

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th July, 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:

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

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

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Readings next week: Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time (24th July)

First: Genesis 18:20-32 **Second:** Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

RECENT DEATHS:

Anne Bates, Betty Healy, Gregory Noone, Vince Pinzone

ANNIVERSARIES:

Giuseppe Angelini, Michael Brennan, Marie Burnside, Daniel Cashin, Margaret Coppock, Antoinette De Brauwere, Kathleen Fenwick, Michael Flynn, Sr. Frances Hardbottle RSM, Francis Hutt, Maree Hutt, Stanislaw Iwanowski, Catherine Laffey, Patrick Maher, Eric Martin, Florence Muller, Maurie Murphy, Moira McRae, Amy McKew, Roma O'Donohoe, Sarah O'Malley, Seamus O'Sullivan, Leo Roberts, Kenneth Ryan, Antonius Stoffels, Jess Taranto, Margaret Tonkin, Leo Torpy, Johannes van den Bogert, Maria Van Govan, Lou Verberne Snr, Gerard Ward

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Finley Mark Bourke, child of Matthew and Sarah
Thomas Henry Van Dugteren, child of Sam and Alana

*"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 7.00pm

The final practice session for choir members who are in the choir to celebrate the Diocesan event of Ordination to the Priesthood of Bill Lowry and Matt Restall, will take place this coming **Thursday 21st July at 7.30pm** in the Cathedral.

HOLY HOUR – 21st JULY, 2022 at 6.30pm

All are welcome to pray for Matthew Restall and Bill Lowry this coming Thursday evening at 6.30 pm at a Holy Hour in St Patrick's Cathedral for these young Deacons as they prepare for their Ordination to the Priesthood, and Ministry in the Ballarat Diocese. We also pray in thanksgiving for their families, the Ballarat Diocesan Parish Communities, Pastoral Placements, Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College who have all been a part of nurturing their vocation.

FAITH FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MINISTRY

The St Patrick's Cathedral Liturgy Committee would like to invite you to the following sessions as opportunities for adult faith formation and development of ministry.

Sunday 7th August 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Exploring Scripture and formation for Ministry of the Word

Sunday 28th August 2.00pm - 4.30 pm

Exploring the Eucharist and formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 8th October 10.00 -am 5.00 pm

Music in our Liturgy

All members of the community are welcome to attend these sessions.

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 are available in the Cathedral – your generous support is greatly. vinnies.org.au

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus has been affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus has been seen as a less desirable stance. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things". Some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry. One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter between them, approving Mary's choice against Martha's. This voice has had the effect of creating a false dichotomy and of reducing the women characters to exemplars of active ministry on the one hand and of quiet contemplation on the other. In other words, the negative judgement of Luke's Jesus reflects the views of a certain group in Luke's house churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth.

A more women-friendly voice sees Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women disciples, Martha is a generous host who draws on earth's resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus and who listen to his words, among them her sister Mary. The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote blood relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who gather to hear the teaching of Jesus and to share Martha's hospitality. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (*periespato*) by many ministerial tasks (*peri pollēn diakonian*). There is no indication in the Greek text that she is distracted, as the English translation would have it. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus. The expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's exercise of leadership.

This story belongs within a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This Lukan tendency is in contrast with ways that women are presented elsewhere in the gospels, especially in John's gospel. Pope Francis speaks of an integral ecology that calls us to both social and environmental justice (*Laudato Si'* ch.4). We sometimes forget that gender justice, which is at the heart of social justice, forms a constitutive part of an integral ecology.

ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha program continues this **Wednesday 20th July from 6.30pm – 8.00pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall, with the topic: **'Who is Jesus?'**

ANOINTING MASS – FRIDAY 29 JULY:

On Friday July 29th our Mass with Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. It has been the custom to serve lunch to the Parishioners following Mass. As we learn to live in our COVID world, we are taking this opportunity to return to this Parish Celebration.

Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. These may be left at the Hall before Mass and assistance to help serve the lunch would be gratefully accepted. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with other Parishioners and have a chat over lunch. If you require transport on the day please contact the Parish office on 5331 2933.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

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

Wednesday 1.30pm Legion of Mary (St Pat's Hall)
6.30pm Alpha (MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$1,663.20
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1,452.00
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

Weekday Masses

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am (Funeral)

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.