

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Palm Sunday – 10th April, 2022



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

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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

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

Visiting Priests:

Fr Dan Arundell

Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Coordinator:

Anita Houlihan

Finance Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

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Anita Houlihan

**Ballarat Health Services
Spiritual and Pastoral Carer:**

Annette Hirth

HOLY WEEK

Monday – 10.00am

Mass of Oils - **6.30pm** (note change of time)

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday – 10.00am

Reconciliation 7.00pm

Holy Thursday – 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

(please note no 10.00am Mass today)

Good Friday – 10.00am at St Columba's, Ballarat North - Way of the Cross

3.00pm Cathedral - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Ceremonies:

Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

RECENT DEATHS:

Eric Streckfuss

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lawrence Alexander, Frank Benson, Vittorio Bernardeschi, Carole Breen, Marlene Bruhn, Margaret Cowan, Robert Dobson, Brian Edwards, Joan Hardbottle, Francis Klein, Angela Loader, Eilin O'Siochain James Rieniets, Kathleen Shelley, Andrew Sherry, Stefania Slivinsky, Dorothy Strybosch, Roma Vaughan

Baptisms

This weekend welcome the following children for the Sacrament of Baptism:

Hugo Parker and Isaac Elliott Ingeme, sons of Shane and Jessica

Isla Joyce Riordan, daughter of Brenton and Rachel

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

Holy Week News

Combined Choir invitation:

The Liturgy Team and Music subcommittee invite members of the St Patrick's Community, including all rostered singers and choir members, to form a **combined choir** for the celebration of the Triduum – **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Rites**.

Practices will take place on Tuesday 12th April, at the following times:

7.15pm for Holy Thursday practice

7.45pm for Good Friday practice

8.15pm for Easter Vigil practice (this may go until 9.00pm)



**Sixth Sunday of Lent
9 & 10 April**



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

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Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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 and envelopes available from your Parish, or visit lent.caritas.org.au or phone 1800 024 413.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. A year after his execution, when his friends and family gather once more for Passover, they find new meaning in the celebration of the feast. Every Passover from now on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions. Every element of the Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither is it surprising that each of the canonical gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective.

There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable to my mind is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. "They do not know what they are doing," he says. "Not knowing" or ignorance can have disastrous consequences, as the present control of the media in Russia attests. Another unique Lukan feature is Jesus' capacity to reach out to others, to "turn towards" the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning and to express his own concern for them. In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. In Luke's gospel, Jesus is the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his Spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life.

It is easy to let our own hurt find expression in criticism of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes courage to name unjust treatment for what it is, to forgive wholeheartedly, to retain our peace of mind and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence. Palestinian activist Lucy Nusseibeh, founder of Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy, and the members of the Israeli Coalition of Women for a Just Peace have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, we might pray for the grace to act, like these Palestinian and Israeli women and like the beleaguered citizens of Ukraine, with the dignity of the Lukan Jesus and thus circumvent the cycles of violence wherever we are.

Veronica Lawson RSM

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**.

Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April, 2022

Prayers for Healing, Forgiveness and Conversions

1.00pm – viewing of Relics

1.00pm – 4.00pm Reconciliation

1.30pm - Exposition and Rosary

2.00pm - Hour of Mercy Prayers
Benediction

3.00pm - Mass

For further details, phone
Peter 0403 192 933

Please note:

Weekend Masses

From Saturday 23rd April, 2022, Mass times
will be as follows:

Saturday 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

Parish Contributions

Thank you for contributing to the
Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection

(Presbytery - Priest support)
\$1,175.30

Second Collection

(Parish – buildings, office, admin,
grounds and maintenance)
\$3,577.00
*(including envelopes, credit cards and
direct debits)*

Project Compassion

Thank you to all those who have
contributed over the last 6 weeks of
Lent. Please return boxes and
envelopes to the
Parish Office or via the collection
baskets at Mass.