

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Third Sunday of Easter Year A – 23rd April



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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: 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

Readings next week: Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A (30th April)

First: Acts 2:14, 36-41 **Second:** 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

RECENT DEATHS:



John Cheeseman, Edmund (Snow) Baker, Fr Bob Maguire

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Birch; Doreen Buckley; Paul Crowe; Patricia Elliott; John Foley; Glenda Fry; Leigh Gillett; Yvonne Greymans; Brendan Hammond; Ellen Huggett; Matthew James; Marie Jens; Geraldine Lynch; Aline Martin-Goldsmith; John Hennessy Maguire; Nance Maguire; Donald Morris; Henry Morris (snr); Dorothy Morrish; Giuseppe Munaretto; Michael Murphy; Sr Mary Majella Pierce; Kathy Richie; William 'Bill' Rinaldi OAM; William Ryan; Sr Monica Scott; Ellen Segrave; Laurence Stevens; Joseph van der Linden; Andrew Verberne (snr); Ena Watt; Garry Welsh; James Woodruff; Joseph Wuestewald

Eucharistic Sacramental Program

Parent Information Meetings Monday April 24th 5:30pm, Thursday April 27th 10:00am & 5:30pm

Commitment Mass Saturday April 29th 5:30, Sunday April 30th 10:30 & 5:00pm

Prayer Mass Saturday May 6th 5:30, Sunday May 7th 10:30 & 5:00pm

Presentation Mass 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.



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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.

Reflection on the Gospel - Easter 3A

(Luke 24:13-35)

-Veronica Lawson, RSM

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on life's journey. That seems to be a key element in today's gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and an unnamed disciple) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They urge him to share a meal with them despite his seeming reluctance and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, though in a new and transformative way.

Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women's story. It is the appearance to Peter of the resurrected Jesus that is the ground of their new faith. As the story continues beyond today's reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery.

Extraordinary things can happen to those hospitable enough to "break bread" with "strangers" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence. If we open our hearts to those who have sought a welcome on our shores and are still awaiting a path to permanency, we might come to participate more deeply in the joy of the resurrection. Opening our hearts is always possible even if extreme weather events make opening our homes increasingly difficult for some. In these times, many of us know the experience of reverse ministry where refugee friends, though "strangers" in our lands, show us what it means to be "of God".

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.

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.

THANK YOU KERRIE

We take this opportunity to thank Kerrie McTigue for her role as Finance Officer of St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat North, Wendouree, Redan, Sebastopol, and Ballarat East parishes. Kerrie has worked hard and consistently, for over four years in this role and we have appreciated her humour, presence, and diligence. We wish Kerrie well in her new role at St Francis Xavier's School Community. God Bless you Kerrie.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

“Live Your Best Life in Love”

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Date: 28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne
(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings:

Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au

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.**

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week.

First Collection - \$1,743.00
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$2,029.45
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am

ANZAC Day Mass 9:15am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm

(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

7:00pm Charismatic Prayer & Mass

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 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Thursday after 10.00am Mass -
Rosary and Divine Mercy Devotion

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

**changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events.*

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday

5.30pm – Eucharist Parent Information

Tuesday

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

5.15pm Liturgy Team Meeting

Thursday

10.00am & 5.30pm – Eucharist Parent
Information