St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd July, 2022



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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am – 5.00pm

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.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

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.



Cathedral Clergy:

Fr Ed Moloney
Fr Abraham Thomas

Visiting Priests:

Fr Dan Arundell
Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Coordinator:

Anita Houlihan

Finance Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

Safeguarding Officer:

Anita Houlihan

Readings this week: 14th Sunday – Ordinary Time (3rd July)

First: Isaiah 66:10-14 Second: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

Readings next week: 15th Sunday Ordinary Time (10th July)

First: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 **Second:** Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

RECENT DEATHS:

Brian Arrowsmith, Sr Aileen Coghlin RSM, Joan Trainor

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dorothy Blanchfield, Fr. Patrick Bohan, Patricia Bowes, Monica Boyd, Glenise Braybrook, Leo Driscoll, Edward Duck, Brian Foley, Michael Gannon, Ada Gasan, Joseph Gasan, Nell Harman, Margaret Hayden, Helen Lonsdale, Mary Maher, Stefania Mihella, John O'Brien, Francis Quinn, Johanna Rowe, Cori Stewart, Judith Torpy, Ursula Watson, Gerard Watt, Lawrence Whyte, Sr. Cynthia Wright

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD Friday 22nd July 2022,

'Hello singers! St Augustine once said that those who sing pray twice.

We feel that those who help others sing may pray thrice!

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for the enthusiasm and commitment you are putting into this occasion. This is the first Ordination to the Priesthood in the Diocese in over nine years, so you are all involved in a rather historic occasion.

You are each an integral part of the celebration and each with your gifts and talents (and angelic voices) help give worthy praise to God. We encourage you all to please continue with the practice and the caring support of each other, building up community amongst each other and all those present on the night. Please be assured of our prayers and may the intercession of St Cecilia open up those vocal chords and bring forth beautiful song!'

Rev. Bill Lowry and Rev. Matt Restall

This is a Diocesan event so choir members are welcome from across the Diocese.

Practice sessions will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on the following dates:

Thursday 30 June, 7pm Thursday 7 July, 7pm Thursday 14 July, 7pm Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm

Stewardship Program Thank you



Thank you to all parishioners who have continued to contribute to our Stewardship Program during the past 12 months. Your ongoing support of our Parish is greatly appreciated.

With the end of the Financial Year occurring this week, a reminder that new planned giving envelopes commencing this weekend are available for collection from the South Transept.

We welcome you joining as a new contributor to support our Parish at any time by contacting our Finance Officer, Kerrie in the Parish Office (10am – 5pm Tuesday – Friday) ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5331 2933.

Catholic Women's League - Cathedral Branch

The next meeting of the CWL will be held on Wednesday, July 6th at 1.30pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms. Please contact Carmel on 0401 175 045

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Crises often function as catalysts for the development of new initiatives. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ and not primarily a hierarchical institution. While there is little doubt that we are living in the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognize that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church than they have exercised over the past 500 years or so. Prior to Vatican II, access to theological and biblical education was largely restricted to the formation of clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to "fill the gaps", we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church.

In today's gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses "seventy others" and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or "pairs" constitute a formidable resource for the mission, for the "harvesting". These missionary couples are authorized to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God's kin-dom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality offered them. Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus' followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples. Further support for this comes from Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul. They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Emperor Claudius' expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well-educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an "accurate" but "incomplete" knowledge of Jesus.

In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the gospel mission. Many of them are prepared to do more if they can find the acceptance to function effectively. They need the authorization of leadership and the unfailing support of local communities. The earth imagery of harvest and "lambs among wolves" might serve as a reminder in our times that the mission is one that necessarily embraces care of every elements that constitutes the Earth community.

CATHEDRAL CLEANING

We have four teams of very committed Parishioners who clean our Cathedral each week. In recent times our numbers in some teams have become somewhat depleted due to illness and availability of time.

It would be wonderful if there are some members of our Parish community who could assist with this ministry. The commitment is approximately two to three hours each month on a Wednesday or Thursday morning following the 10.00 am Mass and devotions. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to assist or would like further details, please phone the Parish Office, or alternatively phone Kay on 0411 866 532.

ALPHA

The Alpha process commences on Wednesday 13th July from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall The first session subject is 'Is there more to life than this?'

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

The Annual Collection for the Holy Father will be taken up this weekend.

Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$1,853.95 (Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$2,422.00 (Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

Weekday Masses

Monday - 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday - 10.00am

Thursday – 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm Reconciliation at 11.15am 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 after 10.00am Mass Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday after Mass Litany to St Joseph

Thursday after 10.00am Mass – Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday after 12.05pm Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Silent Prayer

Saturday after 10.00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(with 15 minutes silence followed by Rosary)

*changes may occur due to Funerals or other Liturgical events.

A Reminder from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR:

During this time of pandemic:

Communion should be received in the hand rather than on the tongue.

No sharing of the chalice.

Those distributing Holy Communion should use hand sanitiser prior to distribution and not touch anyone when giving a blessing, and holy water fonts should still be empty.