

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 18th June



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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.

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 Abraham Thomas

Fr James McKay

Visiting Priests:

Fr Dan Arundell

Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (18th June)

First: Exodus 19:2-6

Second: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel: John 9:36-10:8

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Readings next week: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (25th June)

First: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33



RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Catherine Barnes, June Bertalli, Margrette Bouchier, Marlene Broadbent, Angel Brown, Maurice Carroll, Adele Charik, John Cleary, Maria Copi, Veronica Curran, Keith Da Silva, Bill Dowler, Robert Digman, James Donnelly, Martin Francis (Frank) Dowling, Margot Driscoll, Patricia Ann Duffy, Catherine Dynon, Mary Franc, Mary Hall, Moya Hartigan, Sharon Hunt, Kevin Linane, Fr Thomas Mahony CSsR, Dawn Mathews, James Martin, Thomas Minogue, Cecylia Mlynarczyk, Helen Roberts, Mary Ryan, Catherine Singh, Evan Stevens, James Walker, Anthony White

ALTAR SERVERS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Both the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council and Cathedral Liturgy Committee, have had a number of discussions regarding the return of Altar Servers to our Sunday Liturgies. Both groups feel that it is time, and with a number of criteria to support our young people taking on this ministry in our Cathedral community. Altar servers play a very visible part in parish life and their training and formation is very important. This is an opportunity for children to take on a role of service in the community and a chance to learn more about Liturgy. The altar servers' special ministry is to assist with the smooth flow of the liturgical rites. They serve on the sanctuary in areas and tasks relating to the altar and lectern.

Children who are interested in serving at our Masses must be fully initiated into our Catholic Faith – that is they must be Baptised, Confirmed and have made their First Communion. They should also be regular attendees at Mass on Sunday. They can be of various ages and of either gender.

The safety of altar servers is paramount and structures have been put in place at the Cathedral to ensure that our Altar servers are safe and are seen to be safe. Altar servers will be supervised prior to and after every Mass, by a carefully chosen adult with a working with children clearance. They will robe in the second sacristy and at all times will be supervised and prepared in open areas of the Cathedral. Parents are encouraged to support their children and take on the role of supervisor.

Parents should also note that when they agree to their child becoming an Altar Server, that they themselves are taking on the responsibility of having their children arrive at Mass on time and are strongly encouraged to stay and celebrate Mass with their children.

An information session will be held on **Sunday 30th July at 4.00 pm** in the Glowrey Room.

Parents/Carers of young people who are interested in serving, are asked to contact Tony Beggs at the Cathedral Office to register for the meeting and to leave your details with him.

St Patrick's Cathedral is establishing Choral and Organ Scholarships.

The program will provide an opportunity for children with an aptitude and interest in music to sing regularly at Cathedral Masses. The children will receive annual scholarship payments towards their general education in return for their participation in the choir. The children will benefit from vocal and musical tuition, and develop skills in teamwork, time-management, professionalism and discipline. Children in Grades 3-6 are welcome to audition for the choir, which will have a gender balance. The safety of the children will be of the highest priority. Copies of the Choir Handbook, Audition Form or further information can be obtained by contacting the Choir Director, Mr Vincent Sully, on 0407 310 115 or vincenzo101923@gmail.com.

Family Groups

Family Groups consist of small clusters of individuals/couples/families who meet monthly doing activities agreed upon by the group. This offers company and support to the members and in turn enriches the parish. May is the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Family Groups started by Fr Peter McGrath (Passionist priest) in Sydney. Family Groups have been operating in the Cathedral Parish for 32 years - despite ageing we are still going strong - we have 6 groups of 12-20 people in each.

We are always open to new members - for further information - www.pfgm.org

Contact - the parish office - Mick 0407 350 702 - Marica 0400 153 656

Refugee Week 2023 - Finding Freedom Luncheon

The House of Welcome Ballarat who assist Refugees, Asylum Seekers, students and those in need are holding a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Wednesday 21st June from 12.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, 107 Lydiard St Sth., Ballarat. There will be stalls, competitions and great company. To book, text your name to 0400 175 045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com. Cost: \$25pp.

Donations can be made to House of Welcome Ballarat BSB: 633-000 Account No: 1440 44963.

The Refugee Week Program for Ballarat: View the program at the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Centre website <https://www.brmmc.org.au/refugee-week-2023-ballarat-program/>.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and pray for **Lenny Devereux, Paddy Devereux, Ollie Devereux, Louie Bell and Elsie Bell** as they enter into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism.



