

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B – 31st March



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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
Fr Francis Kureeckal MST
Priest in Charge of Syro Malabar Community:
Fr Alex Valliyamthadathil
**Parish Secretary
Sacramental Coordinator**
Tony Beggs
Finance Officer:
Bernadette Prestwood
Safeguarding Officers:
Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B (31st March)

First: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43 **Second:** Colossians 3:1-4 **Gospel:** Mark 16:1-7

Readings next week: Second Sunday of Easter Year B (7th April)

First: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 **Second:** 1 John 5:1-6 **Gospel:** John 20:19-31



RECENT DEATHS:

Leslie Blake, Dorothy Westenberger

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nikoluois Bauer, Charles Coghlan, Barry Cosier, Joyce Daly,
Maurice De Deurwaerder, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Fr Luke Fay, Duncan Hartwig,
Sr Una Hulme, Jean Lakey, Mary Louise Legg, John Lynch, Tony McDonald,
Owen Menzel, Br Raymond Miller, Desmond Naylor, Kathleen O'Brien,
Doreen Rogers, Ignac Solyom, Mark Taylor, Luciana Turicchi, John Woof

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

VATICAN CITY (Catholic Online) - Pope Benedict XVI's Easter Message in its entirety. It was accompanied by his Urbi et Orbi blessing on Easter Sunday 2009 in Rome:

The Resurrection of the Lord is Our Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Rome and throughout the world,

From the depths of my heart, I wish all of you a blessed Easter. To quote Saint Augustine, "Resurrectio Domini, spes nostra - the resurrection of the Lord is our hope" (Sermon 261:1). With these words, the great Bishop explained to the faithful that Jesus rose again so that we, though destined to die, should not despair, worrying that with death life is completely finished; Christ is risen to give us hope (cf. *ibid.*).

Indeed, one of the questions that most preoccupies men and women is this: what is there after death? To this mystery today's solemnity allows us to respond that death does not have the last word, because Life will be victorious at the end. This certainty of ours is based not on simple human reasoning, but on a historical fact of faith: Jesus Christ, crucified and buried, is risen with his glorified body. Jesus is risen so that we too, believing in him, may have eternal life. This proclamation is at the heart of the Gospel message. As Saint Paul vigorously declares: "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." He goes on to say: "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied" (1 Cor 15:14,19). Ever since the dawn of Easter a new Spring of hope has filled the world; from that day forward our resurrection has begun, because Easter does not simply signal a moment in history, but the beginning of a new condition: Jesus is risen not because his memory remains alive in the hearts of his disciples, but because he himself lives in us, and in him we can already savour the joy of eternal life.

The resurrection, then, is not a theory, but a historical reality revealed by the man Jesus Christ by means of his "Passover", his "passage", that has opened a "new way" between heaven and earth (cf. Heb 10:20). It is neither a myth nor a dream, it is not a vision or a utopia, it is not a fairy tale, but it is a singular and unrepeatable event: Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, who at dusk on Friday was taken down from the Cross and buried, has victoriously left the tomb. In fact, at dawn on the first day after the Sabbath, Peter and John found the tomb empty. Mary Magdalene and the other women encountered the risen Jesus. On the way to Emmaus the two disciples recognized him at the breaking of the bread. The Risen One appeared to the Apostles that evening in the Upper Room and then to many other disciples in Galilee.

DIVINE MERCY SATURDAY & SUNDAY 6-7 APRIL AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

Prayers for Peace and God's Merciful Love for the World, the Holy Land, and the Church. 1 pm
Viewing of Relics, Presentation on Divine Mercy Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions.

1.15 pm Rosary

1.45 pm Mass

2.45 pm Hour of Mercy- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3.30 pm Benediction

3.45 pm Blessing with Relics and Conclusion

NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY

Good Friday 29th March at 7.45am after the Divine Office which commences at 7.30am.

The Novena will continue at 7.45am each morning after Morning Prayer until Friday, 5th April.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY

Saturday 6th April at 6.30pm after Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass. The Novena includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Readings from St Faustina's Diary and Sacred Music.

Bishop Paul's Easter Message

A copy of Bishop Paul's Easter message is attached in two formats – a pdf and word document. This message is also available from the diocesan website:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-easter-message-3/>



Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

Thank you to all who attended and participated in

the Mass of the Oils last Monday at St Patrick's

Cathedral, either in person or online via the

livestream. The representation from parishes,

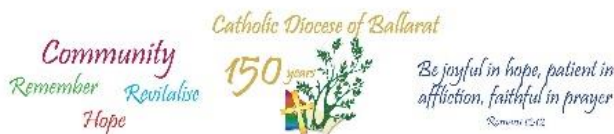
schools and agencies of the diocese in the choir,

procession of parish symbols, procession of the oils, collection of the parish oils and various other

ministries, made this a truly diocesan celebration. Special thanks to those who travelled

considerable distance to attend the Mass. A report, photos and livestream link from the Mass

are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/mass-of-the-oils-2024/>



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build

a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas

Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal. Please remember to return your

Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes to your Parish Office or donate online by visiting

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413 or through the QR

code. If you donate online or through the QR code, **remember to fill in your details**

and postcode so the Diocese of Ballarat giving total can be recognised.



What is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA?

For anyone who wishes to become a Catholic Christian, there are definite steps that lead to becoming a member of the believing community who celebrate at the Lord's table. These steps are contained in the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) which is the way that the Church asks us to assist those who are looking to follow Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. This is done gradually and in the company of other interested persons and supported by the priest and representatives of the parish. The RCIA originated in the earliest traditions of the Church for welcoming new members into the Catholic community and is primarily a journey of faith.

The RCIA process provides an opportunity to grow in faith and in knowledge of the Catholic Tradition. Regular reflection on the Word of God and times of prayer, study and discussions and worship with the parish faith communities, all work together to help find a spiritual home. It includes not simply the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion, but also all the rites belonging to the catechumenate.

At the Easter Vigil this year we will be welcoming Lynda, Greg, Brian and Terry into the Catholic Faith. They have journeyed over the past months guided by the RCIA Team and supported by the 5.00 pm Mass community through formation, dismissals to reflect upon the Word of God and participation in a number of preparatory rites. We congratulate them and ask the Cathedral parish Community to keep them in our prayers during Holy Week as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Baptism Confirmation and Communion.

Diocesan Community – Issue 1 2024

The first edition of ODC 2024 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

Diocesan e-News

The latest edition of the diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. You can also subscribe to receive e-News directly to your inbox on this same page.

Mission Inspired Leadership Program 2024

There are still some places available for the 2024 Mission Inspired Leadership Program. This four-part online program is open to organisational leaders, board members and expert practitioners and is designed to equip participants with the conceptual tools and approaches they need to deliver social impact and thrive sustainably for the common good. There will be one session per month from March to June 2024. Find out more at

<https://css.org.au/mission-inspired-leadership-program-2023/>

Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to 'Go Make Disciples'

Get ready to ignite your passion and unlock your potential! Join us for the Divine Renovation Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to 'Go Make Disciples' event, where we will empower you to make a real difference in your parish. Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9.15am – 4.30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Nepean Highway, Narre Warren. Register to attend at

<https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-au/EquippingForMission/572688>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral

First Collection - \$ 3,275.80

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2553.20

Tap & Go - \$ 206.99

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Easter Monday – 10.00am
(Public Holiday)

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm
10.00am Requiem Mass Nola Jones

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Friday - 12.05pm
(Reconciliation at 10.30am 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
6.00pm-7.00pm Holy Hour & Benediction

Thursday

11.15am 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 Prayer

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

10.00am/5.30pm
Centralised Baptism Preparation