

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Pentecost Sunday Year A – 28th May



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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.

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:

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Parish Administrator:

Fr Ed Moloney

Assistant Priests:

Fr Abraham Thomas

Fr James McKay

Visiting Priests:

Fr Dan Arundell

Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Pentecost Sunday Year A (28th May)

First: Acts 2:1-11

Second: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Readings next week: The Most Holy Trinity Sunday Year A (4th June)

First: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Second: 2 Corinthians 13 11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18



RECENT DEATHS:

Christine Doig (Buzo), Allan Cook, Margaret Carlin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Janice Christopherson, Michael Clancy, Angelina Costa, William Fay, Lindsay Hannah, Honorata Hrymakowski, Mario Iafrate, John MacDonald, Benjamin Mackiewicz, Mary Matthews, Noelene McCulloch, Patrick McMahan, Valma Murphy, Angela Nesci, Shirely Porter, Aileen Pryor, Irene Roberts, William Ross, Norma Sarah, Teresa Scholten, Desmond Segrave, Jack Stuart, Nadzia Studzinski, Julie Anne Tebb, Marguerite Victor, Margaret Waight, Amerial Weir, Joan Wels, Joseph Welsh, Rita Wildner, Irvine Wilkie

Masses Next Weekend 3rd/4th June

On this weekend, please note the 5:30 Vigil Mass, the 10:30am Mass and 5:00pm Mass will include many families of children who are receiving their Holy Communion for the first time. If possible, could you attend the 8:00am Mass.

Eucharistic Sacramental Program

First Reconciliation **4:30pm Tuesday 30th May**
First Eucharist Celebrations **June 3rd/4th and June 10th/11th and June 17th/18th**
Contact Tony 53 312933 for details.

St Patrick's Cathedral is establishing Choral and Organ Scholarships.

The program will provide an opportunity for children with an aptitude and interest in music to sing regularly at Cathedral Masses. The children will receive annual scholarship payments towards their general education in return for their participation in the choir. The children will benefit from vocal and musical tuition, and develop skills in teamwork, time-management, professionalism and discipline. Children in Grades 3-6 are welcome to audition for the choir, which will have a gender balance. The safety of the children will be of the highest priority. Copies of the Choir Handbook, Audition Form or further information can be obtained by contacting the Choir Director, Mr Vincent Sully, on 0407 310 115 or vincenzo101923@gmail.com.

'Save Calvary Hospital' Petition (Saving the Sanctity of Human Life)

You would be aware that, on Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the Little Company of Mary and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979.

There has been considerable commentary on the ACT Government's action, as well as sustained media interest. Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce, led by Father Tony Percy, to challenge the ACT Government's plan. He has supported a petition 'Save Calvary' (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>).

As the forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding, Archbishop Prowse has asked that bishops support the 'Save Calvary' petition and, as they consider appropriate, promote the petition in the dioceses, particularly in parishes.

Further information can be found at:

Statement from Archbishop Christopher Prowse: <https://cgccatholic.org.au/2023/05/archbishop-prowse-calvary-hospital/>

Statement from Martin Bowles, National CEO of Calvary Care: <https://www.calvarycare.org.au/blog/media-releases/calvary-committed-to-serving-the-territory-martin-bowles/>

Archbishop Fisher calls for support for petition: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-urges-support-for-petition-to-reverse-calvary-hospital-takeover/>

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Final Profession of Sisters of Nazareth

Sister Than and Sister Epifania have last week taken their final vows as Sisters of Nazareth and a role in the care of others. Please say a prayer for their future vocation.

Prayer for Christian Unity:

Thank you to all who assisted with Prayer for Christian Unity on Tuesday evening - Presiders, Readers, Singers, Organist. Your ministry made for a very reflective and prayerful gathering. A special thanks to those who organised and provided supper - I feel that all who attended felt very warm and welcomed.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and pray for **Ellie Lea Jones, Mia Oliver Inglis, Sophie Elizabeth Schumacher** and **Nevaeh Eden Mahamalage Fernando** as they enter into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism



"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." Pope Francis.

