

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

**Sixth Sunday of Easter – 22nd May, 2022**



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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: Sixth Sunday of Easter (22nd May)**

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

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29

## **Readings next week: Ascension (29th May)**

**First:** Acts 1:1-11    **Second:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53

## **RECENT DEATHS:**

Martin Hayes, Isobel Scibberas

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Peter Auchettl, Monica Braybrook, John Burke, Tom Bushell, Frances Callahan, Janice Christopherson, Camillo DeGrazia, Gerard Cullinan, Ellen Fay, Fr Laurence Gallagher, Paul Gleeson, Kevin Gottlieb, John Grant, James Hancock, Lindsay Hannah, Bernadette Hodges, Eilizabeth Howley, Jane Kincade, Kathleen Lorensini, Norah Mahar, Noelene McCulloch, James McMahan, Mary Matthews, Ciril Mauric, Margaret Miller, Mary Naylor, Bryan O'Loughlan, Irene Roberts, Kathleen O'Rourke, Constance Pollard, Amerial Weir, Graham Wiseman

## **Baptisms This weekend**

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Luci Elizabeth Nolan**, daughter of Paul and Andrea  
**Emily Maria Robertson**, daughter of Anthony and Sonya  
**Max Benjamin Yates**, son of Matthew and Rhiannon

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

## **Celebrating Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood**

This weekend we give thanks and praise to God for over 100 years of Priestly Ministry of Frs Tom Brophy and Peter Hudson.

We ask for God's continued protection on them and acknowledge the care of their families in support of their vocation to the Priesthood.

May they continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit and protected by Mary, the Mother of the Church.

*"Brother priests, we want to express our appreciation to you, who are our most important collaborators in the apostolate. Your priesthood is absolutely vital. There is no substitute for it. You carry the main burden of priestly ministry through your day - to - day service of the faithful. You are ministers of the Eucharist and ministers of God's mercy in the sacrament of penance. It is you who bring comfort to people and guide them in difficult moments in their lives. "We acknowledge your work and thank you once again, urging you to continue on your chosen path willingly and joyfully. No one should be discouraged as we are doing God's work; the same God who calls us, sends us and remains with us every day of our lives. We are ambassadors of Christ."*

Pope John Paul II  
*Pastores Dabo Vobis I will give you Shepherds*  
Post- Synodal Apostolic Exhortation 1992

## **The Gift of Listening – Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ**

As we commemorate World Communications Sunday we need to remember that good communication requires a commitment to listening with our ears and our hearts.

When we think of communications most of us look at it from the point of view of the person who speaks or writes. We think about the best ways to address our audience.

However, in his message for World Communications Sunday (22 May), Pope Francis looks at communication from the perspective of the person who is addressed. His theme is listening. He reminds us that communication is a two-way process, involving a speaker and a listener. Communication is effective when each partner has an opportunity to speak and to listen. To read the complete article, visit [australiancatholics.com.au](http://australiancatholics.com.au)

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

“Take from my heart all painful anxiety.” This is the prayer of the first Sister of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. It echoes the words of the Johannine Jesus, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” It is all a matter of love. Disciples of Jesus know that they need not be anxious or afraid “for perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). Today’s gospel makes it clear that “love” finds expression in the keeping of God’s word.

In the prologue to the gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the *Logos* who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God’s communication with the cosmos. Jesus keeps God’s word. Disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and proclaims. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God’s name. They will thus become a dwelling place for the divine. The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. If we truly believed and “kept” the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might be more inclined to treat each other and “our common home” with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God’s Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as “advocate” carries a range of meanings. It literally means “one called alongside to help” whenever necessary. In other words, the disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them. Earlier in this chapter of John’s gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to “keep the word” of Jesus.

Jesus gifts his friends with peace, a peace “that the world cannot give.” In John’s gospel, the “world” is first and foremost the tenting place of God’s Word: it is God’s creation. Occasionally, as here, it refers to whatever is opposed to Jesus as God’s Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear. It carries all the weight of the Hebrew *shalom*: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in God and gathering in all of God’s creation. As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also “coming to them” since the “Father” will send the Spirit to be with them. The gospel reading thus leaves us to find peace in the unfathomable mystery of God.

Veronica Lawson

## Annual Mass Count

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

## 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, **27th 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, including 12.05 Mass and finishing at 3.15pm.**

## Parish Contributions

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

### **First Collection**

\$ 1,873.30

(Presbytery - Priest support)

### **Second Collection**

(including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

\$5,693.30

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



## 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/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.