

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 5th November



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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.

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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

Visiting Priests:

Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (5th November)

First: Malachi 1:14-2.2, 8-10 **Second:** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 **Gospel:** Matthew 23:1-12

Readings next week: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (12th November)

First: Wisdom 6:12-16 **Second:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13



RECENT DEATHS:

Cath Downes, Delyse Lowe, Paul Smith, Helen Van der Linden

ANNIVERSARIES:

Trudi Barausky, Gladys Barr, Murray Byrne, John Blasiak, Joseph Dawson, Veronica Flynn, Marlene Fox, Kevin Garland, Carmel Garvey, Bruce Green, Kath Harman, Yvonne Hassell, Schmider Ham Hoffman, Edwin Holloway, Veronica Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Mick Kennedy, Anni Langhammer, Benidito Mascarenhas, Janice McDonald, Maree Menzel, Thomas Mitchell, Ronald Oakley, Frederick Reed, Caroline Sinclair, Mary Taranto, Catherine Unsy, Carlene Weickhardt

Responsorial Psalm: In you Lord, I have found my peace.

St Patrick's Cathedral Youth Singing Group

If you are a primary or secondary student and enjoy singing or playing music, you are invited to join our St Patrick's Cathedral Youth Singing Group with a view to singing at the 5pm Mass on the 3rd of December (1st Sunday of Advent). The group will be accompanied and led by Judy Gustus on guitar and will be singing a variety of contemporary music. There may be an opportunity for those who play instruments to join in with the accompaniment if interested.

Practices will be from 4.15pm until 5.45pm on the following Thursdays:

- November 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Snacks will be provided at each practice session. If practice times are not convenient, please contact me to arrange alternative practice times. Parents who would like to help are most welcome, but there will also be adults with Working with Children Checks in attendance, so participants will be supervised at all times, in accordance with Victorian Government Child Safe Standards. If you are interested in being part of this singing group, please call/text Judy Gustus on 0400344533 or email: jgustus58@gmail.com with your name and contact details. Thank you.

Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.



Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. On Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. For more information click or scan QR code, www.aidtochurch.org/notw

ACRATH 2024 calendar available now

The 2024 ACRATH calendar features stories and education on modern slavery and human trafficking, important links to raise awareness, yearly projects and advocacy work. It has become an important education tool for schools, parishes, workplaces and families. The calendar assists ACRATH in raising funds to support its work. Order the calendar by scanning or clicking the QR code.

Marist House, Fitzroy: unique living opportunity for university students

Marist House is a residential program for university students studying in Melbourne. It provides a safe, stable and supportive environment. It is hosted by a resident community of Brothers. Situated in Fitzroy it is very accessible to many universities and tertiary colleges. Enquiries for 2024 are most welcome. Contact Br Frank, ph. 0407943473. Click the QR code.



YCW Cricket Club reunion

All former players, supporters and families are invited to a get together and lunch at Robin Hood Hotel on Sunday 3rd of December at 12 Noon. Numbers are needed by Sunday 26th of November. For further enquiries or to book please call Terry on 0401 730 670 or John 0409 864 080.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Monster Garage Sale

on Saturday November 18th 218 Mill St. 10 am.

Furniture, books, prints. Cake and gift stall. Morning tea. Cash only.

Contact Margaret 0419003415.



Laudato Si'



"Keeping" means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. #67

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In his homily closing the first session of the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis reflected on two verbs: “to adore and to serve”.

The first verb is to adore. *To love is to adore.* Adoration is the first response we can offer to God's gratuitous and astonishing love. The amazement of adoration, the wonder of worship, is something essential in the life of the Church, especially in our own day in which we have abandoned the practice of adoration. To adore God means to acknowledge in faith that he alone is Lord and that our individual lives, the Church's pilgrim way and the ultimate outcome of history all depend on the tenderness of his love. He gives meaning to our lives.

In worshipping God, we rediscover that we are free. That is why the Scriptures frequently associate love of the Lord with the fight against every form of idolatry. Those who worship God reject idols because whereas God liberates, idols enslave.

