

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Year B – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Year B (2<sup>nd</sup> June)**

**First:** Exodus 24:3-8

**Second:** Hebrews 9:11-15

**Gospel:** Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

## **Readings next week: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (9<sup>th</sup> June)**

**First:** Genesis 3:9-15

**Second:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

**Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35



## **RECENT DEATHS:**

Anthony Collins, Ivan Dosen, Peter Kamaretsos

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

David Blaw, Michael Clancy, Angelina Costa, Lilian D'Alton, Margaret Doran, Helen Houlihan, Honorata Hrymakowski, Colin Jones, Patrick Kelly, Kenneth Lumsden, John MacDonald, Benjamin Mackiewicz, Vincent Madden, Mary Morris, Antoinette (Toni) O'Sullivan, Norma Sarah, Bernard Scanlon, Ronald Percy Stopps, Jack Stuart, Nadzia Studzinski, Mia Thorpe, Ron Thorpe, Leo Tuddenham, Gertrudis Volders, Irvine Wilkie

**Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.**

## Reflection on the Gospel- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Year B

(Mark 14:12-16, 22-26)

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The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ enables the Eucharist to be set in a broader scriptural context than is possible on Holy Thursday. This year the wider context appears in a set of readings unified around the theme of the 'blood of the covenant'.

The first reading, Exod 24:3-8, describes the solemn ritual in which the Sinai covenant was sealed. Moses has received the Torah (Law) from God and put it in writing. In the context of a sacrificial ritual, he reads out the law to the people and following their consent to abide by all the commandments in the Torah, he sprinkles them with the blood from the sacrifices, saying 'This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.' In this way the covenant that bound God to Israel and Israel to God is formally ratified and sealed through blood. Of course, the blood in question is the blood of animal sacrifices. But blood is taken to be a symbol of the life-force. Hence its significance.

The eucharistic traditions of the Gospels (and Paul's account in 1 Cor 11:23-25) carry further this association of blood and covenant. Drawing on Jeremiah's prophecy of a 'new covenant' (Jer 31:33), they see the sprinkling of Christ's blood on Calvary as God's establishment of a 'new covenant' for a renewed People of God. On the night before he died, Christ shared a final Passover meal with his disciples. Modifying the Passover ritual, he impressed a special meaning upon the death he was to undergo the following day: the shedding of his blood, symbolised in the cup of wine, would be the inauguration of a 'new covenant in his blood'. Though the command to repeat the eucharistic gestures ('Do this in memory of me') does not appear in the Markan account set down for today's Gospel (14:12-16, 22-26), as it does in Luke (22:19) and Paul (1 Cor 11:24, 25), the inauguration of a ritual to be repeated is clearly implied. When believers of subsequent generations recall and repeat what the Lord did at that Last Supper, they place themselves in a situation similar to that of the Israelites whom Moses sprinkled with blood at the ratification of the first covenant. They appropriate to themselves all the saving benefits associated with the 'new covenant' established in Christ's blood.

The Markan (as also the Matthean account [26:28]) specify that the blood will be 'poured out for many'. The little phrase 'for many' echoes the climax of the Fourth Servant Song of Isaiah, where the Servant's suffering and death is stated to have meaning because in his death he 'made many righteous' and 'bore the sin of many' (53:11-12). In an earlier echo of the Song, Jesus had countered the false ambition of his disciples by explaining that he had come, 'not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (10:45). The Eucharist catches up this sense of the divine 'service' performed by Christ upon the cross: one innocent person giving himself up to death in order to free 'many' (potentially the entire human race) from the captivity and condemnation associated with sin. The Eucharist, then, continually re-enacts the loving, costly outreach of God in Christ to draw human beings into the life-giving covenant.

The cleansed and renewed pilgrim People of God celebrate the Eucharist in anticipation of the 'new wine' of the Kingdom and as a means whereby it is continually cleansed and renewed on its journey.

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### "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" – Fr Greg Boyle SJ

The October 2024 visit to Australia of Father Greg Boyle SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles for "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" will be a wonderful opportunity for the Church and beyond the Church. HomeBoy Industries from Los Angeles is the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. The Melbourne program is: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 "Boundless Compassion: A Mission to Serve" Secondary Students Leadership Festival; Wednesday, October 9, "Courageous Encounter" School Executive Leadership Teams and Thursday, October 10, 2024 "On the Margins" an evening with Fr Greg. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.gpbs.com.au/workshops-courses-events/>

### 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 Cycle 4 begins May 27. Registrations close May 22, 2024. There are 30 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Scan the QR code for more information or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.



## Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

## Pope's intention for May:

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. Lord, hear us.

