

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st August, 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.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation. We recognise their heritages, their cultures and their continuing connection to land and community, and we pay respects to elders past, present and emerging.

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
Fr Jim McKay

Visiting Priests:

Fr Dan Arundell
Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Admin:

TBA

Finance Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

Sacraments:

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Safeguarding Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

Readings this week: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (21st August)

First: Isaiah 66:18-21 **Second:** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Readings next week: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (28th August)

First: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29 **Second:** Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Lk 14:1. 7-14



RECENT DEATHS:

Bernadette Lenehan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Harold Bromley, Elsie Butler, Eileen Caelli, Kathleen Callinan, Joseph Casey, Georgia and Gemma Charwood, Antonio Churkovich, Maree Clifton, Ryan Engel, Jack Greig, Marg Godfrey, Margaret Grimwood, Sarah Theresa Hayes, Matthia Joore, Thomas Laffey, Lilian Rose Lewis, Rhonda Lilian Lewis, William George Lewis, Irene Loverso, Rita Madden, Ronald Males, Francis McAloon, Bonnie McDermott, Josie Micich, Elizabeth Minogue, Brian Murdoch, Albert Myles, Mark Noy, Pdraig O'Siochain, Brock Phelps, Sr Teresa Reid, Ivy Tough, Mary White, Christopher Yates

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ari Jack Hartigan, child of Matthew and Ana

Luca Vincent Madafferi, child of Vincent and Taylah

Annabelle Macy and Frankie Alice McClure, children of Adam and Emma

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

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Children from the Cathedral Parish join us again at 5.30pm Vigil, 10.30am and 5.00pm Masses this weekend to continue to prepare to celebrate their Sacrament of Confirmation on the weekends of 3rd/4th and 10th/11th September.

Understanding the Mass

Reminder of Our Parish Gathering on August 28th, 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm

After more than two difficult years of challenges in gathering as a Faith Community, all members of our St Patrick's Cathedral Parish are invited to attend the Sunday afternoon discussion session on '**Understanding the Mass**' as a worshipping community.

Each and every person attending Mass plays a vital role through their participation, whether you are a Member of the Assembled Community, involved in some form of Ministry or as the Presider, your contribution, as the People of God, is vital to the Celebration.

We urge all members of our Worshipping Community to gather in the warmth of MacKillop/Glowrey Centre next Sunday afternoon to share together their understandings on "The Source and Summit of Our Faith – The Eucharist".

This is an opportunity to build community, enjoy the company of parishioners over a cuppa and share aspects of your Faith Journey.

Round Table Ecological Theology Sessions

Those who sent submissions to the recent Plenary Council asked, among other things, for sound adult theological education. For some years now, Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson have been offering regular adult theology classes. A new series begins on **Wednesday, 7th September** (afternoon group 1-3 pm and evening group 7-9pm) at the Mercy Centre in Ballarat East (16 Gent Street). If you are interested, kindly send your contact details (mobile and email) to Sr. Veronica on veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au and she will provide you with further information on the sessions.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Some people seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement. They put themselves first without regard to the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of over-indulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family or workplace or community. Those who put themselves first will often find themselves last in that they are tolerated rather than welcomed into most circles. They need to show the “good heart” that is hidden behind their façade of entitlement.

As Jesus moves from town to town on his way to Jerusalem, “someone” puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: “Are only the few saved?” Jesus treats this as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. The questioner rightly assumes that God is the one who saves. Jesus responds with a reminder that God's saving action cannot be taken for granted. One must “strive to enter the narrow door”. Serious commitment is involved in ensuring that God's saving power is there for God's world.

While the question comes from one person, Jesus' response is “to them”. The insistence of people in the crowd that they have eaten with him may suggest they are among those who have been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus' table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). The text makes it clear that they have heard his teaching: “You taught in our streets”.

Jesus' reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kin-dom belongs to Israel's ancestors and to all the prophets. Jesus' assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, “from east and west and north and south”, might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as “first” in the schema of salvation.

Those who share in the banquet in God's kin-dom, the “saved”, have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the “narrow door”. Entry is by no means restricted to Israel's forebears. It belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or “salvation” of outsiders will cause grief among “evil-doers”. These flawed individuals include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God's reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the “door” to salvation may be “narrow”, the Lukan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God, to those who “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance” (8:15). -

ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha program continues this **Wednesday 24th August from 6.30pm – 8.00pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall. This week's subject is:

'How Does God Guide Us?'

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)

6.30pm Alpha
(MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms)

PARISH STAFF

After 13.5 years of generous service Anita Houlihan has resigned from her position as the Parish Coordinator. Anita was employed as the Family Ministry Coordinator and for the last 4.5 years has taken on the additional role of Parish Coordinator.

Anita will take up employment in the corporate sector and we take this opportunity to thank her for the dedication, generosity, professionalism and positive presence in all her duties. We wish her well and ask God's Blessing on her and her family

All Saints Parish Portland 175th Anniversary

Over the weekend of 27th/28th August, celebrations will be held for the 175th anniversary of All Saints Parish Portland. All Saints Portland is the oldest parish in the Diocese of Ballarat. For more information, contact the parish office by email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5523 1046

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-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.