

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th August, 2022
National Vocations Awareness Week



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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.

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: Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (7th August)

First: Wisdom 18:6-9 **Second:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Readings next week: Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time (14th August)

First: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 **Second:** Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

RECENT DEATHS:

Rohan Cosgriff, Tony Driscoll (Fr Justin's brother), Evelyn Rosser

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Marina Bastian IBVM, Brian Blood, Ian Bouchier, John Byrne, Wilhelmus Byvoet, Giuseppe Cammarano, James Campbell, George Clark, Eileen Dowling, Trent Elkins, Daniel Garland, Nancy Gilham, Gregory Hayes, Philip Kenndy, Ian Larkin, Moira & Merv Lewis, Patricia Liston, Natale Liubicich, Ray Malthouse, John McCunnie, Florence McDonald, Kevin Meiklejohn, Norah Moore, Jane Morris, Lorna Naug, James Neary, Frank Nicol, Joy Nichols, Jack Nuttall, William O'Donnell, Raymond O'Leary, Phonse O'Loughlin, Noel O'Reilly, Maureen Parker, Martin Patton, Lorraine Parker, Colin Sherritt, Laurence Noel Stingers, Thresiamma Thaikkadupill, Beatrice Thomson, Marie Jose van der Valk,

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

At 5.30pm Vigil, 10.30am and 5.00pm Masses over all weekends during August, we welcome the 136 children from the Cathedral Parish as they prepare to celebrate their Sacrament of Confirmation. Dismissals sessions will take place from Masses for this Parish Coordinated preparation program.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Please note – the “*Exploring the Liturgy of Word*” formation planned for Sunday 7th August at 2.00 pm will now be held in conjunction with the formation afternoon on **Sunday 28th August from 1.00 pm – 4.30 pm.**

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the afternoon on 28th, as this will give our worshipping Community the opportunity to explore the Liturgy (the Mass) as a whole, and gain an understanding of how the ministries of service add to the Liturgy.

Anyone who wishes to undertake a liturgical ministry (Ministry of the Word, Ministry of Holy Communion, Ministry of Welcome, Ministry of Sacristan) is particularly invited to attend. Liturgical ministers, new and experienced, require initial and regular formation.

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 7-14, 2022

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week in August, coinciding with the feast of the country's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have created a webpage which shares resources <https://catholic.org.au/vocations>.

What can I study at Catholic Theological College

With semester 2, 2022 fast approaching it is now time to discover the available face-to-face and online options at Catholic Theological College (CTC). Studying theology at CTC provides an opportunity to deepen your understanding of our faith. You can build pastoral skills and engage in rich theological discussion. <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/ctc-videos/>

CTC online unit: Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care

Commencing with the ancient Christian understanding of the “care of souls” the course unit explores the evolution of pastoral and spiritual care to the present day as they contribute to the personal, mental and social wellbeing of ageing persons in our society. Contact the Academic Records Office for enrolment information and appointments, ph. 9412 3309, or email or <https://ums.divinity.edu.au/unit/DP9631C/public>

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as "little flock". He tells them not to be afraid. He is warning them against the paralysing effects of fear. God, their "father", has delighted in giving them the kingdom and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (*eleēmosunē*).

Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also." The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a gospel image of God. In this problematic passage, the Lukan Jesus is engaging his hearers' experience of slavery in order to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave enjoys a relative happiness in comparison with the fate of the other slaves.

The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have been met with scepticism by its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is just not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are alert enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal.

The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They are invited to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. These verses are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.

ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha program continues this **Wednesday 10th August from 6.30pm – 8.00pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall. This week's subject is:

'Why and How Do I Pray?'

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Tuesday

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(via Zoom during winter)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary
(St Patrick's Hall)

5.00pm Liturgy Team Meeting

6.30pm Alpha
(MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms)

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Thank you to all those who helped out in any way for the Mass of Anointing which was held in the Cathedral Hall last Friday; those who helped in setting up and those who provided the delicious lunch.

St Vincent de Paul thank all who have contributed to the Vinnies Winter Appeal via envelopes and through purchases from the Piety Stall. Donations may still be made via envelopes in the Cathedral.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$1,868.65
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2,797.20
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

Weekday Masses

Monday – 10.00am

Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop

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-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.