

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 24<sup>th</sup> September



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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: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (24<sup>th</sup> September)**

**First:** Isaiah 55:6-9

**Second:** Philippians 1:20-24, 27

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

### **Readings next week: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (1<sup>st</sup> October)**

**First:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Second:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

### **RECENT DEATHS:**



Doreen Suhan, Eileen McManus, Daniel Cosgriff

Rosemary Richardson, Sue Briody

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mark Bourke, Tasman Bruce, Jack Burcon, Pamela Caine, John Francis Carroll, Sydney Connors, Judith Conroy, Maurice Cowie, Ida Faulkner, Marie Foley, William E Foley, Brian Frawley, Margaret Frawley, Sasskiah Gallagher, Sr M. Bernadette Green IBVM, Arthur Vincent Hall, Raymond Harman, Herbert Hayes, Wally Jones, William Keen, Leonie Kelly, Angela Lazzo, Jamie Marek, Maria Merzviniskis, Geoffrey Moncrieff, Flora O'Connell, Eileen Quinlan, Elsy Robberechts, Kenneth Russell, John Ryan, Soka Saric, Kathleen Sims, Frances Wilson, George Zehner

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.**

## Gregorian Introit for 25th Sunday in Ordinary time 10:30am Mass: **Salus populi ego sum**

Salus populi ego sum, dicit Dominus: de quacumque tribulatione clamaverint ad me, exaudiam eos: et ero ilorum Dominus in perpetuum.	I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord: in whatever tribulation they shall cry to Me, I will hear them; and I will be their Lord for ever.
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### **Continuous Adoration, interceding for the World, in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel**

Continuous Adoration, interceding for the World, in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel on the Mountain of Praise (Cemetery Hill Rd. Carngham). A time of quiet in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Commencing Friday 29th September with Mass at 8pm. Concluding Saturday 30th September with Mass at 3pm. All Welcome. (For more information contact Maree & Michael:  
[mountainofpraise@outlook.com](mailto:mountainofpraise@outlook.com))

### **Legion of Mary Reflection Day**

The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium, Ballarat, will host a 'Day of Reflection' on Wednesday, 27 September 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Mary Glowrey Hall, to commemorate their 1001st Legion of Mary Meeting. Father John Corrigan of Mildura will be the Keynote Speaker for the day. His topics will be "Mass and love of Jesus in the Eucharist" and "Our Lady and her model of Apostolate".

All members of the Legion of Mary Family, active, auxiliary and past members, including parishioners from all Parishes of Ballarat, are cordially invited to join us in celebrating this milestone that the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium, Ballarat, has achieved. The day will start at 9.00 am and conclude at 3.15 pm."

### **St Brigid's College Horsham Reunion**

St Brigid's College Horsham invite past pupils of the Classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 & 2013 for the milestone reunion! The reunion will be held at St Brigid's College on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023, at 2pm. Attendees can RSVP by calling the Front Office on (03) 5382 3545 or via this link:  
<https://forms.gle/uKfjHb2KMsZ1huXa9>

### **Community of the Sons and Daughters of God**

The Community of the Sons and Daughters of God in Ballarat, who Bishop Paul blessed into his Diocese on 2 May 2019, recently celebrated the Consecration into the community of Ximena Boteros, now of Saint Alipius Parish and the taking of First Vows in the Community of Simone Kyatt of the Cathedral Parish. The Community is a recognised Lay Association of the Faithful having the Mother House in Florence, Italy and has been in Australia over 25 years. While it has its own Priests, one of whom lives along with a Brother at Dookie, and Sisters, it is basically a community of lay people who wish to live a more contemplative way of life. We have a small group in Ballarat who meet every week. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Community please contact, Simone Kyatt... 0429176081 or Adrian Pervan...0417705488

### **Migrant & Refugee Sunday – September 24, 2023**

This Sunday is Migrant & Refugee Sunday. Pope Francis' message for this year is, "Freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has created online resources which are available from the diocesan website  
<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/109th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-24-2023/>.  
Homily notes and Prayers of the Faithful attached.

### **2024 Study Tour: Journey with Pau**



Dr Rosemary Canavan from CTC is leading a Study Tour in 2024, "Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece". There will be online information sessions on September 9, 16 and 23 at 2.00pm for anyone interested in attending. Click or scan the QR code for more information.

