

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 3rd September



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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 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:

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Parish Administrator:

Fr Ed Moloney

Assistant Priests:

Fr James McKay

Visiting Priests:

Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (3rd September)

First: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Readings next week: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (10th September)

First: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

RECENT DEATHS:

Anna Brecevic, John Conheady, Leis Carmichael



ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul Aitken, Antonia Arts, Margaret Austin, Thomas Joseph Conroy, Patricia Cronin, John Dalton, Patrick Darmody, Justin Driscoll, Peter Duffy, Frank Fenwick, Eileen Hague, Geoffrey Hall, John Hall, John Hardbottle, Margaret Hardbottle, Sheila Hearn, May Julie, Alwais Kaso, Brenda Kelly, John Kennedy, Paul Mahar, Rev Bob Markey, Shane Martin, Douglas Matthews-Simmons, Connie McMahan, Frank Mroczkowski, John (Jack) Nunn, Anne Nuttall, Benjamin Reyes, Margorie Sherritt, Franciszka Stodolny, Merle Tanti, Janet Taylor, Zofia Wibel, Thomas Wilton

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND TODAY



Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Catholic Earthcare Parish: The Letter.

To celebrate St Patrick's Cathedral becoming an Earthcare Parish, Parishioners are invited to a screening and discussion of **The Letter: a message for our Earth, on Sunday the 10th of September 2023 at 2.00 pm until 4.30 pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms.**

The film features Pope Francis and diverse stories from India, Senegal, Hawaii, and the Brazilian Amazon. Please register your intention to attend at the Parish Office by Wednesday 8th September, 2023 for catering purposes.

Enneagram Day – Saturday, 9 September 2023, 9 am – 4.30 pm (in-person event)

This one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, she will dwell into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight.

Bookings via email info@heartoflife.melbourne or <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/>.

Places limited Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch)



Faithful Toolkit

Majellan Media have launched "Faithful Toolkit" - a dynamic collection of smart apps on their website designed to nourish and foster your faith journey. Built with the wisdom of the church's teachings and augmented by the power of AI, these tools provide a new, interactive way to explore various aspects of faith. Scan the QR code.



Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is running an emergency campaign for Pakistan. Recently up to 24 churches, hundreds of Christian homes and a Christian cemetery were targeted in an attack in Pakistan which was sparked by reports of blasphemy allegations against two Christians accused of desecrating the Qur'an. ACN is working with project partners on the ground to aid the current needs of the Christian people. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal or scan the QR code.



Migrant & Refugee Sunday – September 24, 2023

The Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office have provided materials for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which will be held on September 24. Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/109th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-24-2023/>

Embracing the Pain

Reflection on the Gospel-22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 16:21-27)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of us know leaders who take themselves a bit too seriously. Some confuse their role or title with their significance in the scheme of things. Some look for privilege and an easy life, forgetting that leadership of anything worthwhile involves hard work, misunderstanding and opposition. The first part of today's gospel story presents Peter, who has just been declared the foundation rock of the church and given the "keys" of the kingdom or empire of the heavens, refusing to accept that Jesus' mission will involve suffering, even death. The reader is confronted in this story with the expansive rock face at Caesarea Philippi and invited to consider the friable properties of the seemingly indestructible rock. Even rocks can be reduced to sand or gravel and a humbler mode of being.

For all its seriousness, there is something quite comical about this gospel story. Peter actually reprimands Jesus. Jesus then sets him straight in no uncertain terms. The "rock" becomes the leader of the opposition, a serious obstacle to God's purposes, a stumbling block. He is ordered back to the place where disciples properly belong, namely "behind" Jesus, "following" him. Matthew provides a striking contrast in this section of the gospel between Peter who "rebukes" Jesus and Justina, the Canaanite woman, who respectfully and persistently implores Jesus to see from a new perspective. Peter receives a decisive rebuttal, while the woman's plea is heard and she is praised for her great faith.

Peter's impetuous outburst provides the trigger for Jesus to invite his disciples to think about what they really want. Jesus is the teacher and the disciples are the students who have accepted the invitation to follow him. That means living out in their lives the pattern of his life. If they want to be his followers, then they have to embrace the pain involved in his relentless program of teaching and of healing the sick and brokenhearted. They will also share the "glory". If they choose to put their own interests first, then they will surely lose themselves. It is ultimately a question of choosing life. Peter forgets this for a while and has to be reminded to be true to what he has previously professed. He is not very different from the rest of us. We too need to rethink our choices and to reorder our priorities from time to time if we want to find life. September 1 was the World Day of Prayer for Creation. Our church, along with other churches, celebrates September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) as a Season of Creation. At a time when life on our planet is seriously endangered, we might attend more closely to the urgent gospel challenge of living in ways that help to sustain the life of the Earth community. We bring into our celebration those affected by the climate crisis and we pray for the insight to live in right relationship with all that is.

Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium

Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium welcomes all Parishioners to celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, 8 September 2023, at the 12.05 Mass and share in a piece of cake and a cuppa in the **Presbytery**.

Season of Creation Resources 2023 – updated notice from last week

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4. The following resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

- Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation
- The logo
- Caritas & Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Parish Prayer Service
- Caritas & Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Prayer Service PowerPoint
- The launch video
- Season of Creation Celebration Guide
- Prayer resources
- Links to other websites

Social Justice Statement 2023-2024

The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>. Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on August 27.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2023

The second edition of ODC 2023 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

Morning tea after 10.30am Mass today

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass today September 3rd. All welcome! Come along to the Glowrey and Mackillop rooms (behind the hall) for a cuppa and some home baking.

Welcome to Nazareth House

If you feel called to assist with Pastoral care for our residents, please call Sr Rosalie on 0437 474078. There is also a piety store available at Nazareth House.

SEWING REPAIRS:

Thursdays 7th, 14th and 21st of September, 1-5pm in the Glowrey Room St Patrick's Hall. All money raised will be donated to the TB Clinic in Maubisse and 3 nursing scholarships for students from Ainaro, Timor Leste. Enquiries: Therese 0438293967

Pope's intention for September – For people living on the margins:

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. Lord, hear us.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

First Collection - \$ 3133.55
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 3474.00
(Parish - Online & Collection – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 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
Holy Hour & Benediction 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday after 10.00am Mass -
Rosary and Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday 11.00am to 12.00pm -
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Prayer

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

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today

10.30am Cuppa after Mass

Tuesday

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit (online)

Wednesday

1.30pm CWL (Glowrey)
Legion of Mary (Presbytery)

Thursday

10.00am/5.30pm Baptism Preparation
1.00pm Sewing Repairs

Friday

10.00am Choral & Organ Auditions
Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium (Presbytery)