

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

First Sunday of Lent Year A – 26th February



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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.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation.

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.

Readings this week: First Sunday of Lent Year A (26th February)

First: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Second: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Readings next week: Second Sunday of Lent Year A (5th March)

First: Genesis 12:1-4

Second: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



RECENT DEATHS:

Sr Irene Monegatti RSM, Lorna Quinlan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mollie Barnett, Mecislaus Bauska, Noreen Brennan, Geoffrey Browne, Oswald Coghlan, Audrey Colbert, James Conway, Catherine Eames, Patrick Elliott, Alan Flynn, Peter Gaylor, John Harman, Ludwick Jaskulski, Patricia Kennedy, Katalin Kirsteuer, Vincent McCartin, Shannon McKnight, Susan Nielson, Rev Henry Nickel, Daniel O'Keane James Petrie, Bogdan Pisieznyk, Mary Quinn, Audrey Scarff, Francis Segrave, Olive Shelton, Thomas Simpson, Ann Thomas, Ante Tudorovic, Stephen Vaughan

MASS PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Please remember in your prayers this week Bishop Paul and the priests of the diocese as they attend the Ballarat Diocesan Annual Retreat.

There will be no 7am Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Masses are Monday 10am, Tuesday 10am, Wednesday 10am, Thursday 10am Mass and 2pm Requiem Mass for Lorna Quinlan, with Friday 12.05pm Mass and 6pm Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Catholic Women's League in concert with all Christians throughout the world especially encourage all parishioners to join in the World Day of Prayer events in the coming weeks. With world peace threatened by the Ukrainian conflict and threats by China over Taiwan, it is appropriate that we come together as Christians to pray for ongoing peace in our world.

Thursday February 23rd - 10am Rosebank Retirement Village, Sebastopol

Friday 3rd March - 2pm St John's Catholic Church Skipton

Friday 3rd March - 5.30pm St Peter's Catholic Church Daylesford

Sunday 5th March - 2.30pm St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church Buninyong

Thursday 9th March - 10.45am Nazareth House Chapel-(RAT test needed/mask)

Parish Mass with Anointing, St Patrick's Day March 17th, 2023:

On Friday, March 17th our Lenten Mass with Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. This is a great opportunity to celebrate St Patrick's Feast Day, our Parish and Diocesan Patron Saint. It has been our custom to serve lunch to the Parishioners following Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the hall before Mass. Assistance to prepare lunch at 10.00 am and help with the serving would be very much appreciated. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of our Parish Community. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone the Parish Office on 53312933.



First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion/](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/), or by calling 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion resources 2023

Parish and school resource booklets for Project Compassion 2023 can be downloaded at <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/project-compassion/>.

The theme "For all future generations" continues this year.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Milla Jane Rogan child of Shane and Kirralee
Mirella Mara Saravanja child of Stephanie

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

FORMATION FOR PROCLAIMING THE WORD:

Sacred Scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy and it is from the Scriptures that actions and signs derive their meaning (CSL 24)

To enable the Assembly to develop an appreciation of Scripture by listening to the Sacred texts proclaimed aloud, those reading scripture must be prepared both spiritually and technically.

On **Sunday 5th March** (1.30 – 4.30 pm in the Mackillop Glowery room), St Patrick's Cathedral Liturgy Committee is holding a formation day for both experienced and new to proclaiming the Word. All interested in the Ministry of Lector are urged to attend. This invitation is for those wanting to proclaim the Word at Sunday and weekday Masses.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated during Lent at 6.40 pm each **Friday** evening.

2023 Parish Lenten Program

We still have some resource booklets available for collection at the Parish Office during office hours, Tuesday to Friday, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. The cost per booklet is \$7.00. This program is suited to group or individual reflection.

For anyone who is seeking to join a group, we have a Friday morning group with vacancies. If you are interested, phone Kay on 0411 866 532.

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20.

St Patrick's Cathedral Junior Choir

Students from Years 3 to 8 are invited to join our St Patrick's Cathedral Junior Choir to sing at four Parish Masses this year. Our first Mass will be on Saturday 25th March at 6.30pm, the 5th Sunday of Lent. The choir will be accompanied and led by Judy Gustus on guitar and will be singing a variety of music that students may be familiar with from school.

Practices will be on:

- Sunday 26th February at 3.30pm
- Monday 6th March at 4.15pm
- Sunday 12th March at 3.30pm
- Monday 20th March at 4.15pm

The alternating days are to enable more students to attend at least one or two practice sessions. Practices will go for about 75 minutes and will take place in the Mackillop and Glowrey Rooms (St Patrick's Cathedral Hall). Snacks will be provided. Parents who would like to help are most welcome, but you must have a current Working with Children Check. If you are interested in being part of this choir, please call Judy Gustus on 0400344533 or email: jgustus58@gmail.com with your name and contact details.

Reconciliation Program

The 2023 Junior Reconciliation program has begun and dismissals will occur during the **6pm Mass Saturday 26th February and 10:30am and 5pm Masses on Sunday 27th February**, when candidates continue their preparations. Please pray for the candidates. Any queries, please contact Tony at the Parish Office.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC met for the first time for 2023 last Tuesday.

Members of the PPC are:

Fr Ed Moloney, Fr Abraham Thomas, Fr Jim McKay, Leo Styles (Chair), Peter Morris, Anthea Stanton, Maria Noonan (Deputy Chair), Carmel Kavanagh, Giacomo Angeli, Carolyn Gately, Doris Bastion, Pat McOwan (Deputy Chair), Jess Salazar, Xavier Mani Savari Dass, Thien An Tran, Tommy Theckumurry, Chris Kavanagh, Michael Kearney, Susan Crowe (Secretary)

A New Mass for Lent – Missa Cantata

To mark the commencement of the liturgical season of Lent, a new mass will be introduced on the weekend of 25/26 February. The 'Kyrie', 'Holy Holy', 'Memorial Acclamation', 'Great Amen' and 'Lamb of God' from the 'Missa primitiva' mass will be sung at masses throughout Lent. There will be a brief run through of the new mass parts a few minutes before mass on the weekend 25/26 February.

Diocesan e-News

You can view this edition at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> or you can subscribe on this page to receive future editions straight to your email address.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$1,442.00
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$2,134.45
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 10.00am

Wednesday – 10.00am

Thursday – 10.00am

2pm Requiem Mass for Lorna Quinlan

Friday – 12.05pm, **6:00pm**
(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

Saturday – 10.00am
(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

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 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Thursday after 10.00am Mass – Rosary &
Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday after 12.05pm Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Prayer
6:40pm Stations of the Cross (Lent)

*changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

Wednesday
1.30pm Legion of Mary