

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st July, 2022



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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.

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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

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RECENT DEATHS:

Mike Brady, Con Britt, Livio Campana, Des Watts

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lucija Bauska, Reginald Carr, Des Elliott, Catherine Ferrari, Joseph Gleeson, Vilmos Grubits, Francis Hartigan, Gladys Hayes, Malcolm Holding, Robert Hunter, Horace Jones, Peter Kropp, Milko Kucina, Henry Kulesza, Doug McIntosh, Edmond Malone, Alberto Massarotti, Teresa Mitria, Frances Morris, John McKenzie, James McIlroy, Brenda McVey, Maureen Sandry, Giulio Santilli, Tess Sheehan, Noreen Sherritt, Moya Somerset, Shirley Swinkles, Joanne Teoh, Brian Waight, Kevin Walsh, Norah Wood

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Darcie McArthur, child of Benjamin and Emma
Helena Morrison, child of David and Kim
Charlotte Smerdon, child of Matthew and Bridie
Ivy Richardson, child of Troy and Leonie

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

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal will be held on the 6th and 7th August. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

FAITH FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MINISTRY

The St Patrick's Cathedral Liturgy Committee would like to invite you to the following sessions as opportunities for adult faith formation and development of ministry.

Sunday 7th August 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Exploring Scripture and formation for Ministry of the Word

Sunday 28th August 2.00pm - 4.30 pm

Exploring the Eucharist and formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 8th October 10.00 -am 5.00 pm

Music in our Liturgy

All members of the community are welcome to attend these sessions.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD MASS - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who gathered at the Cathedral last Friday night, or joined the livestream, to celebrate the Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr William Lowry and Fr Matthew Restall. To the Ballarat Cathedral Parish volunteers and to all who assisted with the evening – those who prepared the Cathedral, assisted with catering for the clergy prior to Mass, welcomers, ushers, anyone who assisted in any way – your time and attendance before, after and during the Mass was very much appreciated by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. We pray for Fr Bill and Fr Matt as they begin their priestly ministry in our diocese.

**JOINING WITH ROSARY TO THE SHORES (AUIP) - FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP – MONDAY 8th AUGUST MASS 10.00am FOLLOWED BY HOLY HOUR AND
BENEDICTION TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

Protection of Australia borders;
Social, political and economic stability and the world;
Respect for religious freedom;
Dignity of human life from conception to its natural end;
Families and Young people;
The Church, clergy and all assisting the Church.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Our tradition tells us that “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God” (Psalm 24). That does not stop some people from arguing over possessions or even killing for them. It never has. The invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the protracted conflict that ensued should have been a lesson to the world. The supposed weapons of mass destruction did not exist. There was much coveted oil and that seems to have been the covert justification for an unconscionable invasion that cost countless lives. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be “rich toward God” or “rich in God” find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions, including the traditional lands of First Nations People, will simply be left, at life's end, with a question: “To whom will this hoard belong?” The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God”.

Jesus is addressed as “teacher”, and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is “teacher” rather than “divider”. He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the land-owner inwards rather than out towards others and so “toward God”. First person singular pronouns predominate: “What am I to do? I have no place...I will do this...I will... I will...I will” The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, “You fool...”, and by the divine judgment on the landowner's self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today's reading from the letter to the Colossians. Here, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god (Col 3:5).

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God's people, not just to the privileged few. In refusing to “store up treasure” for our own selfish ends, we become forever “rich toward God”. This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to “be on your guard, be ever vigilant” in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.

Veronica Lawson

ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha program continues this **Wednesday 3rd August from 6.30pm – 8.00pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall, with the topic: **'How Can I Have Faith?'**

PASTORAL PRACTITIONER VACANCY AT ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL, BALLARAT

The hospital has an exciting opportunity available for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. Position description and application details are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>.

Applications close August 17, 2022.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(via Zoom during winter)

Wednesday 1.30pm Legion of Mary (St Pat's Hall)

6.30pm Alpha (MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms)

Thursday 10.00am & 5.30pm Baptism Preparation (MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms)

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$1,679.85
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1,490.00
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

Weekday Masses

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday – 10.00am

Thursday – 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm

(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

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.