

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 13th August



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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 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: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (13th August)

First: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Second: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Readings next week: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (20th August)

First: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

RECENT DEATHS:

Gerard Taylor, Phyllis Greenbank, Kevin O'Brien, Rose Tannhauser

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Bromley, John Calistro, Philip Chatham, Leonard Basham, Leda Chwesik, Herbert Cluff, Thomas Coffey, Joanne Duke, Joan Fanning, Laurie Franklin, Dorothy Gibson, Elizabeth Goodwin, David Griffiths, Rosalie Henseleit, Mary Hutchinson, Margaret Hyland, Kirk Kelevitz, Philip Kennedy, Julianne Krusche, Natale Liubicich, Donald Mahony, Ray Malthouse, John McCunnie, Cornelius McDermott, Bryan McEntee, Douglas McIntosh, Kevin Nester, Joy Nichols, Mary (Molly) Nunn, Mary O'Brien, Maureen Parker, Philomena Reidy, Valerie Smith, Wanda Westenberger, Michael Wethling

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

About the Sacrament of Confirmation which the young people of the parish will receive in coming weeks.

Some Scripture Background

Before his death Jesus promised his disciples that the "Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." John 14:26-27

After the resurrection of Jesus..."When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:1-4. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are found in the book of Isaiah. They are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. The fruit of the Spirit is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." [Galatians 5:22](#)

What is Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the second of the three sacraments of Christian initiation. Confirmation completes Baptism, by which in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded of our participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus, and strengthened to follow Jesus more closely.

What happens during the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation consists of the renewal of baptismal promises and the laying on of hands and anointing with the oil of Chrism. The anointing of the candidate is a sign of confirming the gift of the Spirit, and calling the candidates to use these gifts to become involved in the life and mission of the Church community.

What are the symbolic actions of Confirmation

The Laying on of Hands

The bishop or (Priest who has been granted permission by the Bishop) places his hands on the head of the candidates and prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This ritualises the connection to Baptism and the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in our vocation to follow the way of Jesus.

Anointing with Oil of Chrism

The anointing of the candidate at Confirmation recognizes that they are sealed with the Holy Spirit. The bishop or priest anoints the candidate's forehead with the Oil of Chrism, saying 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'.

The Sign of Peace

At the end of the rite, the bishop or priest offers the sign of Peace and says 'Peace be with you' and the candidate replies with 'And with your spirit', symbolising the candidate's place within the Church community.

Next week we will give a further explanation on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit received at Confirmation. Let us continue to pray for our young people and their families as they continue their formation in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Applications invited for Study and Mentoring (SAM) Leadership Program

The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Leadership Program offers both financial and personal support to mature-aged Catholic women as they undertake undergraduate or postgraduate theological/spiritual study at a recognised theological Institution. Applications close September 6, 2023. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include 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. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Donate online, ph. (03) 9287 5513 or scan the QR code.



McAuley House for Women and Children

McAuley House is celebrating 15 years since the establishment of McAuley Community Services for Women, following the merger of Mercy Care and Regina Coeli. Over the past 15 years McAuley House has supported more than 13,000 women and children. The demand for services remains high. McAuley House will continue advocating for real change that will allow more women and children to remain safely in their homes after violence and avoid homelessness and further disadvantage. A donation to McAuley House supports women and children to be safe and continue this important work. Scan or click the QR code.



SEWING REPAIRS

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that need mending? Bring them along to us for on-the-spot repairs. Hems, seams, buttons, patches. Inexpensive costs.

Thursday afternoons, the first three of a month, 1-5pm.

All money raised will be donated to continue to support the TB clinic run by the Carmelites in Maubisse and to provide Scholarships for 3 Nursing students from Ainaro and Timor Leste.

Enquiries: Theresa 0438 293967

Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to the next talk in the Cathedral parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral. Anna Krohn, President of the Catholic Women's League, will speak on *Discovering the Feminine Disciples of the Gospel*.

The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. 7pm, Thursday 24 August in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation.

For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley on fionalouisebradley@gmail.com.

Victoria Welsh Choir presents Voices Unite in the Cathedral 19th August 2023 at 2:00pm

Advance notice of this event and ticketing enquiries are advertised at the entrances to the Cathedral.

Palms Australia - Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

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Our Stories, Our Lives, Our Mission

"Our Stories, Our Lives, Our Mission" is a new book by Catholic Religious Australia and St Paul's Publications on building religious literacy and is a valuable resource in light of Vocations Awareness Week, August 6-13. More information is available from the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Newman College Public Lecture

Newman College is hosting a Public Lecture on "Holiness and Humanity - the life of St John Henry Newman" with speaker, Fr Roderick Strange. The Lecture will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 5.00pm at Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville, Victoria. Book at

rsvp@newman.unimelb.edu.au or phone: 03 9347 5577.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins August 28. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now until 21 August. Scan or click the QR code for more information or email

djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.



Prayer Weekend for Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Dear Candidate, today you will receive the offering of Rosary beads from the parish to support you in your prayer life. Praying to God through the Our Father and other prayers such as the Rosary (a special prayer involving 5 sets of the Our Father and 10 Hail Mary's) allows us to speak to Jesus and his Mother Mary to help us in our life.

Please come up to the altar where you will be given a set of Rosary beads to help you in your prayer life. Always be open to ask for God's help in your life.

Funeral Mass Fr Frank Smith CSsR

The Funeral Mass for Fr Frank Smith CSsR will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree at 10.30 am on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday 15th August

This solemnity will be celebrated with 3 Masses 7am, 10am and 7pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation which means we are required to attend Mass.

At the conclusion of the 10am Mass there will be a blessing of the newly installed statue of Mary in the Cathedral gardens. All are welcome.

Cathedral Youth Group

The next gathering will be this weekend Sunday 13th August in the Glowrey Room starting at 6.15pm after 5.00 pm Mass concluding at 7.15 pm. \$5 donation per family to cover food costs. We thank *The House of Welcome Charity*, Ballarat for sponsoring the food and drinks at the first meeting.

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.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and pray for Sofia Alexi Arenas as she enters 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..."

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

First Collection - \$2915.20

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$4369.55

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Requiem Mass Dianne Molloy

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am
7:00pm Assumption of Our Lady

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Requiem Mass Phyllis Greenbank

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 (online)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary
5.00pm Confirmation Preparation

Thursday

1.00pm-5.00pm – Sewing Repairs)