

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th July, 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: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (10th July)

First: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 **Second:** Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Readings next week: Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (17th July)

First: Genesis 18:1-10 **Second:** Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

RECENT DEATHS:

Fr Norman Ford SDB

ANNIVERSARIES:

Graeme Ainley, Gerarda Bakker, Mark Baulch, Giovanni Cincotta, Joan Costelloe, Ivy Cummings, James Doherty CSsR, Norma Duffy, Luigi Gigliotti, Ian Grundell, Adeline Halliday, Noel Harris, John Hutchinson, Dorothy Lamond, Elsie Lewis, Baby Manilloombel, Keith Miller, Richard Mudra, Veronica McAloon, Sile McCann, Gert McCracken, Cecil McVey, Doris Ngip, Thomas Nolan, Ronald O'Loughlin, Gertrud Polak, Nazario Pomella, Kevin Rawlings, Molly Reilly, Mercelino Reyes, Duncan Smerdon, Margaret Taylor, Ruby Taylor, Elizabeth Wymen

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jamie Darren McGrath, child of Jason & Sarah

Leo William Kohn, child of Mitchell & Kaysie

*"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

St Patrick's Cathedral - Friday 22nd July, 2022 at 7pm

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.

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

Thursday 7th July at 7.00pm

Thursday 14th July at 7.00pm

Thursday 21st July, 7.30pm

Holy Hour – 21st July, at 6.30pm to pray for Matthew and Bill in preparation for their Ordination and Ministry

PLENARY COUNCIL SECOND ASSEMBLY

The Second Session of the Plenary Council has now concluded. We offer this prayer of thanksgiving for the week of the Assembly:

Gracious God,

Through this time of gathering, sharing and discerning,
you invited each of us to hear the Holy Spirit in the voices of others,
to challenge our own will, desires, fears and prejudices
and to be open to your will.

Lord Jesus, thank you for guiding us as our beacon of light, truth and life
so that we can clearly see how best to honour and serve you,
our neighbours and our true selves.

We pray that our decisions today have stayed true to you
and to the faith and trust that you have in us.

Through this experience, may the Holy Spirit ignite feelings of joy, and deeper faith,
greater hope and trust, greater love and peace, greater courage
and compassion in each of us and in your holy Church as we journey forward
together. Amen.

Plenary Council Listening and Discernment Guide

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The present ecological catastrophe calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire fourteen billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is the Source and the Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. He addresses Jesus as "teacher" and Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed a teacher when he puts the question back to his interrogator and invites him to answer his own question. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and love of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" The lawyer would know very well that, for a Jew, the neighbour was another Jewish male. Jesus responds with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the bandits?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely with the words, "the one who showed mercy".

The Samaritan in the story is said to be "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by".

Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, on the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove and on the silver coins formed of material derived from cosmic activity, extracted from the earth and ultimately engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.

Veronica Lawson

ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha program begins this **Wednesday 13th July from 6.00pm to 8.00pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall, with the topic: **'Is There More to Life than This?'**

SEA SUNDAY APPEAL - JULY 10, 2022

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$1,533.45
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$3,040
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

Wednesday 1.30pm Legion of Mary (St Pat's Hall)

5.00pm Liturgy Team Meeting (Parish Office)

6.30pm Alpha (MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

Weekday Masses

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday – 10.00am

Thursday – 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm

Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday

Saturday – 10.00am

(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Saturday Morning Prayer 7.30am

Monday-Friday Evening Prayer 5.00pm

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.