

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year_A – 26th 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 Priest:

Fr James McKay

Visiting Priest:

Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A (26th November)

First: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 **Second:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

Readings next week: First Sunday of Advent Year B (3rd December)

First: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8 **Second:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 **Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

RECENT DEATHS:

IN LOVING
Memory Agnes Hughes (Arundell), Liz O'Sullivan, Anna Van Der Heyden

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Allport, Donald Anderson, Pat Blood, Elizabeth Clark, Peter Clarksen, Mary Coghlan, Elizabeth & George Clark, John Crameri, Jennifer Lynne Devlin, Terence Dickson, Margaret Dobbyn, Anne Duck, Jean Elliott, Marie Fitzgerald, Leslie Frawley, Margaret Hayes, Maria Kerr, John McLeod, Patrick McVeigh, Toni McVeigh, Chako Moonyamadeal, Bess Newton, Patrick O'Driscoll, Helen McGoldrick, Ellen Moynihan, Michael & Nora Moynihan, Sr Mary Muirhead IBVM, Eilin O'Siochain, Pdraig O'Siochain, Sean J & Bridgid O'Siochain, Michael O'Sullivan, Margaret Roberts, Daniel Sheehan, James (Jimmy) Simpson, Mary Smith, Margaret Studd, Mick Taffe, Roslyn Tobin, Ronald Twomey, Mary Wade, Helen Watt, Norma Welsh, Kevin Woof

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children of Catechetical Age:

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children is the process for children, aged 7 to 13 years, who wish to enter the Catholic Church. This process allows the children to better understand what it means to know and love God. Through a series of parish-based activities, they learn about what it means to be Catholic, how to develop their relationship with God, and to identify themselves as children of God.

Tonight at 5.00 pm Mass the children who have been participating over the last number of weeks in this process will be initiated into our Faith Community through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

We welcome - Claira Stinear, Chelsea Spokes, Gemma Kirby, Pippa Kirby, Zach Cooper, Zoe Cooper, Alisha Egan, Adam Egan, Oliver Egan, Braxton Coleman and Layla Simpkin and offer our prayers for them and for their families as they continue their journey of faith.

Appointment of Vicar General – Diocese of Ballarat

Hello Everyone,

In a message on October 30, I advised that, because of health concerns, Fr Kevin Maloney would be retiring from the responsibilities of Vicar General. I renew my thanks to Fr Kevin for his service in this role. I am now pleased to announce that I have appointed Fr Marcello Colasante to be the new Vicar General of our Diocese.

Fr Marcello will continue in his service as Parish Priest of Ballarat North and Wendouree. He will begin in the role of Vicar General on November 20.

I am very grateful to Fr Marcello for his generosity in accepting this additional role.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

A new Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network

A new national body – the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network – is set to foster and support leaders in Australia's Catholic youth ministry community. Officially launched on October 18, the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network will support youth ministry leaders and provide national leadership and opportunities for collaboration within a diverse, faith-filled culture of authentic, lived ministry with young people and the broader Church. The Australian Network of Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinators has developed into the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network at the invitation of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry and is open to all involved in youth and young adult ministry. Whether that be through the diocese, parish, school, community, ministry, movement or organisation. Watch the launch at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PHeClupGY> or visit the website through the QR code.



Fundraiser for our Seminarians

The Cathedral Branch of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) will hold a cake stall outside the Cathedral after each Mass on Sunday December 10th. We are having a competition for a decorated Christmas cake as well and will sell tickets after the Masses the week before this. CWL members will also be selling tickets prior to the event.

Funds raised will assist our Seminarians (Simon, Channa, Lam and Peter) with their studies.

Donations of cakes and produce are welcome for the stall as well as cash donations. Inquiries - Carmel 0401 175 045 / annekav1234@gmail.com

Cathedral Piety Store

The St Vincent de Paul Cathedral Piety Store will reopen from this weekend after Masses, leading up to the Christmas period. Columban calendars, Christmas and miscellaneous cards and items for sale.



Laudato Si'



"Keeping" means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. #67

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Reflection on the Gospel-Solemnity of Christ the King Year A

(Matthew 25:31-46)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

“It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of King.” These are the words of Pope Pius XI who established this feast between two world wars in the hope of counteracting the growing secularism “in public affairs and politics” and of finding a way towards global peace. Peace would never be achieved, wrote Pope Pius XI, until and unless individuals and nations accept the “rule of our Saviour”.


