here now.

FR GALLACHER

Pat was a young man who'd obviously been brought up in the faith but was very open to learning more and prepared to be challenged. I found him very, very humble and open.

At ACYF, Pat came to the point where he said that something had been unsettling him for a couple of days. He said, 'I think you know what it is.' So I said, 'Do you think it might be that the Lord's calling you to be a priest?' to which he immediately replied, 'Yes.'

What I admire about Pat, particularly with regard to the vocation discernment, is that he really threw himself into it. He wanted to take every opportunity that was there so that he didn't miss what the Lord was calling him to. He was really keen to be at Mass, to pray every day, asking lots of questions, doing lots of good reading, really opening himself up.

In many ways, I also think he's a good example to me. He exhibits a lot of patience in the way that he deals with challenging situations.

Pat has reminded me of the optimism and the idealism that I had when I was at his stage in the vocational journey as well—just to be reminded to be joyful and really excited about what the Lord is doing. ■



Fr Michael Gallacher and seminarian Patrick Harris.

Sr Mary O'Shannassy SGS receives highest papal honour

After more than 30 years of unwavering service, Sr Mary O'Shannassy SGS OAM has officially retired from her role as senior chaplain of the CatholicCare prison ministry team in Victoria. The longest serving prison chaplain and the only female to have held that leadership role in Victoria, Sr Mary was recognised for her outstanding service on Tuesday 13 May when Archbishop Peter A Comensoli presented her with the Papal Cross of Honour—the highest honour the Pope can confer on an individual for their distinguished service to the Catholic Church.

The papal award was presented to Sr Mary at a gathering to celebrate her decades of service to the Victorian community. Earlier in the evening, a special Mass was held at St Patrick's Cathedral.

For decades, Sr Mary has been a regular presence at the state's 15 prisons, helping to establish a statewide chaplaincy team of six full-time chaplains, 10 volunteer chaplains, 60 volunteers and 40 priests. Through CatholicCare Victoria's chaplaincy services, thousands of women and men, or 'residents' as Sr Mary calls them, are provided with emotional, spiritual, sacramental and pastoral support during their time in prison and as they return to society.

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SR MARY O'SHANNASSY SGS



Sr Mary O'Shannassy SGS.

Speaking to those gathered to celebrate her retirement, Sr Mary said her ministry has always been one of presence and accompaniment.

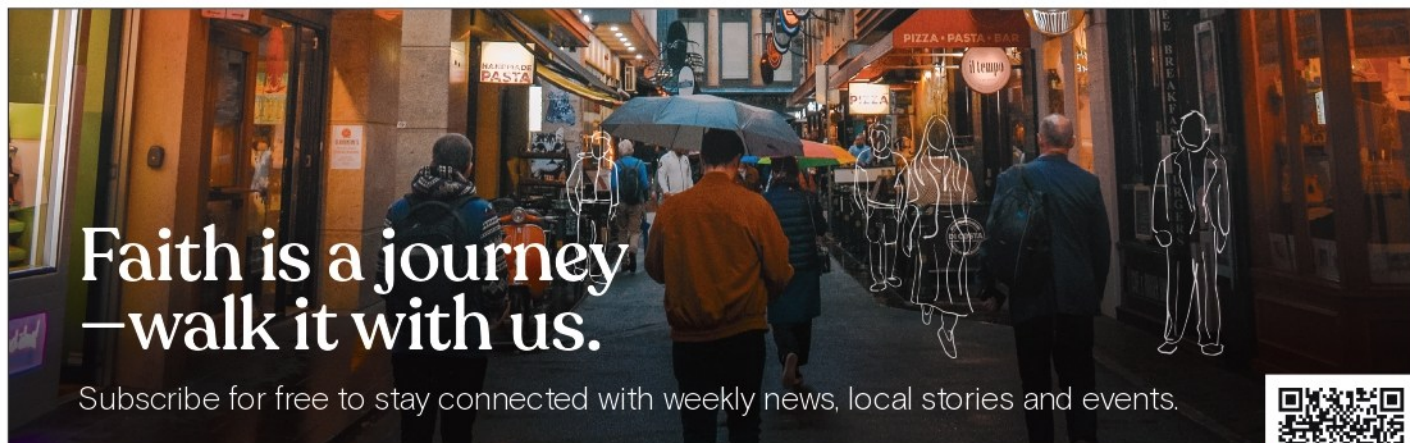
Referring to Pope Francis' comparison of the Church to a 'field hospital', she said her experience 'has been that prisons are among those field hospitals. All of us here would know that hurting people hurt other people,' she said.

'So it's the healing of those wounds ... It is being close to people ... meeting them where they are in the dark times of their lives and companioning them on their journey—being a presence, a welcoming presence, an affirming presence—[that] contributes to affirming their dignity as a person, that offers them the courage to embrace their own dignity, thus enabling each to come to respect themselves and then to be able to respect the other person,' said Sr Mary. 'This is a privilege.' ■

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The spirit of St Augustine shows itself in 'calm, measured' Pope Leo XIV

It is not every day that a priest can say he knew the Pope before he was famous, but Fr Brian Buckley OSA can.

