

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Third Sunday of Easter – 1st May, 2022



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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

Safeguarding Officer:

Anita Houlihan

Ballarat Health Services Spiritual and Pastoral Carer:

Annette Hirth

Readings this week: Third Sunday of Easter (1st May)

First: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41 **Second:** Rv 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Readings next week: Fourth Sunday of Easter (8th May)

First: Acts 13:14, 43-52 **Second:** Rv 7:9, 14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

RECENT DEATHS:

Patricia Elliott, John McCormack, Kathy Richie

ANNIVERSARIES:

Theresa Bauer, Kevin Bilston, Richard Blanchfield, Geoffrey Bruty, Pasquale Carbone, John Chandler, Elizabeth & James Cloney, Mavis Conway, Gerard Cullinan, Andrew Currie, George Daniel, Kathleen Dodds, Bryan Dumaresq, Santolo Esposito, Julie Kramer, Kathleen Martin, Margaret Philomena Maher, Emma-Kate McGrath, Annie McMillian, Thomas Millington, Amy Neville, Juri Owczarenko, Geoffrey Ross, Mark Ryan, Michael Ryan, Frank Sheehan OAM, Gerard Sullivan, Thomas James Sullivan, Christopher Waight, Roland Woolf

Catholic Church Synod 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission'

In May 2021, Pope Francis invited the Global Catholic Church to gather and reflect on Communion, Participation and Mission within the Church. Each Diocese throughout the world has been invited to participate in this process.

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will provide an update on the Synod during the 10.30am Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 15th May.

'Through listening and discernment grounded in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in Her understanding of Her mission and looks to the future.'

Mary Help of Christians, Pray for Us.

Golden Jubilee of the Priesthood

Frs Tom Brophy and Peter Hudson will celebrate their 50 years of Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday 22nd May at the 10.30am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. The Mass will be followed by a cuppa in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall, until 12.45 pm.

Fr Peter will be 51 years, however, due to COVID restrictions the Diocese, was unable to mark this occasion last year. All parishioners are welcome, along with people from around the Diocese.

Choir practice to prepare for the Golden Jubilee Celebration

The choir will be a combined choir of all singers from the various choirs from the Cathedral and any people who would like to join are most welcome.

The choir will sing from downstairs. There will be two practice sessions held as follows:

Tuesday 10th May and Tuesday 17th May at 7.00 pm

Please come along to make the singing a Celebration to give Glory and offer Thanksgiving to God for the Ministry of Fr Tom and Fr Peter.

Sacraments of Initiation - First Eucharist (Communion)

A parent information session for children Baptised Catholic, who have been Confirmed and who have celebrated Reconciliation (*a requirement before First Eucharist*) will take place on **Tuesday 3rd May at 10.00am and 5.30pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of St Patrick's Hall. For children to be included in this preparation program, a parent/guardian is required to attend one of the sessions. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

Annual Mass Count

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May, beginning on the weekend of 7th – 8th May.

Ordination to the Priesthood – Date for your diary

Our two deacons for the Ballarat Diocese, Revs. Bill Lowry and Matt Restall, will be Ordained to the Priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 22nd July, 2022.

Gospel Reflection

- Veronica Lawson RSM

John 21 represents an addition to the original gospel text of John 1-20, an epilogue that centres on a third post-resurrection appearance. Mercy biblical scholar Sister Elizabeth Dowling has demonstrated that this final chapter of John marks an unfortunate shift in the portrayal of gender roles in this gospel, a shift that would seem to reflect struggles in the early church around accepting women in leadership roles. While women have featured prominently in earlier chapters, no women feature in this epilogue. The focus here is clearly on Peter, on his role as leader and on his relationship with Jesus. In John 20, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is Mary who receives the first resurrection appearance and she who is commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection.

In John 21, Peter goes fishing and several other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see Jesus on the shore. His disciples, with the exception of the “beloved disciple”, do not recognise him immediately. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At the invitation of Jesus, they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter. In the wake of his three-fold denial, Peter makes a three-fold profession of love of Jesus. This brings with it the responsibility of tending not only Jesus' “sheep” but also his “lambs”. This command has particular resonance for a church whose leadership has failed so many of its children. Although our Church community is not yet a community of equals, we take heart from Pope Francis' Apostolic Constitution on reform of the structure of the Roman Curia, *Praedicate Evangelium (Preach the Gospel)*. In this document, to take effect on June 5, it is notable that Pope Francis makes provision for the possibility of lay leadership, female or male, of the dicasteries or departments that make up the Curia.

While our gospel reading is filled with symbolism, we might pause to appreciate the material realities underlying the symbols. Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) probably denotes the universality of the mission. The 30% decline in large fish species in my country over the past fourteen years provides a sober reminder that the mission must include the natural world as never before. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb “to draw” has several layers of meaning in this fishing context: the disciples were not able “to *draw* in the net...so Simon Peter went aboard and *drew* the net ashore”. These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, particularly his words on the cross, “And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw *all* to myself” (12:32). The “all” allows for the whole Earth community, human and more-than-human, to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One, despite the failures of the past.

“Where is the will of God for us in loss”

You are invited to a day of reflection:

“Where is the will of God for us in loss”

to be held at the OLHC Parish, Wendouree on Tuesday 17th May from 9.30am - 2.00pm. As numbers are limited, please book by contacting Kath on 53 312 677.

Federal Pre-Election Forum

Ballarat Central Uniting Church on the corner of Lydiard and Dana Streets, invite the Ballarat community to participate in a Pre-Election Forum next **Thursday, May 5th from 5.30pm-7.00pm.**

More information may be found: <https://uniting.church/federal-election-resources/>

Parish Contributions

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection

(Presbytery - Priest support)
\$994.70

Second Collection

(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)
\$1,428.00

(including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

Weekday Masses

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Funeral Mass – 2.00pm Patricia Elliott RIP

Wednesday – 10.00am

Thursday – 10.00am

Funeral Mass – 2.00pm Kathy Richie RIP

Friday – 12.05pm

(Reconciliation at 11.30am)

Saturday – 10.00am

(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

DEVOTIONS

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

Wednesday after Mass Litany to St Joseph

Thursday after 10.00am Mass – Rosary &
Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Saturday after 10.00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(with 15 minutes silence followed by Rosary)

*changes may occur due to Funerals or other 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.