St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th November, 2022



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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am – 5.00pm

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:

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

Sacraments:

Tony Beggs

Safeguarding Officer:

Tony Beggs

Readings this week: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (6th November)

First: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 **Second:** 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

Readings next week: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (13th November)

First: Malachi 4:1-2 **Second:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

RECENT DEATHS:

Memory (IN LOVING PROPERTY)

Kathleen Kenna, Br Douglas Evan Zock cfc

ANNIVERSARIES:

Trudi Barausky, Gladys Barr, John Blasiak, Guiseppe Bongiorno, Murray Byrne, Joseph Dawson, Veronica Flynn, Marlene Fox, Kevin Garland, Carmel Garvey, Myrtle Goodwin, Bruce Green, Kath Harman, Yvonne Hassell, Schmider Ham Hoffman, Edwin Holloway, Veronica Kelly, Anni Langhammer, Benidito Mascarenhas, Ronald McBride, Janice McDonald, Rebecca McKenzie, John McLaren, Kevin Meiklejohn, Maree Menzel, Ronald Oakley, Frederick Reed, Caroline Sinclair, Mary Taranto, Mollie Taffe, Catherine Unsy, Carlene Weickhardt, Bernie Weightman, Pat White

ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL

The Commissioning and Blessing of the Council Members will take place this week at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. The members of the Council are Leo Styles, Tommy Thekkumury, Peter Morris, Anthea Stanton, Carmel Kavanagh, Doris Bastian, Jess Salazar, Tien An Tran, Xavier Mani Savari Dass, Giacomo Angeli, Carolyn Gately, Maria Noonan

Ex Officio Members:

Chair of Parish Finance Committee: Michael Kearney

Chair of Liturgy Committee: Susan Crowe

Chair of the Local Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society: Pat McOwan

Representative Principal for schools within the parish: Chris Kavanagh

Priests:

Fr Ed Maloney: Administrator

Fr Abraham Thomas: Assistant Priest

Fr Jim McKay: Assistant Priest

Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the work of the Council will continue in the Cathedral with Scripture Meditation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Wednesday 9 November at 7.00 pm. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray at the Cathedral for the work of the Council in evangelising the Parish and wider community.

BALLARAT DIOCESE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM - ONLINE STUDY

Advent: A Holy Waiting is an additional subject being offered as an extra cycle beginning November 27 over 4 weeks by our partner, Dayton University, at a low-cost of (\$50usd). This is the only subject available in this cycle. Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/ or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

CHALLENGES IN ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A PARISH RCIA PROCESS WEBINAR:

Registrations are open for Catholic Initiation Australia Network's (CIAN) next webinar on Monday, November 14, 2022 from 7.00pm – 8.15pm AEDT via zoom. This free webinar will involve short presentations from three of CIAN's executive members who have a wealth of experience in RCIA: Lisa McKerr (Brisbane); Kathy Horan (Adelaide); Christine Wood (Hobart). It will also include breakout groups for participants to discuss their parish RCIA processes. As we work to get our parishes back on track after COVID lockdowns, people keep asking us how to get their RCIA process going again. This webinar will provide practical ideas for your parishes. REGISTER NOW!

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvcequrzMsHtFcmVq2noWDl6PP3Rq1dxJ3

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL JUNIOR CHOIR

The St Pat's Cathedral community is inviting students from Years 3 to 8 to join a choir that will lead the singing at the First Week of Advent 6.30 pm Mass on the 26th November. There will be practices on Friday the 11th, 18th and 25th of November at 5.30pm until 7.00pm in the Mackillop and Glowrey Rooms (St Pat's Cathedral Hall). Snacks will be provided. You are encouraged to attend at least one practice. 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 0400 344 533 or email: jgustus58@gmail.com with your name and contact details.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL-32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C (LUKE 20:27-38)

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder the mystery of the bonds of love that persist, even after death, in unimagined and unimaginable ways. Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These are questions that have preoccupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as "not of the dead, but of the living."

In today's gospel, some Sadducees "who say there is no resurrection" put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. He responds with an affirmation of God as God of the living and an assertion that those who have died are still living. To God, those who have gone before are alive. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system. There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God's chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place between God and God's people). At the same time, there was room for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs.

Not so long ago, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. She knew in her heart that her loved ones who have died are "alive to God", as the Lukan Jesus puts it. I too knew in my heart that the life she had generated and the love she had known and brought to others over the best part of a century somehow continues and is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that seems sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in God and in hope of deep resurrection, the hope that all that is on this Earth community will be transformed in Christ.

ST VINCENT de PAUL FLOOD APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting
 https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022

You may also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL

Masses at St John of God Hospital have recommenced. Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at 1.00pm. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA ANNUAL DINNER: NOVEMBER 11, 2022

November is the month when we are called to pray for the dead. On Friday 25th November at 7pm all families who have lost a member of their family over the past year, and administered to by the St Patrick's Cathedral parish, are invited to a Special Mass to pray for and remember their loved ones.

All parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass. A light supper will be provided.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary (MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$2,079.60 (Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1,001.00

(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am and 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am, 6.15pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

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 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

*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.