

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th October, 2022



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The phone will be transferred to the on-call priest so that Hospitals, Aged Care facilities, Funeral Directors or others seeking the services of a priest may be responded to.

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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation. We recognise their heritages, their cultures and their continuing connection to land and community, and we pay respects to elders past, present and emerging.

We are a child safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government, implementing procedures and standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Cathedral Clergy:

Fr Ed Moloney
Fr Abraham Thomas
Fr Jim McKay

Visiting Priests:

Fr Dan Arundell
Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Admin:

TBA

Finance Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

Sacraments:

TBA

Safeguarding Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

Readings this week: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (16th October)

First: Exodus 17:8-13 **Second:** 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

Readings next week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (23rd October)

First: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 **Second:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

RECENT DEATHS:

Rozaria Kapovic, Gilbert Shields



ANNIVERSARIES:

John Anderson, Margaret Blaw, Francis Canty, Felix Favalaro, Maurice Fay, Frederick Hale, Lorna Holmes, Francis Kennedy, Gwendoline McCunnie, Mary McDonald, John Morphett, Mary Moynihan, Shirley Naylor, Pauline Nickels, Basil O'Brien, Eileen Power, Quagliato Family, Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Elva Ratcliffe, Carmen Schembri, Thomas Sheridan, Sosic Family, Joseph Stoffels, Liam Styles, Francis Taylor

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Alice Mae and Evelyn Joy Grumley children of Steven and Theresa
Ellie Jayne and Pippa Anne Maher children of Joshua and Bronwyn
Michael Robert O'Connor child of Shannon and Emma

"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." Pope Francis.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS

St Patrick's Parish Council is seeking nominations to serve and assist with the mission of the parish in the following ways:

- * Promote the Sacramental life of the Church
- * Assist in promoting the Word of God through various programmes and activities in the parish
- * Help Parish to grow in a sense of loving and caring as a community through activities on all levels especially assisting in formation of young people and children
- * Outward looking to reach all geographical areas in the parish and connecting the community with a view to belong and evangelise in the name of Jesus Christ to those seeking, suffering and in need.

Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Wednesday nights

The Holy Hour concluding with Benediction will assist us in the process of the formation of the Parish Council. It will be held on Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm - 8pm from 28th September until 9th November. This time of silent prayer and reflection on a passage of Scripture taken from the Acts of the Apostles re the formation of the Early Church in the Gospel of St Luke's will enrich us greatly. Everyone is welcome to pray with us.

NATIONAL CARERS WEEK AUSTRALIA: 16-22 OCTOBER, 2022

National Carers Week is a time to recognise and celebrate the 2.65 million Australians who provide care and support to a family member or friend <https://carersweek.com.au/>. We pray for all carers: Lord God, we pray for all who care for family members and friends. Surround them with the love, encouragement and the strength of others in all their works. Lord hear us.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

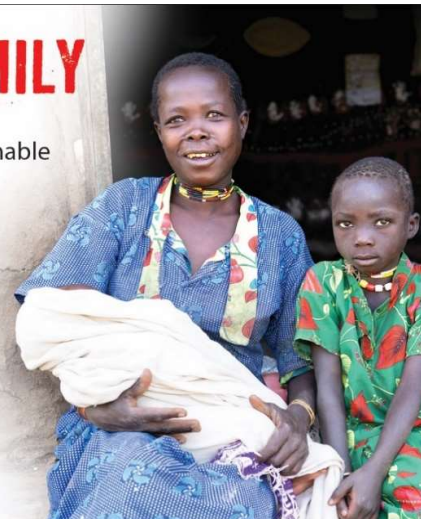
Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

(LUKE 18:1-8)

In today's gospel, the narrator has the Lukan Jesus introducing the reader to a parable "about the need to pray always". If the parable that follows were really about prayer, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for anyone and is reluctant to hear the pleas of the exploited! There are clearly problems with this and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has added Jesus' introductory words, his final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words and the three questions at the end. The original parable was almost certainly told in another context and ended with the words of the judge. It has acquired different meanings as it has shifted from an oral to a written context and the Lukan author adjusts it rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities.

The action is located in "a certain city", suggesting that it is a story for any and every city where the vulnerable persist in seeking justice. There are two main characters, the judge and the widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? There may be a hint in this that he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary. We might well ask what sort of judge, especially a judge in the Jewish tradition, would admit that he has no respect for God or anyone else.

A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. A literal translation reads: "so that she won't finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Might Jesus be drawing attention to the plight of those in that society who can only get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the untested assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. In fact, like the God of Israel, she uses only her constant appeal for justice. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not entirely clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that those who seem to have little power can win out in the end if they have the courage to persist in their struggles for justice, an encouraging message in the face of ongoing planetary distress.

– Veronica Lawson RSM

WISDOM AT THE CATHEDRAL

Speakers from the Sapientia Project, Anna Krohn and Fiona Bradley, will run an afternoon on The Parables of Jesus on Saturday 22 October from 2.00pm to 4.45pm in the MacKillop & Glowrey rooms. The afternoon includes talks from both speakers, discussion and afternoon tea. \$5 donation. All welcome. For more information see the flyer on the parish noticeboards or contact: Fiona on 0402 474 074 email: info@sapientiaproject.com

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October

<https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

Prayer for Mental Health month: Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

7.00pm – Parish Pastoral Council

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$2,223.35
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$2,894.00
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

(no devotions due to Funeral Mass)

10.45am Funeral Mass (Rozaria Kapovic)

Friday – 12.05pm

(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

Saturday – 10.00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6.30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Saturday Morning Prayer 7.30am

Monday-Friday Evening Prayer 5.00pm

Monday/Tuesday after 10.00am Mass
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday after Mass Litany to St Joseph

Holy Hour & Benediction to aid formation of
Parish Council 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Thursday after 10.00am Mass – Rosary &
Procession of Our Lady of Fatima
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday after 12.05pm Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Prayer

Saturday after 10.00am Mass
**changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events.*

A Reminder from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR:

During this time of pandemic:

Communion should be received in the hand rather than on the tongue.

No sharing of the chalice.

Those distributing Holy Communion should use hand sanitiser prior to distribution and not touch anyone when giving a blessing, and holy water fonts should still be empty.