

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th 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:

Philomena 'Phil' Cobb, Agnes Peters

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Barton, Ethel Bongiorno, Rupert Bowd, Enzo Campana, Patricia Collier, Veronica Curran, Sr. Emilian IBVM, Josie Hall, Mary Horgan, Walter Jones, Istvan Kirsteuer, Eileen Lynch, Eileen Maloney, Rowan McIndoe, Hilda O'Brien, Edward Pedelty, Bridget Price, Valentyna Sawka, Br. Bernard Scott, Phil Segrave, Lorna Sutherland, Tanya Tobin, Frank Valbusa, Henry Werner, Beryl Woolf

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Paddy Arthur Conaughton, son of Ciaran and Samantha

Kyle George Gamble-Reynen, son of Antoni and Leanne

Essie May Hynes, daughter of Nicholas and Hayley

Aria Valarie Joy Thomson, daughter of Matthew and Chloe

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

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Choir members from across the Diocese are invited to join a choir to celebrate the Diocesan event of Ordination to the Priesthood of Bill Lowry and Matt Restall on **Friday 22nd July 2022 at 7.00pm** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

There will be practice sessions for the choir taking place in the Cathedral on the following dates:

Thursday 30 June at 7.00pm, Thursday 7th July at 7.00pm

Thursday 14th July at 7pm and Thursday 21st July, 7.30pm

ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is **an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment**. Alpha is no-cost, no-pressure and no-commitment program.

The Cathedral Parish will begin an 11-week Alpha course from **Wednesday 13th July** from **6.30pm – 8.00pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome.

See more about Alpha by visiting: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/354563610>

ST VINCENT de PAUL – WINTER APPEAL

Every day, thousands of people turn to Vinnies in their time of need. Your donation will help support people during times of crisis or when they are struggling to get by. Envelopes for the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be available in the Cathedral this weekend – your generous support is greatly. vinnies.org.au

CATHEDRAL CLOSED FOR ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE

On Thursday 30th June the Cathedral will be closed for the entire day. Morning and Evening Prayer and the 10.00am Mass will take place in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Hall.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Most instances of enmity in our world are between near neighbours with differing cultures or slightly differing interpretations of reality. It is much easier to love those who are different from us if they are on the other side of the world. Jews and Samaritans shared a common origin story, but their respective histories led to a deeply conflictual relationship. While the Samaritans worshipped the God of Israel, they accepted only the first five books of the Bible as God's word. They were despised by their southern neighbours. Jesus and his Galilean Jewish friends could hardly have expected a gracious welcome in Samaria. They may have been received more warmly had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is Jesus' decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the heart of Jewish life and worship: the Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem."

James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (Luke 6:27-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the Samaritan villagers who failed to receive him. He simply turns and rebukes his two disciples and moves on to another village.

There is a sense of relentlessness in this passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. In the company of his disciples, he now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news and establishing God's reign of peace is the purpose of the journey. Jesus makes it clear that those who wish to follow him must live out in their lives the pattern of his life, a life of total commitment. While there is a degree of hyperbole in his insistence that the dead are to bury their own dead, it makes the point that there are no half measures in a gospel way of life. We are invited to enter into the journey with all its demands. There is no room on the journey for violence or for clinging to familiar securities when they conflict with the call of the gospel to deal with injustice. If we are serious about saving our planet, we must relinquish the certainties we have known and be prepared to "set our faces" towards whatever it takes to ensure God's reign of peace in our common home.

Veronica Lawson

PLENARY COUNCIL

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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 .

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

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

Parish Contributions

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$2,093.05
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$3,789.00
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance - including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

A reminder that new envelopes are available for collection from 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.