

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B – 7th July



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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

Fr Abraham Thomas

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: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (7th July)

First: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Second: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Readings next week: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (14th July)

First: Amos 7:12-15

Second: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13



RECENT DEATHS:

Kazimierz 'Kaz' Klain, Julia O'Connell

ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Foley, Shiela Foley, Linda Gregory, Barry McNamara, Graeme Ainley, Gerarda Bakker, Patricia Bowes, Monica Boyd, Edward J Duck, Brian Foley, Shiela Foley, Michael Gannon, Ian Grundell, Noel Harris, John Hutchinson, Sonia Karpinski, Baby Manilloombel, Veronica McAloon, Gert McCracken, Barry McNamara, Stefania Mihella, Keith Miller, Richard Mudra, John O'Brien, Ronald O'Loughlin, Gertrud Polak, Francis Quinn, Marcelino Reyes, Margaret Taylor, Ruby Taylor, Judith Torpy, Ursula Watson, Gerard Watt, Lawrence Whyte, Sr Cynthia Wright

Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Ribbons on a section of the cathedral fence

Bishop Paul offers this update following discussions about ribbons on the cathedral fence.

In March this year, LOUD fence ribbons were removed from the St Patrick's Cathedral fence following consultations between members of LOUD fence and representatives of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, to allow maintenance work to be undertaken.

In 2015, during the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the LOUD fence began tying ribbons to fences in Ballarat and beyond, as a sign of solidarity and support for those who suffered child sexual abuse in institutional settings.

While maintenance work was undertaken, Parish Council and LOUD fence representatives began discussions for a long-term memorial on the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral to acknowledge victim survivors, their loved ones and supporters who experienced child sexual abuse in church settings and elsewhere.

We hope that the memorial will provide ongoing recognition of those who experience the ongoing impacts of child sexual abuse, be a reminder for the continuing attention to safeguarding children and vulnerable people in the community and promote healing across the Ballarat community.

With maintenance work on the fence completed, Bishop Paul, together with representatives of the Parish Council and LOUD fence have announced a next step to be taken while discussions about a long-term memorial continue. As an interim arrangement, ribbons will be placed on a dedicated section of the cathedral fence on Sturt Street.

Parish representatives will gather with LOUD fence members at 11 am on Saturday July 6 to tie ribbons to the dedicated section of fence. Parishioners and LOUD fence invite anyone who wishes, to tie a ribbon as a sign of support for victim/survivors, their loved ones, and supporters and as a reminder for continuing to safeguard children and vulnerable people everywhere.

Reflection on the Gospel- Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 6:1-6)

- Mary Coloe PBVM

We tend to think that Jesus was able to do everything he set out to do, that his ministry was super successful but today's Gospel shows us that Jesus too had his 'bad days'. After much success around Galilee Jesus goes home, but his own village does not give him a 'ticker-tape' welcome. No sign up saying 'Local boy makes good'. Instead, the very fact that he is a local is an obstacle. Can't you hear them say, 'He can't be that special, I was better than him in Hebrew classes!' So this village missed out. No miracles there. The text doesn't say 'Jesus *would* not work any miracle there', but that 'he *could* not'. The lack of openness and scepticism of these villagers blocked God's power in Jesus' life. They didn't want God in the form of Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph; they wanted something more special. Jesus was just too ordinary, too familiar to them to be taken seriously.

This is not just a problem in Nazareth. Here in Australia, we are not good at offering appreciation for the skills or gifts of another. Some say we have 'a tall poppy' syndrome, where we cut everyone down to size. What would it be like if instead 'cutting down' we encouraged and built up one another, and also allowed our own particular strengths to flourish? What change might happen in our families or work places if we noticed and more readily complimented others? Just a few words could make a big difference to another person, and cost us nothing.

So, where do you look for God? Is it possible that you are missing God's presence because it is too simple, too ordinary, and not dramatic enough? God is there perhaps in the words, 'sorry mum', or 'this is great work' or 'how was your day'. Don't look for angels, or burning bushes, or strange visions; look for God in the ordinary gift of life imbued with God's presence. And watch out for the prophet in your midst, among your family, within your household. Open up to the miracles in the ordinary, and try to help some 'poppies' flourish.

Parish Mass with Anointing July 12th

On Friday, July 12th our Mass with Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. It has been the custom to serve a light lunch following the Mass. All Parishioners are invited to join us for Mass with Anointing and stay for lunch.

Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the Hall before Mass and assistance to help serve the lunch would be gratefully accepted. It would be appreciated if you could assist with the setting up at 10.00 am on July 12th.