Scripture is unbending with regard to idolatry, because idols are made and manipulated by men, while God, the Living God, is present and transcendent; he is the one “who is not what I imagine him to be, who does not depend on what I expect from him and who can thus upset my expectations, precisely because he is alive. We are always at risk of thinking that we can “control God”, that we can confine his love to our own agenda. Instead, the way he acts is always unpredictable, it transcends our thinking, and God's way of acting consequently demands amazement and adoration.

The second verb is to serve. *To love is to serve.* In the great commandment, Christ binds God and neighbour together so that they will never be disconnected. There can be no true religious experience that is deaf to the cry of the world. There is no love of God without care and concern for our neighbour; otherwise, we risk becoming pharisaic. We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church, but let us remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, *that is the great and perennial reform.* To be a *worshipping Church* and a *Church of service*, washing the feet of wounded humanity, accompanying those who are frail, weak and cast aside, going out lovingly to encounter the poor.

Brothers and sisters, I think of the victims of the atrocities of war; the sufferings of migrants, the hidden pain of those who are living alone and in poverty; those who are crushed by the burdens of life; those who have no more tears to shed, those who have no voice. As disciples of Jesus, we desire to bring to the world a different type of leaven, that of the Gospel. To put God in first place and, together with him, those whom he especially loves: the poor and the weak.

This, brothers and sisters, is the Church we are called to “dream”: a Church that is the servant of all, the servant of the least of our brothers and sisters. A Church that never demands an attestation of “good behaviour,” but welcomes, serves, loves and forgives. A Church with open doors that is a *haven of mercy*.

Excerpts from [Full text: Pope Francis' homily closing the 2023 Synod on Synodality | America Magazine](#)

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco



We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship 2024/2025

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry invites applications for a fellowship from young Catholic women who are committed to their faith and who feel called to explore leadership opportunities in their chosen fields and within the Church. The fellowship welcomes those volunteering or working in Catholic ministries or roles, and those working in secular settings fulfilling their mission in the world. Fellowship participants should be open and willing to explore the diversity of the universal church and desire to identify and step into new mission fields.



Senior Reconciliation Program

Notice for families of year 5 and 6 children who have previously completed the initiation Sacraments: Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is offering a short course program to support students who would like to receive a private confession.

6pm Thursday November 9th in the Mackillop Glowrey room - Parent and Child are asked to attend this **single** Meeting.

Completion of the program will involve:

Family based exercises through the Broken Bay 'Reconciliation' booklet

Private Confessions to take place 5pm Thursday November 23rd in the Cathedral.

Sewing Repairs in the Glowrey Room

Thursdays 2nd, 9th and 16th of November, 1-5pm and December 7th and 14th - pre Christmas. Volunteers to assist sewing welcome. All money raised for repairs is donated to health programs in Ainaro Timor Leste.

Young people needing assistance with their own projects are also welcome - gratis.

Enquiries: Therese 0438293967

Saint Patrick's Youth Group

St Pat's Youth Group will meet this Sunday, 5th November from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm in the Glowrey room. The group is for high school aged youth. Please bring a \$5 donation per family to cover food costs.

The following gathering on Sunday, 19th November will be a special end of year music night. Youth, parents and friends are all invited to attend and, if willing, to perform a musical item.

Contact Peter at peterfjlennon@outlook.com to confirm a performance slot.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral

First Collection - \$ 1371.00

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1723.15

Tap & Go - \$ 0.00

(Parish - Online & Collection – 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 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

11.20am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 11.20am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to St Joseph Holy Hour & Benediction 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 11.20am

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

Sunday

6.00pm Parish Youth Group

Tuesday

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

5.15pm Liturgy team Meeting

7.00pm RCIA Meeting

Thursday

1.00pm Sewing Repairs

5.30pm Young Adults Youth Group

6.00pm Senior Reconciliation Meeting