

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 20th October



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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.

Bishop of Ballarat:

Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR

Parish Administrator:

Fr Ed Moloney

Assistant Priests:

Fr James McKay

Fr Francis Kureeckal MST

Fr Abraham Thomas

Priest in Charge of Syro

Malabar Community:

Fr Alex Valliyamthadathil

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (20th October)

First: Isaiah 53:10-11

Second: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Readings next week: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (27th October)

First: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

RECENT DEATHS:

Anne Abdilla, Dick Lee

ANNIVERSARIES:

Giovanni Bongiorno, Bridie Cocks, Olive Edith Conroy, John Alfred Elliott, Peter Farley, Maurice Fay, Kathleen Winifred Foley, Frederick Hale, Anne Heugle, Nancy Kearney, Sr Marie Kelly, Clare Madden, Mary McDonald, Pauline Nickels, John Pasitschny, Elva Ratcliffe, Liam Styles, Joe van der Linden

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

No Place for Dominating Others

Reflection on the Gospel-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 10:35-45)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In the kin-dom of God movement established by Jesus of Nazareth, there is no place for domination or for any exercise of power over others. In today's gospel story, this is a lesson that James and John, the sons of Zebedee, clearly need to learn. They seem to think that the structures of power operating in the Roman world are going to be replicated when Jesus conquers the forces of opposition and comes into his "glory". The two brothers, James and John, put in a bid for shared deputy leadership positions. They seem to be blind and deaf to what Jesus has been trying to tell them throughout their journey from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. They seek his patronage without reference to the rest of the leadership group who, incidentally, are not well pleased with their presumptuous companions.

James and John do not yet realise that Jesus' way is not the way of status or entitlement and that their call as disciples and as leaders of the emerging movement has nothing to do with privilege. They need to understand that it has more to do with enduring the suffering associated with commitment to one's mission and with setting others free to be their best selves. To demonstrate this, Jesus offers them an unpalatable alternative: to be "slave of all". He sustains the slavery metaphor and goes on to summarise his own mission with an image that comes out of the world of his time: "not to be served but to serve and give life as a ransom for many". A ransom was the payment made to free someone from slavery. To substitute oneself for a slave was to give one's life as a ransom for that slave. Reading the gospel from beginning to end helps us to understand the ultimate self-giving of Jesus in death as the climax of a lifetime's outpouring of love, a love that draws forth loving and liberating action in others.

There are multiple ways of enslaving others, of dominating and of trying to control them in order to achieve one's own personal or corporate ends, good or bad. The request of James and John reminds us that we can all lose sight of the liberating vision of the gospel and get caught up in destructive power struggles. As 21st century disciples, we hear the words of the Markan Jesus, 'It is not to happen with you'. We might turn our attention to those in our world who are literally enslaved. We might join with ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against the Trafficking in Humans) and with others working to obtain freedom and justice for those trapped into sexual and other forms of slavery in our own cities, a situation that was exacerbated by the recent pandemic. We might hear today's gospel as a call to serve the cause of freedom and justice by joining the struggle against this tragic phenomenon.

Heart of Life: Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation MSC

Waiting at the Well (4 weeks)

This in person series, starting on Thursday, 17 October between 1-3 pm, offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Cost \$120. Register and pay www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well/

Looking for more information on Natural Family Planning?

"Totally Yours: The Catholic Natural Family Planning Handbook" is a down-to-earth and practical book that uses real-life stories and experiences of over twenty couples to demystify natural family planning (NFP). With a healthy dose of humour, a firm grounding in Catholic moral teaching and evidence from scientific literature, this book focuses on twelve things everyone should know about NFP. From the reluctant reader to the seasoned NFP user, this book is a worthwhile read for engaged couples, married couples, clergy and anyone looking for easy-to-understand information on NFP. The book has been granted a Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur and can be purchased from Amazon

<https://www.amazon.com.au/Totally-Yours-Catholic-Planning-Handbook/dp/1068936606>