## 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 application forms are available at <http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>. Closing date is July 31, 2024.

## Catholic Theological College – Semester 2 information

CTC provides introductory and further studies in theology, ministry and spirituality.

The following information is provided for semester 2 studies:

June Online Information Session on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7.30pm (AEST)

<https://divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctc-utrTooE9Jlw8qcYx2wppwAdz1hMJF4P%20#/registration>

Semester 2 Units that are offered in online, onsite or blended mode

<https://ctc.edu.au/study/timetable/>

Engaging Your Faith Online Series: October 2024: A series of short online presentations on a range of topics in scripture, church and theology, pastoral ministry and spiritual life.

## ACU Centre for Liturgy Public Lecture

**Theology of Marriage and Holy Orders.** August 3 and 4, 17 and 18, 2024 from 9.00am – 5.00pm delivered live online via Zoom. This is an intensive post graduate unit being offered concurrently as a professional learning seminar, over two weekends. This unit studies the theology of Marriage and Holy Orders by considering their biblical and theological foundations, historical development, ritual enactment, and contemporary issues in dialogue with pertinent ecclesial documents. The Catholic sacrament of Marriage is studied as a lifelong partnership between a baptised man and woman – a contract, covenant and sacrament. The distinctive nature of sacramental marriage is addressed within our contemporary sociological context, and questions of divorce, remarriage and communion will be explored. In considering Holy Orders, the unit will analyse: Vatican II's teaching on the priesthood of the faithful and its relationship to the ministerial priesthood; the three degrees of Holy Orders; the restoration of the permanent diaconate; and the Church's teaching on the Catholic priesthood, celibacy and gender. Teachers, clergy, seminarians, liturgists, pastoral associates, parishioners and all who have an interest in Catholic sacraments are welcome to register for this professional learning seminar at [www.acu.edu.a/PL-CfL](http://www.acu.edu.a/PL-CfL).

## Mystery & Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration Conference papers

Following on from the national liturgy and liturgical music conference last September, a book of selected conference papers is now available to purchase. The book is recommended for liturgists, liturgical musicians, theologians, clergy, composers, teachers, choir directors, liturgy committee members and all involved in liturgical preparation and celebration. The book can be purchased at <https://shop.liturgybrisbane.net.au/products/mystery-mission-the-art-of-liturgical-celebration>

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*Laudato Si'*



Human beings too are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity. So we cannot fail to consider the effects on people's lives of environmental deterioration, current models of development and the throwaway culture. (Laudato Si' 43).

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## **Eucharistic Sacramental Program**

The parish-based lessons have been completed and children will receive their First Eucharist at Masses over this weekend and the one following the King's Birthday Weekend.

Please wait until children have presented to the priest at the start of the Communion procession. Eucharistic Celebrations: June 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Contact Tony 53 312933 if any concerns.

## **Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians**

A new musical setting of the Mass is being introduced at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians, by the late Richard Connolly, was composed following an invitation from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) in response to the Vatican document *Liturgiam Authenticam* (2001). You can hear excerpts from the Mass at the following website - [www.canticanova.com/catalog/products/cnp3126-2.htm](http://www.canticanova.com/catalog/products/cnp3126-2.htm) If you are a Cathedral musician, or an interested parishioner, and would like to learn the Mass, a practice session is being held on **Wednesday 5 June at 7pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey room. Any queries email Vincent or ph. 0407310115.

## **Ignatian Spirituality Reflection Day**

"The experience of God is a journey of the heart." An opportunity to stop, rest, refresh and connect with others. Join us for guided prayer, reflection, journaling, sacred listening and spiritual conversation. **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** 10am to 3pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey room. RSVP by 16/6/2024. Lunch provided and free to participants.

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## **Volunteers for Nazareth House**

A call is put out for volunteers for interactions with aged care residents at Nazareth House. Also, there is a need for a volunteer as a small-bus driver (you do not need an endorsed license). If able to help, contact Sr Sipona 53295298.

The **St Patrick's Young Adult's** cordially invite you to join them every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm for an hour of Adoration, Benediction and Confession followed by a dinner at the Golden City Hotel.

## **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

**First Collection** - \$ 2292.10

(Presbytery – Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 2061.75

**Tap & Go** - \$ 585.74

(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 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**

11.15am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

### **Wednesday**

11.15am 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

**Saturday** after 10.00 am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

\*changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events

## **PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday**

10.30am Cuppa After Mass

6.00pm Youth Group

### **Tuesday**

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

### **Wednesday**

1.00pm Legion of Mary

### **Thursday**

10.00am/5.30pm Baptism Preparation

11.00am Centralised Parish Meeting