

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th 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

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

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

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Readings next week: Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (31st July)

First: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 **Second:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

RECENT DEATHS:

Adele Charki, Sheila Foley, Betty Healey, Peter Saunders

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sheila Auchettl, Dorothy Bowden, Sr. Breda Byrne IBVM, Nancy Calistro, Florence Calvin, Maurice Connors, Anne Didue, Ron Flynn, Alex Gaitan, Patricia Galea, Gail Ginnane, James Grant, Marjorie Gullifer, Dorothea James, Doreen Keating, Irene Keating, Moira Lewis, Stephen Lowry, Nicholas Marios, Maria Martin, Margaret Murphy, Tony McGuinness, Margaret Nolan, Anna Owczarenko, Lachlan Poulter, Rita Ryan, Maria Sabo, Noreen Sherritt, Fletcher Slater, Robert Smith, Margaret Stabernack, Veronica Thomson, Clara Woof

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ryder James Cummins, child of Nicholas & Dayle
Ronin Liam David Peter McDonald, child of Liam & Jelisa
Finn Michael O'Loughlin, child of Thomas & Stepheney

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

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

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL – BALLARAT CITY BRASS BAND CONCERT

The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

CONFIRMATION – PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Parents of children who have been Baptised Catholic are invited to attend an information session for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be held on Tuesday 26th July, 2022 at 10.00am and 5.30pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of St Patrick's Hall.

To be included in this program a parent or guardian must attend one session. Please complete a Sacramental Registration Form which is available on the St Patrick's Cathedral website <https://stpatscathedral.weebly.com/sacraments-of-initiation.html> and return it to the Parish Office.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying and about God's generous giving. There are two teachings on prayer forming a frame around an enigmatic parable. In the first cameo, Jesus has finished praying and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond. He evokes the words of the Jewish blessing prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world. May God's kingship be established in your lifetime." Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the power of God over against the potentially destructive power of the Roman emperor.

The prayer continues with an acknowledgement that bread, the fruit of the earth, is the gift of God: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." This is not a prayer for more than we need, but for just as much as we need. The final petitions in the prayer that Jesus teaches are for forgiveness of sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and for freedom from testing. We cannot live without "bread" just as we cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiveness and from the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial such as the present ecological crisis with all its demands for radical change.

The parable that follows has raised questions for interpreters. Is this parable about persistence or about avoidance of shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek word *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is avoidance of shame. Avoidance of shame makes sense in a culture where one would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour who is unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night.

Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. The translation "persistence" seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo. Finally, Jesus draws on the experience of his listeners: if flawed disciples know how to give "good gifts" to their children, then they should not be surprised that those who ask for the Holy Spirit will receive this best of all gifts from God as they seek to renew the face of God's depleted Earth.

ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha program continues this **Wednesday 27th July from 6.30pm – 8.00pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall, with the topic: **'Why Did Jesus Die?'**

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
(via Zoom during winter)

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 - \$1,474.70
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$6,906.00
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

Weekday Masses

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday – 10.30am (Funeral Mass)
Please note change of time

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.