

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Holy Trinity – 12th 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

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Readings this week: Holy Trinity (12th June)

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

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Readings next week: Body and Blood (19th June)

First: Gen 14:18-20 **Second:** 1 Cor 11:23-26

Gospel: Lk 9:11-17

RECENT DEATHS:

Antoinette El Basha

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Pauline Allen IBVM, Nancy Atkinson, Margrette Bouchier, Marlene Broadbent, John Cleary, John Caine, Graham Cluning, Maureen Patricia Costigan, Patrick Cranage, James Donnelly, Frank Dowling, Patricia Ann Duffy, Ljusevit Duka, John Gannon, Barbara Goodwin, Roman Grochowski, Albert Hickson, Irene Howgate, Winifred Humphries, Abigail Liversage, Elizabeth Madden, John Madigan, Ronald Matthews, Herbert McCarthy, Mary McLean, Thurza Moore, Eileen Polglase, Alido Relouw, Joy Simpson, Joan Smythe, Maureen Sullivan (Flynn), Emily Tait, Geoffrey Torney, Gerhard Zehner

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations continue both this weekend and next weekend for the 136 children of our Parish. We keep them in our prayers.

“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

Reconciliation: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts

All Australians have much to learn from the cultures, spirituality and knowledge of country of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. However, our society is yet to recognise fully Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the traditional owners and custodians of the lands and waters now known as Australia, or to achieve right relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

The Catholic Church in Australia has been caught up in this history of dispossession, Stolen Generations, the undermining of language and culture, and racism. Dioceses and religious orders have made sincere efforts to share faith, education and pastoral services with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. However, much suffering has been inflicted by the misguided attempts of those who were ignorant of the cultural richness of these peoples.

We know that we will not be “fully the Church that Jesus wants” us to be until Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made their contribution to the life of the Church and “until that contribution has been joyfully received by others” within the Church.

The Plenary Council has submitted principles “in the hope that the Catholic Church in Australia will more resemble the Church that Jesus Christ wants her to be in relation to Australia’s First Peoples”.

Further information visit: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/?s=framework+for+motions>

Pope John Paul II, on his visit to Australia, in his address to the native people of our own country, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders:

“For thousands of years this culture of yours was free to grow without interference by people from other places. You lived your lives in spiritual closeness to the land, with its animals, birds, fishes, waterholes, rivers, hills and mountains. Through your closeness to the land you touched the sacredness of man’s relationship with God, for the land was the proof of a power in life greater than yourselves... The silence of the bush taught you a quietness of soul that put you in touch with another world, the world of God’s Spirit.”

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 30 Waller Ave, Newington. All Welcome. Entry \$50.00. Bookings are essential please. Contact Carmel on 0401175045 or via email: <mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com>

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They *will* come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth". This has a particular resonance at a time when "truth-telling" is so often compromised in political circles.

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutized or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of both permeation and diversity in unity, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking metaphors used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious union of love. Another early metaphorical explanation was of three unified suns, with their three lights mingled into one light. The wonder is that we are invited into this mystery.

Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the mystery of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The wonder of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community and, inspired by the Spirit of Truth, to reclaim truth in public life.

Veronica Lawson

Parish Contributions

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection (Presbytery - Priest support)

\$ 2,197.00

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

\$5,966.00

(including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year will be held on **Tuesday, 21st June, 2022 in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.15pm.** Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. All are welcome to attend.

Movie Fundraiser

Ballarat Friends of Ainaro Health Group are supporting the TB program, run by the Carmelites in Maubisse, and student scholarships in health studies in Timor Leste.

On **Sunday 26th June at 2.30pm**, ELVIS, the movie is playing at the Regent and all tickets bought through us will assist these programs. We invite you to join us. \$20 per ticket. Please contact Therese O'Loughlin 0438 293 967.

ORDINATION DATE

The Ordination to the Priesthood for William Lowry and Matthew Restall will take place on **Friday 22nd July, 2022 at 7.00pm** in St Patrick's Cathedral.

All Welcome.

Plenary Council conversations around the diocese

Leading up to the second Assembly of the Plenary Council (July 3 -9), there will be an opportunity to gather for a conversation around the diocese with the diocesan members to encourage and affirm their participation in the Council and this will also be a focus for prayer and engagement.

Ballarat:

June 23, 2022 at 7.00pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Room of St Patrick's Cathedral Hall.

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.