## Reflection on the Gospel-25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 20:1-16a)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

From 1973 to 1975, I was a student at the Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française in East Jerusalem. Until women were admitted as resident students there in 1974, I lived at the Chaldean Patriarchate. Early each morning, I would cross the road from the Patriarchate and greet the Palestinian day labourers lined up beside their vehicles, waiting for employment in the vacant lot that divided Israeli from occupied Palestinian territory. In the wake of the Yom Kippur War, these workers were living through hard times. In the morning, they were chatty and cheerful. Those who found work no doubt remained cheerful: they had the means to support their families and could find some meaning in their lives. Those still waiting for work at midday or later were dejected and shamed, not least by the prospect of returning home without their daily bread. Those who were hired found honour in the society and the means to sustain themselves and their families. Those who missed out on work suffered hunger, indignity and a sense of powerlessness. Confronted by this spectacle day after day, I began to understand the parable of the labourers in the vineyard.

In Matthew's parable, those who have worked all day grumble because the underemployed are made "equal" to them. Jesus makes it clear that people's worth is not to be measured in terms of their capacity for economic production. Pope Leo XIII, writing in 1891 about the condition of the working class, echoes this aspect of the parable. Those who cannot find work and those who cannot work on account of disability or visa restrictions understand something of the experience of the Palestinian workers. Their needs are no less urgent than the needs of those who have productive and well-paid employment. Minimal social security benefits might address their basic material needs but are less than effective in addressing the underlying issues of human dignity.

Parables yield meaning differently in different contexts. We may want to consider the corrosive effects of "envy". Faced with the growing disparity between rich and poor in our world, we may wish to raise questions about the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the landowner. Those who are conscious of the plight of asylum seekers and refugees, as well as those ineligible for benefits, may come with questions about "generosity" offered from a base of power over against equal access to Earth's resources. In the face of climate crisis and the effects of war and pandemic, many of those who used to be safe in economic terms now find themselves with huge debts and diminishing security. Many in our world are every bit as desperate as the Palestinian day labourers, waiting in line as never before. As we celebrate this third Sunday of the Season of Creation, we might accept the invitation of today's gospel story to live in ways that promote quality of life for every one of Earth's inhabitants.

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### 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

### **CTC: Engaging Your Faith online series**

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations and issues in Science and Religion. Choose from 14 sessions in October and November 2023. \$25.00 per session for people NOT seeking teaching accreditation, \$40.00 per session for teachers seeking accreditation. Scan or click the QR code.



## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

If you, or anyone you know who is interested in joining the Catholic Church wants to know more, please come along or tell them about an information evening that will be held at the Cathedral on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm. The RCIA journey will be explored, and the Team will endeavour to respond to any questions that Inquirers may have about the Catholic Church.

## Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to the final talk for the year in the Cathedral parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral. Sister Rosie Drum from the Missionaries of God's Love, will speak on *The Holy Spirit: More than a Fluffy White Dove*. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. 7pm sharp, Thursday 19 October in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley on [fionalouisebradley@gmail.com](mailto:fionalouisebradley@gmail.com).

## 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/>.

## Mass in Memory of Eileen McManus

Eileen McManus died peacefully at Nazareth House on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated in Horsham at St Michael & John's on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. In memory of Eileen a Mass will be celebrated in the Main Chapel at Nazareth House on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10am.

## Young Adults Gathering

The newly formed Young Adults Group will meet Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September for 6:30pm prayer in the Cathedral, followed by pizza tea in the Mackillop/Glowrey room. 18 years and older.

## Faithful invited to pray for Synod of Bishops

The Vatican is asking all baptised people, regardless of whether they will be in Rome, to participate in October's assembly of the Synod of Bishops with their prayers.

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

**First Collection - \$ 2635.20**

(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection - \$ 5197.75**

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

**Special Collection - \$ 950.00**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday** – 10.00am

**Tuesday** – 7.00am, 10.00am

**Wednesday** – 7.00am, 10.00am

**Thursday** – 7.00am, 10.00am

2pm Requiem Mass Daniel Cosgriff

**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

**Monday**

11.00am Parish Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday**

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit

**Wednesday**

9.00am-3.00pm Legion of Mary

**Thursday**

6.30pm Young Adults Gathering

**Friday**

Public Holiday – Office Closed