

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Third Sunday of Easter Year B – 14th April



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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

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: Third Sunday of Easter Year B (14th April)

First: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19 **Second:** 1 John 2:1-5 **Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48

Readings next week: Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B (21st April)

First: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 **Second:** 1 John 3:1-2 **Gospel:** John 10:11-18



RECENT DEATHS:

Maureen Darbin, Charlie Francs, Jason Lambert

ANNIVERSARIES:

Majella Ahearn, Lawrence Alexander, Paul Anderson, Frank Benson, Peggy Brooks, Marlene Bruhn, Margaret Cowan, Kevin Cunningham, Robert Dobson, Suzanne Donnelly, Kevin Foley, Werner Gotthold, Daphne Haley, Joan Hardbottle, James (Geordie) Hayes, Jodie Hughes, Helen Lange, Angela Loader, Elizabeth Lumsden, Basil Maher, Barry McNamara, Veronica McNamara, Eilin O'Siochain, Veronica Re, (Sr.) Eileen Riley, IBVM, Kathleen Shelley, Patrick Thompson, Joseph Tobin, Andries Van Der Horst, Veronica Widdison

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reflection on the Gospel- 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

(Luke 24:35-48)

-Veronica Lawson, RSM

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on the road of life. That is one of the elements in today's gospel that forms the conclusion to the Emmaus story. When I was a student in Dublin researching Luke's depiction of women in the Acts of the Apostles, I would often take a detour on my way home to visit the National Gallery of Ireland. Velázquez' remarkable oil painting, *Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus* captured and held my attention. In this work, the viewer is confronted with a painting within a painting. The kitchen maid pauses from her tasks to listen, through the space between kitchen and dining area, to the conversation between Jesus and his table companions. Jesus' hosts have not yet recognised the companion they had encountered on the road from Jerusalem. Velázquez seems to be suggesting that the young servant woman in the foreground, a woman from another place and another time, has sensed what they have yet to discover. Like Velázquez' servant woman, we might attend to this graced encounter, its prelude and its aftermath.

Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on the road from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his death has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes. He engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he opens to them the meaning of their sacred scriptures. They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus then disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that he is alive.

Cleopas and partner return immediately to Jerusalem to share the good news with the other disciples. All the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They share a meal with him. He opens their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything falls into place. They not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They now know that they will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery, and to preach forgiveness to all peoples "beginning from Jerusalem".

Luke will open his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, with the story of the risen One sending the disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. If we who re-member these events in every Eucharistic celebration allow our hearts to "burn" within us, we too may recognise the Risen One "on the road" and become his witnesses to the ends of the earth, engaging and even hosting the "strangers" we meet along the way.

Jubilate Deo workshop and Mass, Saturday 20 April

On Saturday 20th April, the Jubilate Deo Sacred Music Program is coming to St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The program is for Catholic school students and parishioners. Through instruction in chant, students and parishioners are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the divine, into the prayer of the Mass, and become attentive to other liturgical moments of the day. On 20th April, the Director of the program, Ronan Reilly, will run a workshop for parishioners between 2.30-4pm, and for children aged 5-12 between 4.30-5pm, followed by a Mass at 5.30pm to sing what has been taught. If you would like to be involved, please contact Vincent Sully on 0407 310 115 or @ vincenzo101923@gmail.com

AN Invitation - Are you interested in becoming a Mercy Associate?



This group seeks to "Preserve, Nurture and Reimagine the Mercy charism", established by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy".

We offer members a number of social and spiritual activities throughout the year. If you are interested, both women and men, please contact the Parish Office for further information before 30 April 2024.

Update regarding Maintenance Work on St Patrick's Cathedral Fence

As reported in *The Courier* on Monday, March 25, ribbons were removed from St Patrick's Cathedral fence to allow maintenance work to be done on the fence. The date for the removal of ribbons was set in consultation with members of the Loud Fence movement.

Over the past two weeks, the fence has been cleaned and a first coat of paint has been applied to most of the fence. The finishing coat of paint will be applied in the coming weeks to complete the maintenance project.

Bishop Paul Bird and some members of the parish council will meet again with members of the Loud Fence movement next week. This will be to discuss arrangements for a meeting with survivors to hear their views on a memorial for those who have suffered abuse. The memorial could provide ongoing recognition of those who have suffered abuse and also be a reminder of the need for continuing attention to safeguarding children and vulnerable people in our community.

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VOCATION SUNDAY Sunday 21st April

The Universal Church celebrates Vocation Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This is an opportunity for all to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." – Matthew 9:35–38

All parishioners are invited to a Holy Hour with Benediction for this intention on Wednesday 24th April in the Cathedral at 6.00 pm concluding at 6.45 pm. Sr Sipona Ah Kuoi a Sister of Nazareth here in Ballarat, will give a reflection on God's call. There will be a short time for cuppa afterwards before 'Wisdom in the Cathedral' takes place in the Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend both the Holy Hour and 'Wisdom in the Cathedral'.

Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to hear Dr Patrick Kennedy present "**Victor Hugo's Les Misérables: A Catholic Novel?**" for the next Wisdom at the Cathedral event on Wednesday 24 April at 7pm. Patrick, whose doctoral research centred on the works of the great French author, will explore ways in which we can engage with fiction in light of Catholic Wisdom. 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.

DUE TO MAINTENANCE OF LIGHTING IN THE CHURCH ALL SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE MOVED TO ST COLUMBA'S NORTH BALLARAT FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY NEXT WEEK APRIL 15TH TO 18TH.

Monday 15 th Apr	12.05pm	St Columba's
Tuesday 16 th Apr	7.00am	St Columba's
	12.05pm	St Columba's
Wednesday 17 th Apr	7.00am	St Columba's
	10.00am	St Columba's CANCELLED
	10.30am	St Columba's (Funeral - Maureen Darbin)
	12.05pm	St Columba's
	6.00pm	St Columba's Holy Hour
Thursday 18 th Apr	7.00am	St Columba's
	12.05pm	St Columba's

RETURN TO THE CATHEDRAL FRIDAY 19TH APRIL

Seminarians' Fundraising Afternoon Tea

The Cathedral Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be hosting an Afternoon Tea as a fundraiser to aid our Seminarians on Saturday April 20th from 1.30 onwards at 30 Waller Ave, Ballarat. Entry \$20 - Cash only - Stalls and Competitions. Donations Welcome. Donations to assist can be paid direct to Bendigo Bank Cathedral Branch Ballarat CWL BSB 633 000 ACC 21371 7255

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word Online Training Programs

The ACU Centre for Liturgy, which is endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, offers online training programs for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word. The next Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion program will begin on April 9 and Ministers of the Word program will begin on June 4. Both programs will be available again at various times throughout the year. For registration details and more information go to

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>

Laudato Si': Everything is connected

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action.

Congratulations Long time parishioners Bev and John Caligari celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary during the week. All the best to the Caligari family on this special occasion.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2557.55

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 3664.45

Tap & Go - \$ 280.96

(Parish - Online & Collection – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

MASSES (St Columba's Mon-Thur)

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 (St Columba's Mon-Thur)

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

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 Prayer

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

4.30pm Earthcare Meeting

Sunday

6.00pm Youth Group