In many ways, hope for the global reign of the Prince of Peace seems more remote than ever. The challenge of war and the plight of those denied humanitarian assistance have marked new low points in more than a century of violent and ongoing conflict which is claiming lives in ever-increasing numbers. The three-year pandemic underscored the vulnerability to violence of those rendered poor by the prevailing inequitable global economic system. The world needs the sort of leadership that Jesus of Nazareth advocated in first century Palestine, the kind of leadership that Pope Francis offers to our world.

The gospel provides a blueprint for Christian living in general and for leadership in particular. Matthew presents Jesus as both shepherd and sheep: as judge and king on the one hand and as a suffering human (“the least”) on the other. Works of mercy are the measure of justice or righteousness. Those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and set the prisoners free are “the righteous/the sheep” who will inherit God’s empire and have life. Those who fail in these respects are the unrighteous/the goats who fail to recognise the presence of the shepherd king in the suffering of “the least”. Why sheep and goats? “Sheep” is a frequent biblical designation for the people of God’s fold. While goats grazed with the sheep, they were never imaged as God’s people, somewhat unfairly, I suggest.

This gospel story is replete with mixed metaphors. It is the gospel source of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that have informed the Christian way of life for centuries. It focusses on suffering humanity. In proclaiming an eighth work of mercy, care for our common home, Pope Francis has asked us to expand our horizons and to extend our concern to the suffering of the whole Earth community, human and other-than-human.

The Feast of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. It invites us to consider ways to achieve the things that make for peace. If we wish God’s reign of peace to be realised on planet Earth, then we might heed the invitation of Pope Francis (in both *Laudato Si’* and more recently in *Laudate Deum*) to engage in “grateful contemplation of God’s world” and in daily gestures that “break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness.” We might also take seriously his urgent plea to become a synodal church, listening to one another and walking together in faith and hope.

Marist House, Fitzroy: unique living opportunity for university students

 Marist House is a residential program for university students studying in Melbourne. It provides a safe, stable and supportive environment. It is hosted by a resident community of Brothers. Situated in Fitzroy it is very accessible to many universities and tertiary colleges. Enquiries for 2024 are most welcome. Contact Br Frank, ph. 0407943473. For more information scan or click the QR code.

Australian Young Catholic Women’s Fellowship 2024/2025

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry invites applications for a fellowship from young Catholic women who are committed to their faith and who feel called to explore leadership opportunities in their chosen fields and within the Church. The fellowship welcomes those volunteering or working in Catholic ministries or roles, and those working in secular settings fulfilling their mission in the world.



Making a Scene at Christmas

Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat and at the Catholic Diocesan Archives from Tuesday, December 5 – Friday, December 22, 2023. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Schools can book for an educational experience. For more information on the Ballarat Bridge Mall display, please contact Fiona Tonkin Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Everyone welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation.

ST PAT'S YOUTH GROUP (Grades 7-12)

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our Music Night last Sunday -it was a great success! Special thanks to the super talented Fr. Ed who always brings a lot of fun with his Piano Accordion. Next week on 3/12/23 we'll have our last Sunday Youth Group meeting for the year, starting after the 5 pm mass.

Ordination to the Diaconate

All are welcome to the Diaconate Ordination of Cay Trinh, which will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 10.00am on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

Parish Mass with Anointing, December 8th, 2023:

On Friday, December 8th, our Advent Mass with Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. It has been our custom to serve lunch to the Parishioners following Mass. We would appreciate donations of cakes and slices. If convenient they could be left at the hall before Mass. Assistance to prepare lunch at 10.00 am and help with the serving would be very much appreciated. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of our Parish Community. If you require transport on the day phone the Parish Office on 53312933.

Morning tea after 10.30am Mass next Sunday

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass on December 3rd. Come along to the Glowrey and Mackillop rooms for a cuppa and some home baking.

Knox Public Lecture

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ, "Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins" on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7.30pm, live video stream via zoom. To book scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1141646>

Rite of Election 2024: Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

Mass of the Oils 2024: Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall.

Vacant – Secretary in the Bishop's Office

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Secretary in the Bishop's Office, 2-3 days per week. Position and application details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral

First Collection - \$ 2048.20

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 4259.70

Tap & Go - \$ 332.95

(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

11.20am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 11.20am Rosary and Divine

Mercy Chaplet, Litany to St Joseph Holy Hour & Benediction 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 11.20am

Rosary and 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

10am Play Group – Faith Based

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

9.30am Playgroup

Sunday

11.30am Cuppa after Mass

6pm Parish Youth Group