

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 3<sup>rd</sup> November



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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:**

Jackie Wigglesworth

**Safeguarding Officers:**

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

## **Readings this week: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (3<sup>rd</sup> November)**

**First:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6

**Second:** Hebrews 7:23-28

**Gospel:** Mark 12:28-34

## **Readings next week: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (10<sup>th</sup> November)**

**First:** 1Kings 17:10-16

**Second:** Hebrews 9:24-28

**Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44

## **RECENT DEATHS:**

Jayden Hayes, Alan (Dizzy) Lynch, Colin McKenna

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bill Barrett, John Blasiak, Murray Byrne, Kevin Garland, Carmel Garvey, Bruce Green, Frances Harrison, William Hayes, Connor Hubble, Patricia Hughes, Veronica Kelly, Veronica Janice McDonald, Loader, Delyse Lowe, Claire McGoldrick, Thomas Mitchell, Maree Menzel, Ronald Oakley, Ethel O'Brien, Frederick Reed, Caroline Sinclair, Molly Taffe, Mary Taranto, Catherine Unsy, Carlene Weickhardt, Gerard Willis

**Responsorial Psalm: I love you Lord, my strength.**

## Communion from the Chalice

Bishop Paul has informed parishes of the option of reintroducing communion from the chalice in parishes in the Diocese of Ballarat. Some of his reflection is offered here

### Bread and wine in the Scriptures

In choosing bread and wine as the basic elements of the Eucharist, Jesus drew on the meaning that bread and wine have in our daily lives. He also drew on the meaning of bread and wine in the Scriptures.



In the first book of the Bible, the book of Genesis, Melchizedek offers bread and wine as he blesses Abram. “King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth.’” (Genesis 14:18) Bread and wine are linked with the blessing of God.

A little later in the story, Abraham offers bread to three travellers who come his way. “Let me bring a little bread that you may refresh yourselves” (Genesis 18:5) Bread is a sign of hospitality and a source of refreshment.

The book of Exodus describes the festival of unleavened bread as a memorial of the people being freed from slavery in Egypt. “You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 12:17) The people are to eat bread in thanksgiving for their freedom.

As the people wander in the desert, their supplies of food run out, but God feeds them with manna from heaven. “The Lord said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you.’” (Exodus 16:4) Bread from heaven is a sign of God’s providence, God’s care for the people at each stage of their journey.

As bread and wine are linked with daily life, so the Scriptures link them with both joy and sorrow. Deuteronomy 16:3 speaks of unleavened bread as “the bread of affliction”, a memorial of the people’s suffering as slaves in Egypt. Psalm 80:5 refers to “the bread of tears”. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of “the wine of wrath”. “Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath.” (Jeremiah 25:15) By contrast, Psalm 104 links bread and wine with strength and gladness. “You bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread for strength.” (Psalm 104:14-15) As we take bread and wine for the Eucharist, they can symbolise the joys and sorrows of our lives, ready to be taken up into the prayer of Christ.

In the gospels, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray for the bread they need each day. “Give us this day our daily bread.” (Matthew 6:11). Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we say these words before communion as part of the Lord’s Prayer. We pray for the ordinary bread that we need for our daily lives and for the heavenly bread of the Eucharist that is the food of eternal life.

The gospels tell of Jesus feeding thousands of people from a few loaves of bread. As he does so, Jesus recalls the manna, the bread from heaven, that God gave the people in the desert and Jesus says that he will give an even greater heavenly bread, the bread that is himself. “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.’” (John 6:35) Jesus invites us to come to him in the Eucharist. There he offers us himself as the living bread that satisfies the hungry and the heavenly wine that satisfies the thirsty.

St Paul explains the sharing of the eucharistic bread as a sharing in the body of Christ and the sharing of the cup of blessing as a sharing in Christ’s blood. “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?” (1 Corinthians 10:16)

Reflecting on such texts of the Scriptures can enrich our appreciation of the Eucharist, in which bread and wine become for us the body and blood of Christ. This is beautifully expressed in the prayers we say at Mass, as the bread and wine are placed on the altar.

As we take the bread we pray, “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.”



As we take the wine we pray, “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.”

## St Patrick's Primary School Centenary

St Patrick's Primary School Community invites you to celebrate our Centenary by booking a school tour on Friday the 22nd of November. Ben Shields (Principal) and Thea Hubble (Deputy Principal) will lead morning tours for up to 20 people in each time slot.

Please use the QR code below to book for a tour as numbers are limited.

Tour times - 9:00- 9:30    9:30 - 10:00    10:00- 10:30    10:30 - 11:00

Come and see how our school has changed and hear about the programs and learning opportunities we provide.

