

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

## MOTHER'S DAY

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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.

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*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: Fourth Sunday of Easter (8<sup>th</sup> May)**

**First:** Acts 13:14, 43-52    **Second:** Rv 7:9, 14-17

**Gospel:** John 10:27-30

### **Readings next week: Fifth Sunday of Easter (15<sup>th</sup> May)**

**First:** Acts 14:21-27    **Second:** Rv 21:1-5

**Gospel:** John 13:31-35

### **RECENT DEATHS:**

Edmond Gerard Maher,

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mary Bettles, Teresa Bongiorno, Mary Chatham, Peter Cook, Margaret Engellenner, Thomasena Fischer, Christina Goodfellow, Patricia Harman, Mary Helliar, Brian Keating, Gerard Madden, Barbara Mahony, Norman Malthouse, Kathleen Martin, George Mangan, Vinka Medvac, Alexander Merzvinskis, Marie Nichols, Bernie Segrave, Edward Smeaton, Peter Swan, Michael Tobin, Mary Todd, Jim Welsh

## **Synod 2021 - 2023**

### **'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission'**

Invitation to the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, pre-Synodal Celebration Synod of Bishops 2021-2023. Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass to acknowledge the conclusion of the first phase of the Synodal process on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 10.30am in the Cathedral. Everyone welcome.

### **Golden Jubilee of the Priesthood**

Frs Tom Brophy and Peter Hudson will celebrate their 50 years of Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.30am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. The Mass will be followed by a cuppa in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms.

### **Choir practice to prepare for the Golden Jubilee Celebration**

The choir will be a combined choir of all singers from the various choirs from the Cathedral and any people who would like to join are most welcome. The choir will sing from downstairs. There will be two practice sessions held as follows: **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm**. Please come along to make the singing a Celebration to give Glory and offer Thanksgiving to God for the Ministry of Fr Tom and Fr Peter.

### **Sacraments of Initiation - First Eucharist (Communion)**

We welcome the 149 children to Parish Masses this weekend as they gather over the next four weekends to prepare to receive their First Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022**

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future.

For more information, visit <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>.

### **Baptisms This weekend,**

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Maeve Rose Williams**, daughter of Nathan and Annie

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

## This Sunday we celebrate MOTHER'S DAY

In his **Letter to Women** Saint Pope John Paul II, said these words:

'...Thank you, **women who are mothers!** You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy...[which] makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps them to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes their way along the journey of life.

Thank you, **women who are wives!** You irrevocably join your future to that of your husbands, in a relationship of mutual giving, at the service of love and life.

Thank you, **women who are daughters and women who are sisters!** Into the heart of the family, and then of all society, you bring the richness of your sensitivity, your intuitiveness, your generosity and fidelity.

Thank you, **women who work!** You are present and active in every area of life - social, economic, cultural, artistic and political. In this way you make an indispensable contribution to the growth of a culture which unites reason and feeling, to a model of life ever open to the sense of "mystery", to the establishment of economic and political structures ever more worthy of humanity.

Thank you, **consecrated women!** Following the example of the greatest of women, the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, you open yourselves with obedience and fidelity to the gift of God's love. You help the Church and all people to experience a "spousal" relationship to God, one which magnificently expresses the fellowship which God wishes to establish with his creatures.

Thank you, **every woman**, for the simple fact of being a woman! Through the insight which is so much a part of your womanhood you enrich the world's understanding and help to make human relations more honest and authentic.



## **“Where is the will of God for us in loss”**

You are invited to a day of reflection:

*“Where is the will of God for us in loss”*

to be held at the OLHC Parish, Wendouree on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am - 2.00pm. As numbers are limited, please book by contacting Kath on 53 312 677.

## **Ordination to the Priesthood – Date for your diary**

Our two deacons for the Ballarat Diocese, Revs. Bill Lowry and Matt Restall, will be Ordained to the Priesthood at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022.

## **Annual Mass Count**

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the next 4 weekends.

## **Parish Contributions**

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

### **First Collection**

**\$1,368.85**

(Presbytery - Priest support)

### **Second Collection**

**\$3,120.00**

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

### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

**\$5,058.20**

(including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

## **Weekday Masses**

**Monday** – 10.00am

**Tuesday** – **no 7.00am**, 10.00am

**Wednesday** – 10.00am

**Thursday** – 10.00am

**Friday** – 12.05pm  
(Reconciliation at 11.30am)

**Saturday** – 10.00am  
(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

## **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday** 5.30pm Vigil

**Sunday** 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

## **DEVOTIONS**

**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.*