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

Reflection on the Readings – Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 9:36-10:8)

- © Dianne Bergant CSA **(Liturgy Help)**

The words of the Lord spoken to Moses preserved in the first reading for today describe events that transpired in the lives of those being addressed ('You have seen for yourselves'). Second, if this passage was part of Israel's covenant renewal ceremony, as many commentators believe it was, it is a liturgical remembering that makes present for a new generation the past events being remembered. Although God's goodness appears to be unconditional, covenant membership is not. 'If God's voice is heeded, and 'if the people comply with the covenant responsibilities, they will enjoy the privilege of covenant partnership. Although the covenant includes obligations, there is still a dimension of freedom present here. The people are free to choose partnership with God or not.

The few verses in the responsorial psalm come from a hymn of praise that calls Israel to worship its God. It calls the people to serve, to come before, and to know God. In the psalm God is characterised as creator and shepherd (v.3). The first image highlights the sovereignty of God; the second portrays the tender provident care of God. The response concludes with a description of God that consists of attributes associated with the covenant: goodness, lovingkindness, faithfulness. It is only right that we praise a God who is characterised as creator and shepherd and described as forever good, kind and faithful.

Paul teaches that justification was won through the blood of Christ. Human beings can only be righteous if they are in right relationship with God and share in God's righteousness. The transformation that takes place in the human-divine relationship is called reconciliation. This reconciliation/transformation has been won for believers by the Lord Jesus Christ, and he won this when they were still sinners. His dying made them righteous, saved them from ultimate peril, reconciled them with God. Paul ends his teaching by claiming that if such wondrous things can be accomplished through Christ's death, how much more will believers be blessed through his resurrected life!

In the scene described in today's gospel reading, the sight of the crowds moves Jesus profoundly. He does not merely feel sorry for the crowds; his compassion springs from his profound love for them. Their great need and the urgency of the moment prompt his words and actions. Though there is no mention of judgment in this passage, reference to the harvest certainly suggests this theme. The apostles are sent out having been given authority to cast out demons or unclean spirits and the ability to heal diseases. The ancients believed that when the reign of God was established, the reign of evil would come to an end. Therefore, they viewed exorcisms and healings as evidence that God's reign was taking hold in the world. The apostles are told to proclaim the arrival of this reign and to demonstrate its presence through wondrous acts.

Are You Retired or Seeking A Deeply Rewarding Ministry to Others? We invite you to join Heart of Life's **Taster Session on Tuesday 20 June 2023, 7pm-8.30pm, via Zoom**, where we'll share with you information on our formation programs to become a spiritual director, pastoral supervisor, spiritual leader and contemplative listener to others. Our programs develop a compassionate, listening heart. The session will include a facilitated reflection session led by formation team members at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/taster-session/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne for more details.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)

Mary MacKillop Gift shop: Consider supporting a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop. The shop stocks communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items

<https://www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/> Mary of the Cross Exhibition: The Mary of the Cross Exhibition will be held April - June 2023, Monday – Friday from 10.00am – 4.00pm. The Heritage Centre is proud to present a new exhibition in the Temporary Gallery that explores the significance of the Cross in Mary's life. Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy.

Accommodation @MMHC: When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. All are welcome to attend. Also, all are welcome to join the Choir for this Mass with a practice session at 4:30pm prior to Mass.

First Communion Celebration

This marks the final week when we welcome children into the full life of the Church, as they celebrate their First Communions. The children numbering 112 have completed their preparations with support from their teachers and parents and have willingly applied themselves to learning about their faith. Please pray for them as they become full members of the Church.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your set of envelopes from the southern transept of the Cathedral for the coming financial year.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations (\$2.00 and over are tax deductible) can be made on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops.

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal>

Catholic Theological College online course

Catholic Theological College is running the online unit **Teaching Meditation and Prayer** over two Saturdays in June 17th and 24th and two Saturdays in October.

This unit offers an ideal opportunity to develop skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. The emphasis will be on silent meditation and establishing places of silence in a contemporary context.

It can be undertaken as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate award (including the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation), as a single unit, or for personal enrichment (no assessment/credit).

[GCTM Timetable – Catholic Theological College](#)

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available at:

pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing Date: 4 August 2023

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

First Collection - \$2938.10

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$5249.00

(Parish - Online & Collection – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am and 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

Tuesday

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

Lost Property in the Cathedral

Please see one of the sacristans.