All are welcome to join us at St Patrick's Cathedral as we continue to celebrate in Mass at 12:05.



## Heart of Life: Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation MSC

### Waiting at the Well (4 weeks)

This in person series, starting on Thursday, 17 October between 1-3 pm, offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Cost \$120. Register and pay [www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well/](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well/)

## Chorus Ecclesiae Concert

Chorus Ecclesiae has received permission from the National Library of Czech to perform the Australian premiere of Heinrich Isaac's Missa Presulem Ephebeatum.

The choir is performing in St Patrick's Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 10 November. The concert will also include motets for St. Martin and the Blessed Virgin Mary, featuring composers such as Fawknryer, Marenzio, de Monte, and Phillips.

With the generous support of the Robert Saltzer Foundation, Chorus Ecclesiae is excited to bring this wonderful concert to the lovely St. Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat.

Tickets: [www.chorusecclesiae.org.au](http://www.chorusecclesiae.org.au)

## Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to hear Fiona Power, Curator of the Mary Glowrey Museum in Melbourne present *Mary Glowrey: Force of Love* for the next Wisdom at the Cathedral event on Wednesday 20 November at 7pm. Fiona will share the inspiring life story and legacy of Servant of God Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ, who was born and raised in the Diocese of Ballarat. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. Entry by donation. For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley at [fionalouisebradley@gmail.com](mailto:fionalouisebradley@gmail.com)

## Emergencies Ministry Personal Support & Chaplaincy Program

We have an upcoming program running in Ballarat East on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November face to face. If you or your nominated person would like to be a part of the VCC Emergencies Ministry program, then please go to our website at [www.vccem.org.au/training](http://www.vccem.org.au/training) and register online for training in your area. New training dates and areas are posted regularly, so if one does not appear online currently, regularly check the website for updates or email [emergencies@vccem.org.au](mailto:emergencies@vccem.org.au) with your information and we will let you know when a date comes up in your area.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please get in contact via details below.

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## Empowering marginalised youths with Christmas Cards

The Mukuru Promotion Centre (MPC), a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in Kenya, is organising a fundraiser to help the marginalised youth in the slums by selling Christmas Cards. The purchase of 10 cards and envelopes for \$15.00 makes a significant difference in the lives of marginalised youth in Nairobi slums, with all proceeds from the sales going towards the vocational training program. To order cards and for more information, contact Sr Kathy at [kkettle@mercy.org.au](mailto:kkettle@mercy.org.au) or ph.0418 926 590.



*Laudato Si'*



Neglecting to monitor the harm done to nature and the environmental impact of our decisions is only the most striking sign of a disregard for the message contained in the structures of nature itself. When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. (Laudato Si' 117)

## **Ordination to the Priesthood & Thanksgiving Mass:**

Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow in the Hall. For those not able to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed at [youtube.com/live/mbXDPuGpoYg?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/mbXDPuGpoYg?feature=share)

\* People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass. The choir will be conducted by Roger Hillman and the Organist is Geoff Martin. Choir rehearsal times are Tuesday, November 12, Tuesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 21 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. It would be preferred if you could commit to all rehearsals.  
\* Fr Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall.

\* Holy Hour and Benediction to pray for Deacon Cay and Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life will be held on Friday, November 22, 2024 at 6.00pm. All are welcome.

## **Clergy Jubilarians Mass 2024 – Choir**

Mass to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. The 2024 clergy Jubilarians are: 50 years – Frs Eric Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, 25 years – Fr Ed Moloney. All are welcome to attend. Members of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to join the choir for this Mass. Choir practice will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass) in the Cathedral.

## **Catholic Women's League Meeting**

The Cathedral Branch will meet this Monday, November 4th at 1.30pm at Nazee Nook, at Nazareth House. All welcome. Members please bring along a friend or prospective new member. Afternoon Tea Inquiries 0401175045

## **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

**First Collection** - \$ 2284.90

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 1582.05

(Red bag Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

**Tap & Go** - \$ 698.03

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday** – 12.05pm

**Tuesday** – 7.00am, 10.00am  
(Public Holiday – no 12.05pm Mass)

**Wednesday** – 7.00am, 12.05pm

**Thursday** – 7.00am, 12.05pm

**Friday** – 12.05pm  
(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

**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**

### **Tuesday**

7.00pm Life in the Spirit  
**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** Parish Pastoral Council

### **Wednesday**

1.00pm Legion of Mary

### **Thursday**

10am/5.30pm Centralised Baptism  
Preparation  
11am Centralised Parish Meeting

### **Sunday**

1.30pm Chorus Ecclesiae Australia  
6.15pm Ordination Choir Rehearsal