

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Third Sunday of Advent Year C – 15th December



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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 in a timely manner.

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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: Third Sunday of Advent Year C (15th December)

First: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Readings next week: Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C (22nd December)

First: Micah 5:1-4

Second: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

RECENT DEATHS:

Bernard Collins, Jennifer Cahill, Cornelia Heldenberg, Peter Moloney, Terry Moloney

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ian Bartlett, Terrance Bastian, William Bird, Dulcie Bottel, Tadeusz Buzo, Maureen Carr, Thomas Cash, Frances Coughlan, Janice Curtain, James Goodwin, Sheila Gregory, William Hardbottle, Andrew Hartwig, Thomas Heaney, Mary Hehir, Brian Huggett, Shirley Madden, Mary McArdle, Francis McCarthy, Valma Meagher, Stephen Mills, Ryan Monteau, Lillian Murphy, Eileen O'Donnell, Lawrence O'Shannessy, Rosita Reyes, Bridget Rousch, Mary Sawtell, Basil Torpy, Franciscus Vanderkley, Elizabeth Woods

Responsorial Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

- Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.
- Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St Peter in the Vatican on December 24, 2024 to begin the year. On the following Sunday, December 29, 2024, the Holy Door of the Pope's Cathedral, St John Lateran, will be opened. Then on January 1, 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St Mary Major will be opened. Finally, Sunday, January 5, 2025 will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. Pope Francis has decreed that on Sunday, December 29, 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year, using the ritual indications that will be provided for that occasion. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am on this day. The Holy Year will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, December 28, 2025. The doors of St John Lateran, the Basilica of St Mary Major and the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls will also close on this date.
- Pope Francis has written a prayer for the Jubilee Year. Prayers cards will be provided to parishes and schools in the new year.
- A hymn has also been written for the Jubilee Year and can be accessed at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/> or the Jubilee Year website <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.
Pope Francis



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OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

- OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting a free lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482A Gillies Street North, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Bookings are essential as seating is limited, ph. 0491 029217.
- Thank you to all the very wonderful volunteers for all their work in making the Christmas Day lunch at OLHC so special over all the years it has been held. We welcome all those who would like to be with us as a guest or a volunteer on the day, and we are especially looking for a few fit people who might commit to two hours of their time between 2.00pm – 4.00pm to clean up/pack up. To volunteer, please phone 0467 683504.

Cake Stall for our Seminarians

After the 8am and 10.30am Masses at the Cathedral this weekend, there will be a Christmas Stall and decorated Christmas Cake competition.

Tickets available on the day. CASH ONLY - DONATIONS WELCOME

Bank transfers to - Cathedral Branch CWL

BSB 633 000 Acc. 213 717 655

All funds raised will support our Diocesan Seminarians. Inquiries - Carmel - 0401 175 045



Calling for nominations to join a DOBCEL Consultative Committee

The Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL) is a company limited by guarantee, created to govern 57 schools across the Diocese. DOBCEL, alongside its operational arm, Catholic Education Ballarat (CEB), work together to support the leadership of all Catholic Primary and Secondary schools. The DOBCEL Board of Directors is currently seeking applications from individuals interested in joining one of six Consultative Committees: Catholic Faith Community & Culture; Children & Young People Safeguarding & Wellbeing; Family & Community Engagement; Learning & Teaching; Assurance & Risk; Finance. As a committee member you will have the opportunity to: Provide oversight and advice to the Board; Collaborate with diverse stakeholders; Enhance your professional skills; Shape educational outcomes. Committees typically meet once per term (in-person or virtually) for 90-120 minutes. Click or scan the QR code for more information, including the Terms of Reference for each Committee and information on how to apply. Applications close January 19, 2025. For more information email execassistant@dobcel.catholic.edu.au

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Children in your local community need a place to stay, if you can offer a safe, nurturing home, become a foster carer with Anglicare Victoria. www.anglicarevic.org.au

Central Highlands 03 9396 7400 carer.west@anglicarevic.org.au

9 Day Novena for Christmas

This is a series of nine Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, which will be held at St James' Parish Church Sebastopol. Mass times are: Sunday, December 15 at 7.00pm; Monday, December 16 at 7.00pm; Tuesday, December 17 at 7.00pm; Wednesday, December 18 at 7.00pm; Thursday, December 19 at 7.00pm; Friday, December 20 at 7.00pm; Saturday, December 21 at 7.00pm; Sunday, December 22 at 7.00pm; Monday, December 23 at 7.00pm and dinner. Please bring a plate to share. If you have any questions/need further information, please contact Fr Eladio, ph. 0450 017 007 or Dion ph. 0427 876 553. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St Vincent de Paul Society Donations

St Vincent's de Paul are asking for donations of non-perishable food and toiletries to distribute throughout Ballarat during Christmas and the New Year. Goods can be left beneath the Jesse Tree. Once again, we thank you for your generous support which enables us to continue our mission.

Making a Scene at Christmas

Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat from Wednesday, December 4 - Friday, December 20, 2024.

Prayer for December - For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. Lord, hear us.

Father Robert McCulloch in Ballarat

Keep this date free. Father Robert will give a presentation on Thursday January 23rd at Nazareth House, beginning with Mass. This event will support his work in Pakistan. Further details to follow after Christmas. Inquiries 0401 175 045

Christmas Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

6.00pm 9.00pm 12am (Midnight)

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

8.00am 10.30am

St Columba Ballarat North

Christmas Eve 5.30pm Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Day 10.00am Wednesday 25th Dec

Beaufort St John the Baptist

Christmas Eve 7.00pm Tuesday 24th December

Priest visits to the sick and housebound

The priests are available over the next few days before Christmas to provide the Sacrament of Holy Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion. Please contact Tony in the presbytery if anyone you know would like a visit from a priest and we will arrange a time.

Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available on Thursday 19th December from 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm in the Cathedral.

Lights in the Cathedral

On Tuesday 17th December St Patrick's Cathedral will be closed so that new lights can be installed. The 7.00am Mass and 7.30am Morning Prayer (Divine Office of the Church) will be in the Cathedral, but 12.05pm Mass will be in the Hall.

Parish Office hours reduced during January

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesdays during January. The parish phone will continue to be answered 53 312933.

Christmas Carols

All are invited to St Patrick's Cathedral to sing Christmas carols at 8pm on Tuesday 24th December, which will be followed by the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass. The choir will include the children who have joined the Cathedral as Choral Scholars.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 1998.95

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 3873.05

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

Tap & Go - \$ 961.88

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am,
Mass in Parish Hall 12.05pm

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

5.15pm Liturgy Team Meeting
7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Lost Property

The owners of either of 2 pairs of glasses found in the Cathedral can claim them from the office during opening hours.