

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Second Sunday of Easter Year A – 16th April



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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am – 3.00pm

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.

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.



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: Second Sunday of Easter Year A (16th April)

First: Acts 2:42-47 **Second:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Readings next week: Third Sunday of Easter Year A (23rd April)

First: Acts 2:14, 22-33 **Second:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: John 24:13-35



RECENT DEATHS:

Anne Meich, Carmen Bruno

ANNIVERSARIES:

Majella Ahearn, Paul Anderson, Peggy Brooks, Marlene Bruhn, Kevin Cunningham, June De Beer, Suzanne Donnelly, Edward Fanning, Werner Gotthold, Daphne Haley, James (Geordie) Hayes, Jodie Hughes, Shirley Krzempek, Helen Lange, Angela Loader, Christopher Lyons, Elizabeth Lumsden, Basil Maher, Jill Briody McCaig, Andrea Pagliaro, Veronica Re, (Sr.) Eileen Riley, IBVM, Patrick Thompson, Joseph Tobin, Andries Van Der Horst, Veronica Widdison

Eucharistic Sacramental Program

Parent Information Meetings Monday April 24th 5:30pm, Thursday April 27th 10:00am & 5:30pm
Commitment Sunday Saturday April 29th 5:30, Sunday April 30th 10:30 & 5:00pm
Prayer Sunday Saturday May 6th 5:30, Sunday May 7th 10:30 & 5:00pm
Presentation Sunday Saturday May 20th 5:30, Sunday May 21st 10:30 & 5:00pm
Eucharistic Celebrations June 3rd/4th and June 10th/11th

More details on the parish-based preparation courses for children (non-Catholic school) to follow.

Volunteers Pastoral Care Workers at Grampians Health Ballarat

Grampians Health Ballarat is seeking expressions of interest for volunteers Pastoral Care Workers to provide regular pastoral care support to patients and visitors of all faiths and beliefs. If you are willing to commit to 2.5 hours per week, and provide a listening ear, then Grampians Health Ballarat would like to hear from you. Contact Paul Ryan, ph. 5320 8634 or paul.ryan@bhs.org.au

Ballarat Diocesan Archives

As part of the relocation of the Diocesan archives to the Bishop's Office, the Ballarat Catholic Diocesan Historical Committee has agreed to release some of the surplus liturgical, educational and encyclopedia material from the library collection. These books are being offered to any Church, parish or school within the diocese. Anyone wishing to know more about this collection please contact the archivist directly on archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Opportunities for Healing

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Patrick's Cathedral – TODAY, 1- 4 pm Nine 1st Class Relics of Saints will be present



Celebration will be held on Sunday 16 April commencing at 1pm with the viewing of nine 1st class holy relics: Pope St. John Paul II, St Jadwiga, Queen, St Faustina Kowalska, St Maximilian Kolbe, St Stanisław Papczyński, St Maria of Jesus Crucified from Bethlehem, St Maria Gorreti, Blessed Michał Sopoćko and Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko. It will be followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Mercy prayers, sacred music, Confession (3 Priests), and Benediction. The Divine Mercy Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm and it will finish with the blessing with the holy relics. All are very welcome to attend.

Enquiries: Peter M 0403 192 933 pete.schreenan@gmail.com .

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:28

An Evening of Healing and Restoration

Friday April 26th 7:00pm St Patrick's Cathedral Prayer for Healing and Mass and Adoration will be celebrated by Fr Wahid Riad (St Mary's Castlemaine). The evening will include songs of praise and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:30pm onwards.

Organised by Life in the Spirit Prayer Group.

Special Coronation Evensong

The coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, as King and Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023, at Westminster Abbey. To mark the occasion, the Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ the King Ballarat is to host a Special Coronation Evensong on Sunday Evening on the 30th April at 5pm.

Memorial Mass for Sr Sheila Belleville rsm

A Memorial Mass for Sr Sheila Belleville will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at St Mary's Church, Birchip at 10.00am. Following Mass there will be a cup of tea in the Belleville Room. All are welcome.

ANZAC Day Mass

ANZAC Day Mass 25th April at **9:15am** will be held in memory of all those who served in conflicts for the nation. Change of time to enhance vehicle movement before services in Sturt St.

Reflection on the Gospel-Easter 2A

(John 20:19-31)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Not so long ago we used to speak of the Sundays “after” Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays “of” Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into different movements of the one great symphony of resurrection faith. Today’s gospel tells of fear and joy and blessing. We bring our present experience of climate crisis and ongoing pandemic into dialogue with all of this.

The first scene in today’s gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors “for fear” of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. As supporters of someone executed on a political charge, they had reason to be fearful. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his “Father”. They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to be open to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in the pursuit of justice and peace.

The second and third scenes in today’s gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas seems to trust only his own experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that those who hear in the first place are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days later! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those who do believe and trust often need time to take the gospel message on board.

All three readings this Sunday affirm those who believe without “seeing”. In the reading from Acts, many who had not seen the resurrected Jesus are drawn to the community of faith-filled believers. The community addressed in 1 Peter have “never seen him [the Christ]” and yet they love him and are filled with inexpressible joy. In the gospel, we too are declared blessed: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe”,

As we continue to celebrate Easter, we join with the global community in celebrating the 53rd annual Earth Day next Saturday. The theme for 2023 is “Invest in our Planet”. We have listened to the science on Coronavirus and, for the most part, taken courageous action. We might pray for the same courageous action to save our planetary home.

Pastoral Formation Day - preparing and celebrating the sacraments of healing:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 in Ballarat

What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions and more will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called, “Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing.” Open to the public, this formation day is for pastoral care workers, clergy, hospital chaplains, lay ministers, parishioners and all those who care for the sick and will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Glowrey Room, St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat, 3 Lyons Street South from 9.30am – 5.00pm (registration from 9.00am). Cost is \$20.00 and registration (including lunch) is essential at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pastoral-formation-day-in-ballarat/>.

For more information phone 02-9701 4751. All are welcome.

Change to Daylight Saving

Saturday Vigil Mass times will change to 5.30pm due to Daylight Saving from Saturday April 15th after Easter Sunday.

Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to the next talk in the Cathedral Parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral.

Professor John Ozolins from the University of Divinity will speak on St Augustine and the Early Church Fathers on the relationship between Faith and Reason. **7pm, Friday 21 April** in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms and the talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea.

Entry by donation. For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley on 0402 474 074.

Caritas Project Compassion

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2023. Through the generosity of parishes across Australia during Project Compassion, together we have helped build a movement to create lasting change for our global community. Being part of the second largest humanitarian organisation in the world and most importantly with your support, Caritas Australia already has partners on the ground who are ready to reach out to those most in need. Together, your parish has helped make a difference now, and **For All Future Generations**. To help us process all donations and allow us enough time for donation receipting by the end of the financial year, please assist us by getting your donations in by May 31, 2023. If you need further assistance, please contact us on 1800 024 413 or www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Bishop Paul's Easter Message

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-easter-message-for-2023/>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$3,824.60
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1,351
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am and 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

2.00pm Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Anne Meich

Friday – 12.05pm, 6.00pm
(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

Saturday – 10.00am
(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm 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 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday after 10.00am Mass -
Rosary and Divine Mercy Devotion

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

Saturday Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament after Mass

*changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary
Liturgy Committee 5.15pm