

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Body & Blood – 19th 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: Body and Blood (19th June)

First: Genesis 14:18-20 **Second:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

Readings next week: Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (26th June)

First: 1 Kings 19:16. 19-21 **Second:** Galatians 5:1. 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

RECENT DEATHS:

Marg Burge, Helen Foy (Segrave), Bernard O'Sullivan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Catherine Barnes, June Bertalli, Angel Brown, Maurice Carroll, John Collins, John William Conroy, Michael Francis Conroy, Maria Copi, Veronica Curran, Robert Digman, Bill Dowler, Margot Driscoll, Catherine Dynon, Mary Franc, Mary Hall, Moya Hartigan, Sharon Hunt, Kevin Linane, Fr Thomas Mahony CSsR, James Martin, Dawn Mathews, Ron Matthews, Thomas Minogue, Cecylia Mlynarczyk, Helen Roberts, Mary Ryan, Catherine Singh, Evan Stevens, Peter Tagliabue, James Walker, Anthony White

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

The final celebrations for First Eucharist take place at Masses this weekend. We congratulate the 136 children who have celebrated and 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

Updated notice from last week:

CELEBRATING CLERGY JUBILEES OF ORDINATION

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

The Jubilarians are:

50th	Fr Thomas Brophy, ordained 20/5/1972
60th	Fr Kevin Arundell, ordained 21/7/1962
65th	Fr Kevin Murphy, ordained 2/12/1957
	Fr John McKinnon, ordained 21/12/1957

All are welcome to attend. You are invited to join the Choir for this Mass, which will be downstairs. **Practice prior to Mass at 4.30pm**

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

*'Hello singers! St Augustine once said that those who sing pray twice.
We feel that those who help others sing may pray thrice!*

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for the enthusiasm and commitment you are putting into this occasion. This is the first Ordination to the Priesthood in the Diocese in over nine years, so you are all involved in a rather historic occasion.

You are each an integral part of the celebration and each with your gifts and talents (and angelic voices) help give worthy praise to God. We encourage you all to please continue with the practice and the caring support of each other, building up community amongst each other and all those present on the night. Please be assured of our prayers and may the intercession of St Cecilia open up those vocal chords and bring forth beautiful song!

Rev. Bill Lowry and Rev. Matt Restall

This is a Diocesan event so choir members are welcome from across the Diocese.

Practice sessions will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on the following dates:

Thursday 30 June, 7pm

Thursday 7 July, 7pm

Thursday 14 July, 7pm

Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

The Annual Collection for the Holy Father will be taken up on the weekend of 2nd/3rd July 2022. Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The gospel for today brings together elements that have traditionally formed part of Christian worship. In the first part of the story, Jesus welcomes those who follow him. He then speaks to them of God's kin-dom and heals those in need of healing. In the second part, he takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them and puts them before the disciples who distribute the bread to the assembled people. All eat and are satisfied.

The second part of the story is full of eucharistic symbolism. The setting is a "desert" place, recalling the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai. The hunger of the people recalls God's care of Israel in the wilderness. God feeds God's people in the deserts of life, but only if those called to be disciples recognise their responsibility to be the hands of God. "Send them away" is one solution, clearly not the one preferred by Jesus. Rather, he says, "You give them something to eat". They are said to number "five thousand men (andres)". The women and children are simply not counted. When the people sit down in circles and share their food, they find there is more than enough for everyone. They gather up the broken pieces, just as we must remember to gather up the pieces that so often go to waste.

Jesus' actions and words over the bread [and the fish] are echoed in the account of his final meal with the disciples: the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. In the celebration of Eucharist, bread broken and wine poured out change their meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by thinking of the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread, but it is no longer simply the sum of its material parts, precious as they are. The restored flag is housed in a special place and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what that stands for in Australian history, it has taken on a meaning other than the goodness of the materiality of fabric and thread. In the celebration of Eucharist, the God-given gifts of bread and wine likewise become more than their material parts. They are life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. Eucharistic life is covenanted life. Recognition of another level of meaning does not discount the integrity and goodness of the underlying material reality, but rather affirms it.

Sharing in Eucharist means giving life for the sake of the many, sometimes to the point of heroism, sometimes simply by sharing our resources or our left-over pieces with others in need. Finally, it is important to remember that the healing is the prelude to the sharing of the bread. We are called to ensure there is a place at the table for those so often excluded from community by disability, ill-health or any kind of prejudice.

Veronica Lawson

Parish Contributions

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection (Presbytery - Priest support)

\$1,644.10

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

\$4,747.00

(including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

CATHEDRAL CLEANING

We have four teams of very committed Parishioners who clean our Cathedral each week. In recent times our numbers in some teams have become somewhat depleted due to illness and availability of time.

It would be wonderful if there are some members of our Parish community who could assist with this ministry. The commitment is approximately two to three hours each month on a Wednesday or Thursday morning following the 10.00 am Mass and devotions. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to assist or would like further details, please phone the Parish Office, or alternatively phone Kay on 0411 866 532 .

REFUGEE WEEK – HIGH TEA

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the House of Welcome Ballarat **High Tea** set for **Wednesday 22nd June** at **1.30pm** has been **cancelled**. New date to be advised.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM NEW ENVELOPES

Thank you to all parishioners who continue to contribute to our Stewardship Program. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

New planned giving envelopes (commencing 3 July, 2022) will be available for collection from the South Transept this weekend.

Should you wish to join our Stewardship Program to support our Parish, please contact our Finance Officer Kerrie in the Parish Office.

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.