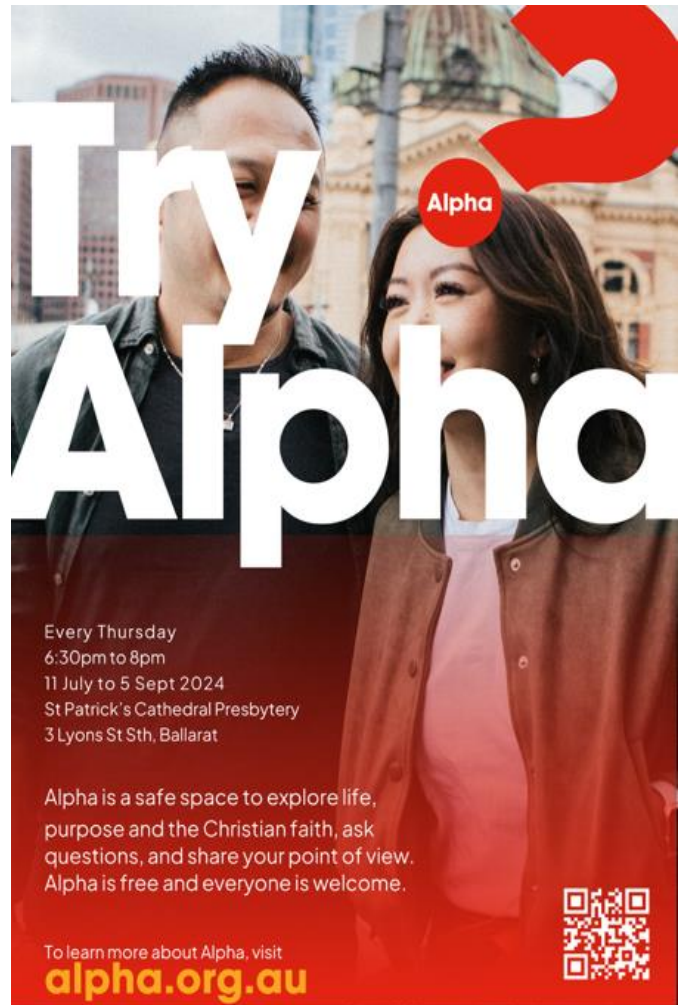
This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with other Parishioners and have a chat over lunch. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone the Parish Office at 53312933.

Apologies for the incorrect information in last week's Parish Bulletin.

Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. There is a flyer available from the diocesan website

[//www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/)




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3 Lyons St Sth, Ballarat

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Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop Dinner 2024

Save the date: The Annual KSC Archbishop's Dinner to support the education of clergy will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024 at the Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. More information available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/361551410249967?ref=newsfeed>

Parish Pastoral Council of St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat (taken from the Minutes 04.06.2024)

- **Cathedral fence**
- **New Ministry District:** Invitations have been forwarded to those involved in current parish council leadership, finance and schools of the Beaufort, North Ballarat and Cathedral parishes for a combined meeting to be held on Wednesday 17th July at 6:30pm. This meeting will continue the process of forming our new Ministry District. Please keep this process in your prayers.
- **Young Adults:** A Trivia Night will be held on Friday 4th October for all parishioners
- **Seating for the disabled**

Sacrament of Confirmation

The parish Parent Information Meeting for children undertaking Confirmation will be held on **Thursday 18th July** in the MacKillop Hall at 5:30pm. Held for parents of children that are not attending Catholic schools but is open to all parents.

Chairs in the Cathedral

You may have noticed that currently situated at the front of St Patrick's Cathedral, are a number of chairs with arms. These chairs have been obtained for the use of the older members of our parish who may find it easier to sit in a well supported chair for the duration of the Mass. Those with a disability are also very welcome to utilise these chairs and we ask any carers to sit in the pew behind these chairs.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

Envelopes are available in churches for donations and can be placed on the collection plate. Please write your name and address if you require a receipt. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. To donate online, go to www.vinnies.org.au or call 131812.

Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass this week

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass. All welcome. Come along to the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms for a cuppa and some home baking.

Nazareth House Piety Stall.

Selling gifts for Sacraments, this stall is located in Nazareth House 218 Mill Street. Lake Wendouree. Opening hours. Mon Wed Friday 1pm- 3pm. Cash Only.

Nazareth House Auxiliary would like to welcome new members.

If you feel you would like to contribute in some way to support Nazareth House please come and join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 1.30 pm or contact Margaret (Sec) 0419003415.

Timor Leste Encounter Tour

Join our small group Encounter tour to Timor-Leste from August 30 to September 11, 2024. You will engage directly with the people and projects that are making a positive difference within their communities as well as a unique opportunity to experience the profound impact of the Pope's visit and message first-hand.

To find out more information and register go to <https://palms.org.au/encounters/>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2501.85

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2034.29

(Red bag Parish – buildings, office, admin etc)

Tap & Go - \$ 567.10

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.30am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Friday

12.05pm **Mass with Anointing**

(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

Tuesday

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

PALMS Meeting Cancelled

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

6.00pm ALPHA Meeting