Fr Buckley is the prior at St Joseph's Parish in South Yarra, the centre of Victoria's only Augustinian community, and has met the world's first Augustinian Pope many times—when he was Fr Robert Prevost OSA and serving as prior general for the Augustinians from 2001 to 2014. These encounters took place in Melbourne and Sydney, in Rome, and often in South Korea, where Fr Buckley served for 30 years. 'Because he was ... our prior general worldwide, he obviously visited all our communities around the world,' Fr Buckley says.

I sense a particular significance and providence in our Holy Father being St Augustine's spiritual successor.

FR BRIAN BUCKLEY OSA

He remembers Pope Leo XIV as a conscientious, meticulous person, with a 'very calm, a very reassuring presence and style of leadership' and believes the new pope is likely to balance the work of Pope Francis with his own measured approach, playing, 'as he said quite a few times in his initial address, that role as a bridge builder. I'd never been in the presence of Pope Francis, [but he] exhibited a little bit more of the Latin spontaneity. Bob, or Robert, probably is a little bit more reserved.'



Pope Leo XIV, then Fr Robert Prevost, at Collaroy Beach during the Augustinian Youth Encounter, after World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008. (Photo courtesy of Order of St Augustine office of the Provincial, Australia.)

The Augustinian order has a small presence in Australia—and only three priests at South Yarra—but there are historically significant Augustinian figures in Australia's post-settlement past, including the first Archbishop of Melbourne, James Alipius Goold, an ordained Augustinian priest who came to Australia from Ireland as a missionary in the 1830s, before his elevation in 1848.

Fr Buckley says the spirit of St Augustine is already imbued in Pope Leo XIV's ministry, noting that the Pope's first homily was 'bristling with images and references to the writings and spirituality of that great figure'.

'I cannot say that the shock of the election of Leo XIV has passed. I feel rather the full impact of that shock wave is still to peak,' Fr Buckley says. 'I sense a particular significance and providence in our Holy Father being [St Augustine's] spiritual successor.' ■

Broadcast and livestream of Masses at St Patrick's Cathedral

MONDAYS-FRIDAYS • 1PM*

SATURDAYS • 8AM*

SUNDAYS • 11AM**

*Livestreamed on
[youtube.com/archmelb](https://www.youtube.com/archmelb)

**Broadcast on community channel C31/digital television channel 44 and livestreamed on
[youtube.com/archmelb](https://www.youtube.com/archmelb)



Upcoming events at St Patrick's Cathedral

EVERY THURSDAY • 6.30PM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

For the past 25 years, young Catholics from across Melbourne have gathered at the Cathedral for a time of prayer, music, confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

SUNDAY 22 JUNE • 11AM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession. Beginning with 11am Mass, followed by a Eucharistic procession from the Cathedral through the CBD to Federation Square. All are welcome!



*Let us pray for all those who have gone
before us marked with the sign of faith ...*

Montmorency

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:
*Suzanne Agius, Siobhan Lappin, Frances McDonald,
Jarrod Mizzi, Cindy & Ed Morrissey,
Regina Roszczenko (mother of Liz Gray), Jeanne Vanderwert*

For the recently **deceased**:
Cabrini Young, Rod Marsh, Hugh (Jim) McShane

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:
*Moira Anderson, Terry Hollyoak, Fr James Murtagh
Andrea Skender (5th anniversary)*

Eltham

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:
*Penny Boyce, Ruth Decker, Mary Luttick,
Bernard Murray, Audrey Tunks*

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:
Terry Hollyoak

To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office
9435 4742 or RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au.

Scarves, Socks & Beanies

- E X T R A O R D I N A R Y -

Your generosity and kindness with contributions of warm garments is overwhelming! Thick thermal socks and gloves, fur lined beanies & warm knitted scarves. I am sure the homeless around Melbourne are so warmed not only by your contributions but also by your generosity and love. It speaks so loudly of the heart of Jesus alive & at work in our Parish Communities. We are Pilgrims of hope and joy reaching out and gathering in others with us.



Thank you all so very much.
Mary OLHC and Patsy SFX



Pastoral Visitation Volunteers



Dear Friends, this is a reminder of the Meeting we advertised in last weekend's Bulletin. The meeting will be held in the

Gathering Space of **Our Lady Help of Christians Church at 10.30am on this Thursday 19th**.

Whether you placed your name on an earlier list or not but wish to join us to see what is involved in visitation to Calvary Lower Plenty Garden Views, or St Vincents Care, you are most welcome.

We will have the Pastoral Carers from each of these facilities with us to answer any of your questions. Peter Williams will join us to offer any safeguarding issues that may arise.

Tricia Stephens ph 0416 212 544 and Patsy ph 0429 439 675 look forward to greeting and welcoming you then.

Thank you.