World Mission Day – THIS SUNDAY

October is World Mission Month. Pope Francis has published his World Mission Sunday message with a key theme from Matthew 22:09 of “Go and invite everyone to the banquet”. Catholic Mission have provided resources at www.catholicmission.org.au/for-parishes

Catholic Mission invites us to celebrate World Mission Month: “Together, we have the power to create change and build a more just world for people everywhere. By supporting missionaries in their work, we can create life-changing opportunities for countless children, families, and communities worldwide. Join us in making a difference for our sisters and brothers.” Pope Francis has recently published his messages for World Mission Month and World Mission Sunday, which is celebrated today. Read both of these messages at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/worldmissionmonth>

Focus for this week: You are invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require. The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.



During World Mission Sunday, we are called to “Invite others to the banquet”, and we invite you to share the warmth of God’s love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, or at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/mongolia>. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

Empowering marginalised youths with Christmas Cards

The Mukuru Promotion Centre (MPC), a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in Kenya, is organising a fundraiser to help the marginalised youth in the slums by selling Christmas Cards. The purchase of 10 cards and envelopes for \$15.00 makes a significant difference in the lives of marginalised youth in Nairobi slums. To order cards and information, contact Sr Kathy kkettle@mercy.org.au or 0418 926 590

Reintroducing Communion from the Chalice: Some Reflections. Bishop Paul Bird

The reintroduction of communion from the chalice provides us with an opportunity to contemplate the significance of this practice as an important element in our celebration of the Eucharist. I would like to offer some reflections that I hope will help our communities appreciate the rich meaning of the communion with Christ that we celebrate in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine.

Taking bread and wine: Doing what Jesus did

What we do at the Eucharist is modelled on what Jesus did at the Last Supper. On the night before he died, as he shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus took bread, said a prayer of blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you.” After supper he took a cup of wine, gave God thanks and praise, and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, “Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Then Jesus said, “Do this in memory of me.” He directed us to do what he had done as his memorial, in thanksgiving for all the wonderful gifts of God.

Each of the main parts of our Liturgy of the Eucharist corresponds to one of these actions of Jesus. He took the bread and cup; in the Preparation of the Gifts, we take the bread and the cup of wine. He said a prayer of blessing over the bread and gave thanks and praise over the cup; we do this in the Eucharistic Prayer. Jesus then broke the bread and gave himself to his disciples under the form of bread and in the sharing of the cup; in the Communion Rite we receive Christ under the form of the bread broken and the cup shared.

When we share the cup as well as receiving the host, we are taking part more fully in the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. We are following more closely the pattern he gave us as his memorial.

Ordination to the Priesthood & Thanksgiving Mass:

- Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow in the Hall. For those not able to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed
- People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass. The choir will be conducted by Roger Hillman and the Organist is Geoff Martin. Choir rehearsal times are Tuesday, November 12, Tuesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 21 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. It would be preferred if you could commit to all rehearsals for this Mass.
- Fr Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall.

November 2nd 10.00am Mass

All SOULS DAY – Mass of Remembrance to pray for all who have died especially those who have died during the last year.

After Mass we will meet in the Presbytery for Morning Tea. It would be appreciated if you would bring a plate of light refreshment to share. Food may be left in the Presbytery before Mass.

Clergy Jubilarians Mass 2024 – Choir

Mass to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Thursday, November 14 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. The 2024 clergy Jubilarians are: 50 years – Frs Eric Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, 25 years – Fr Ed Moloney. All are welcome to attend.

Members of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to join the choir for this Mass. Choir practice will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass) in the Cathedral.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2407.45

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1139.80

(Red bag Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Friday – 12.05pm
(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

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

11.15am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday

11.15am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet,

Litany to St Joseph

6.00pm-7.00pm Holy Hour & Benediction

Thursday

11.15am Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday 11.00am to 12.00pm -

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Silent Prayer

Saturday after 10.00 am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday

Diocesan Assembly Preparation

Tuesday

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

4.30pm Earthcare Meeting

Sunday

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Formation