St Patrick's Divine Mercy Prayer Group – 1st Class Relics of St John Paul II and St Faustina

All are welcome and especially supporters of the Divine Mercy mission and those interested in the evangelisation mission to attend the prayer gathering on **Thursday, 15 June** after 10 am Mass. The 1st class relics of Pope St John Paul II, as well as St Faustina Kowalska, will be available for veneration. We are planning to gather all those who wish to become empowered by the mission for the world and the Church given by Jesus to St Faustina and those who wish to evangelise to others. It is to assist especially people seeking healing, love, and peace. We are praying for crucial intentions for our times including prayers for the Clergy, the Church, our nations, and the world. We are praying in preparation for the mission work in support of the Parish and evangelisation mission. Enquiries: Peter Mobile 0403 192 933, pete.schreenan@gmail.com.

Lord Jesus spoke to Sister Faustina: *Your purpose and that of your companions is to unite yourselves with Me as closely as possible: through love You will reconcile earth with heaven. I place in your care two pearls very precious to My Heart: these are the souls of Priests and Religious. You will pray particularly for them...* (St. Faustina's Diary, 531).

FAMILY GROUPS

Family Groups consist of small clusters of individuals/couples/families who meet monthly doing activities agreed upon by the group. This offers company and support to the members and in turn enriches the parish. May is the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Family Groups started by Fr Peter McGrath (Passionist priest) in Sydney.

Family Groups have been operating in the Cathedral Parish for 32 years - despite ageing we are still going strong - we have 6 groups of 12-20 people in each.

We are always open to new members - for further information - www.pfgm.org

Contact - the parish office - Mick 0407 350 702 - Marica 0400 153 656

Catholic Education Week 2023

Catholic Education Week 2023 will be celebrated from May 21-26, 2023. The theme for this year is "Let the words you speak always be full of Grace" (Col 4:6). Further information at

<https://dobcel.catholic.edu.au/news/catholic-education-week/>

We give thanks to God for our diocesan schools. Send your spirit upon all involved in catholic education. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

Reflection for Pentecost Sunday - The work of the Holy Spirit.

To the Holy Spirit all creatures turn in their need for sanctification....His breath empowers each to achieve its own natural end.

The Spirit is the source of holiness, a spiritual light, and he offers his own light to every mind to help it in its search for truth. By nature the Spirit is beyond the reach of our mind, but we can know him by his goodness. The power of the Spirit fills the whole universe.

Simple in himself, the Spirit is manifold in his mighty works. The whole of his being is present to each individual; the whole of his being is present everywhere. Though shared in by many, he remains unchanged; his self giving is no loss to himself. Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth his grace in full measure, sufficient for all, and yet is present as though exclusively to everyone...To all creatures that share in him he gives a delight...The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those who are making progress. He enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin and makes them spiritual by communion with himself.

As clear, transparent substances become very bright when sunlight falls on them and shine with a new radiance, so also souls in whom the Spirit shines become spiritual themselves and a source of grace for others.

From the Spirit comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of the mysteries of faith, insight into the hidden meaning of Scripture, and other special gifts. Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we enter into eternal happiness, and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations – we become God.

From the treatise On the Holy Spirit by Saint Basil the Great, bishop

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Fridays, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 11.00 am and concludes at 12.00 pm. This is a time of Silence and Personal Prayer.

RCIA FOR CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

At the five o'clock Mass on Pentecost Sunday (28th May, 2023), nineteen children will be initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. We ask for your prayers and support for these children and their families who have made this decision to continue their life journey in the Catholic Faith.

Morning tea after 10.30am Mass next Sunday

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass next Sunday. All welcome! Come along to the Mackillop/Glowrey rooms (behind the hall) for a cuppa and some home baking.

Catholic Earthcare Parish: The Letter

Laudato Si' Week, 21-28 May 'Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity'. Unfortunately, due to a planned power outage on this Sunday May 28 the screening of **The Letter: a message for our Earth** has been postponed to later date.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations (\$2.00 and over are tax deductible) can be made on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops.

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal>

Half-a-Day of Reflection - Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will hold a Half-a-Day of Reflection on Wednesday, 31 May 2023, Feast of the Visitation, in the Mary Glowrey Hall from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm (Light lunch). Father Jim McKay will lead us in prayer and reflection. All active, auxiliary, past members of the Legion and parishioners are cordially invited to join and participate in this special day.

The **St Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting is on 1st Friday, 2nd June, at 10am at Nazareth House, St Anne's 1st floor lounge.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$2695.75

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1776.65

(Parish - buildings, office, admin, grounds & maintenance)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am and 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm

(Reconciliation at 11.00am 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
Holy Hour & Benediction 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday after 10.00am Mass -
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

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary
4:30pm Eucharistic Sacramental Program
for Parish Based Candidates

Lost Property in the Cathedral

Please see one of the sacristans