Small Church Community Facilitators Meeting



There will be a meeting of SCC Facilitators in the Parish House Montmorency this **Sunday 15th June after the 8.30am Mass**. It will be great to gather again and discuss the up coming SCC Awareness weekend on 21st/22nd June. This year we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of SCC's in the St Francis Xavier Community.

Thank you to all those involved in this amazing journey!



When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

Roster for week ending 15 Jun 2025

Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Cotter, Anne	CLNR
Cseh, Ferenc	E10:00
Davidson, John	W8:30
Donnellan, Denice	E10:00
Dunell, Linda	ASE
Dunell, Linda	E10:00
Heyhoe, Margaret	R10:00
Kenny, Michael	W6:00
McKinley, Michael	W8:30
Nolan, Kathleen	PRYR
Rough Family	PRSE
Roy, Yvonne	E10:00
Said, Marie	ASRC
Said, Mike	ASRC
Scully, Greg	C10:00
Smith, Neil	E10:00
Volunteer Please	H10:00
Volunteer Please	H10:00
Volunteer Please	H10:00
Volunteer Please	H10:00
Wood, Gerard	CLNR
Wood, Marie	LoW-01 Thu

Roster for week ending 22 Jun 2025

Armstrong, Miranda	H10:00
Capuana, Marisa	LoW-01 Thu
Donnellan, Denice	H10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	H10:00
Edwards, Elisabeth	H10:00
Goodison, Pauline	CLNR
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Kulkens, Mark	W6:00
Mallia, Anthony	E10:00
Maynes, Phil	W6:00
Nolan, Kathleen	C10:00
Northrop, Greg	E10:00
Ramsdale, John	W8:30
Reardon, Kathy	ASE
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Ryan Family	PRSE
Taylor, Trish	R10:00
Williams, Anne	PRYR
Williams, Peter	PRYR
Wood, Marie	CLNR
Wood, Marie	W8:30

ASE = Altar Society @ Eltham;

C = Commentator;

CLKR = PowerPoint Clicker @ SFX;

CLNR = Cleaner @ SFX; R = Reader;

E = Eucharistic Minister;

H = Hospitality;

LoW-01 = Liturgy of the Word with Communion @ SFX;

PRSE = Pilgrim Rosary Statue @ Eltham;

M = Music; W = Minister of the Word

**Montmorency Conference of
St Vincent De Paul (SVDP)
Diamond Anniversary
23 Sept 2025 - The Story so Far**



1965 - What a great year! Although St Kilda were minor premiers in 1965, Essendon defeated St Kilda in the Grand final by 35 points. It was also the year that St Francis Xavier's Church in Mayona Road was officially blessed and opened on 25th July 1965 by Archbishop Simonds. Only two months later, five men formed the Montmorency conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Some descendants of three of these families are still parishioners of the SFX Community. Leo and Ann Collins are children of Terry Collins, Bernadette Plunkett and Mary O'Callaghan are daughters of Jack Dwyer, and Ray O'Callaghan, who was himself a foundation member, is the son of Norbert also a founding member. Tom Dandy was also a founding member. He and his wife, Connie, owned a haberdashery shop in Were Street and one of their daughters is featured in a photo of Were Street in 1953 on the window of the Food Works supermarket and also on the wall of the Fusion Café in Were Street.

Over the 60 years there have been at least 60 men and women who have been members of Monty SVDP conference and at present we have 9 women and 9 men who are active members of the conference. We are currently trying to ensure that we identify the names of all of our past members. Whilst we have a register of most members, please let us know if you are aware of a family member or friend who you think may have been a member.

We look forward to sharing further stories of Monty SVDP in the lead up to the Diamond Jubilee in September 2025.

Winter Appeal

Tax receipts and letters of thanks have been sent to all who requested a tax receipt. If you did not receive your tax receipt call Mike on 0417 221 245

How to donate to the SVDP Winter appeal

Envelopes: SVDP envelopes are available at SFX in church pews or at the tables at the entrance doors or at the Presbytery/church office. You are welcome to leave your donations and/or envelopes in the SVDP Donation boxes on the tables near the entrances to the church, at the Parish Office or to an SVDP member. Tax receipts can be issued by simply completing name and address on the envelope.

Direct Credit: BSB 063 003 Account 1008 1787 with Montmorency 916 in the reference box. In this way monies will be credited to the Montmorency Conference account and stay within our community.

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By Phone: 13 18 12 and state your donation is for the **Montmorency or Eltham Conference.**

In terms of directing funds back to the Montmorency or Eltham Conferences, we request that you state Montmorency or Eltham in the "Comments/Conference Name box" which is just after the postal address box.

Assistance is always promptly available to the community from your local conference by contacting the St Vincent de Paul Call Centre on 1800 305 330 between 10am and 3pm weekdays.

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Did not our hearts burn within us
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LUKE 24:32

Pilgrims of hope

SUNDAY
22 JUNE 2025

Parishes, schools, communities
and groups are invited to bring
their banners!

11:00am	Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne
12:15pm	Procession begins From St Patrick's Cathedral
2:30pm	Arrive at Federation Square Afternoon Prayer and Benediction

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