

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

**Fifth Sunday of Easter – 15<sup>th</sup> May, 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.

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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: Fifth Sunday of Easter (15<sup>th</sup> May)**

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

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

## **Readings next week: Sixth Sunday of Easter (22<sup>nd</sup> May)**

**First:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 **Second:** Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel:** Jn 14:23-29

## **RECENT DEATHS:**

Stan Mahar, Tess O'Donnell

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Margaret Allison, Joan Blood, Ante Bozic, Gerard Britt, Elena Bucovaz, Stefan Burcon, Bridget Campion, Annie Carpenter, Iris Carrigg, Katherine Davis, Patrick Drinnan, Maurice Dunford, Kathleen Fay, Patricia Firms, Mildred Fogarty, William Foley, Frederick Gale, Margaret Hateley, Peter Kramer, Paul Madden, Jack Mahar, Leon Martin, Loyola McKenzie, Francis McKew, John Morris, Thomas Morris, Nanette Murnane, Sr Claudia Murphy, Steve Nowaski, Robert O'Brien, Maria Schildt, Fr Barry Stickland, Peter Stranieri, Maurice Tobin, Michael Twomey, Ellen White

## **National Family Week: 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022**

Visit <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>.

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

At the 10.30am Mass next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, we celebrate 50 years of Ordination to the Priesthood for Frs Tom Brophy and Peter Hudson. This will be followed by a cuppa in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Hall until 12.45pm.

There will be a combined choir practice session in the Cathedral on **Tues 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm.**

### **Laudato Si' Week (16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May)**

*Laudato Si' Week* is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the resources. Visit: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

### **Church Hall Hired for Federal Election – 21<sup>st</sup> May**

The Federal Government has requested the use of St Patrick's Hall for voting for the Election. This may have some impact on the parking next week for those who attend the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

As we prepare for the Australian Election, we remember all politicians around the world. May all leaders and government regimes be based on values that promote the flourishing of human life and communities. The Catechism of the Church reminds us; *“Every human community needs a legitimate authority that preserves order and contributes to the realization of the common good. The foundation of such an authority lies in human nature because it corresponds to the order established by God.”*

Authority is exercised in a legitimate way when it acts for the well-being of the common good. Citizens have a right to use their freedom to elect political regimes. The Church, by reason of her role and competence, is not identified with any political community nor bound by ties to any political system. By preaching the Gospel to the peoples and clarifying all sectors of human activity through its teaching and witness of its members, the Church respects and encourages the political freedom and responsibility of the citizen. We pray that all nations strive to work towards and be open to the grace of the Kingdom of God as described in the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King. His is: *“an eternal and universal kingdom; a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.”* Embracing this view of life and endeavouring to live this reality is to live life to the full.

### **Reflection Day – Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary will host a 'Day of Reflection' in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of St Patrick's Hall on Friday, **27<sup>th</sup> May 2022** in honor of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. Father Nathan Rawlins of St Peter's Parish, Epping, will be the Keynote Speaker for the day. All members of the Legion of Mary Family, active, auxiliary and past members, including parishioners from all Parishes of Ballarat, are cordially invited to participate in this event. The day will start at **9.15am and finish at 3.15pm.**

## **Baptisms This weekend**

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Blake McPhan**, son of Christopher and Fiona  
**Odie Samuel Morrison**, son of Dominic and Hannah

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

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his weary table companions whom he addresses affectionately as "dear friends" ("little children" in some translations) and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past nine years.

Jesus is "troubled in spirit" (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship.

The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other".

This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.

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

Please note this reflection day has been cancelled.

### **Annual Mass Count**

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will continue this weekend and over the 4 weekends in May.

### **COLLECTIONS**

This weekend we will resume taking up the collection during the preparation of gifts. A reminder that:

- First Collection: Presbytery  
(Priest support)
- Second Collection: Parish  
(Buildings, office, admin and maintenance)

### **Parish Contributions**

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

#### **First Collection**

\$ 1,110.05

(Presbytery - Priest support)

#### **Second Collection**

(including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

\$ 1,013.60

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

#### **DIVIN MERCY SUNDAY**

\$1,219.40



### **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 and )

**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.