

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Pentecost – 5th June, 2022



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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 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: Pentecost (5th June)

First: Acts 2:1-11 **Second:** 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Readings next week: Holy Trinity (12th June)

First: Proverbs 8:22-31 **Second:** Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

RECENT DEATHS:

Damien Browne, Bernie Irvin, Fr Patrick O'Sullivan SJ, Heather Purtell,
Fr John Reidman, Lloyd White

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Besemers, Margaret Carroll, William Cochran, Lillian D'Alton, Kevin Duggan,
Timothy Canty, Margaret Doran, Helen Houlihan, Colin Jones, Patrick Kelly,
John Lamond, Kenneth Lumsden, Mary Morris, Antoinette O'Sullivan, Moira Purcell,
Nellie Remington, Kath Spiers, Ronald Stopps, Mia Thorpe, Ron Thorpe,
Leo Tuddenham, Maxine Tuddenham

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

We welcome, over the next three weekends (4th/5th, 11th/12th and 18th/19th June), the 136 children who have prepared for and now celebrate their First Eucharist within our Parish community.

“First Communion is, above all, a celebration. We celebrate Jesus, who wants to remain always by our side. He will always be with us.” - Pope Francis

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The 2022 World Environment Day campaign **#OnlyOneEarth** calls for collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet.

More information may be found at <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

PENTECOST

The work of the Holy Spirit is to unite, call into communion and gather. At Pentecost when the Apostles following Jesus' command to wait in Jerusalem (Acts 1:12) gathered in prayer with Mary (Acts 12:14). In Australia, the Plenary Council is taking place. The central role of the Holy Spirit is acknowledged in the Prayer for the Council:

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a
discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning "fiftieth") was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. When the Jerusalem temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed with this outpouring of God's Spirit.

For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples huddled behind locked doors. He "shows them his hands and his side". In other words, he provides incontrovertible evidence that he is the crucified one. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. The disciples respond with joy. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the sins or transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of evil-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and of our capacity to deal with or "seize hold of" the sins of the perpetrators of violence in our world. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide us in the way of truth and give world leaders the courage to deal with the perpetrators of war and other evils in our world. We do our part by conscientiously holding our leaders to account.

Veronica Lawson

Refugee Week: June 19-25, 2022

The House of Welcome Ballarat invites you to a **High Tea** on **Wednesday 22nd June** at **1.30pm** at 20 Waller Ave, Newington. Afternoon tea, cake/produce stall, bric-a-brac and competitions with proceeds to assist vulnerable people in our community (Donations welcome).

All Welcome. Entry \$50.00. Bookings are essential please. Contact Carmel on 0401175045 or via email:

<mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com>



Thank you to all those who helped with the Liturgy and Refreshments for the celebrations of Jubilee of Ordination for Fr Tom Brophy and Fr Peter Hudson.

Also, thank you to all who assisted in any way with the Service for Christian Unity.

Parish Contributions

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection (Presbytery - Priest support)
\$ 1,666.10

Second Collection (Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)
\$ 1,738.20
(including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

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.