

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th August, 2022

Social Justice Sunday



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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.

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

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

Gospel: Luke 14:1. 7-14

Readings next week: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (4th September)

First: Wisdom 9:13-18 **Second:** Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

RECENT DEATHS:



Brian McConnell, Trieu Phan, Evelyn Villa

ANNIVERSARIES:

Emma Basham, Bruno Bulich, Elizabeth Caligari, Stephen Callahan, Patricia Cummins, Padraic D'Arcy, Catherine Garvey, Carmel Gibson, Patricia Grace, Eileen Hague, Geoffrey Hall, Robert Hovey, Alfred Jones, Brenda Kelly, Mary McCuskey, Catherine McLenehan, Rev Bob Markey, Mark Milne, Kathy Muir, Stjepan Nikolic, Anne Nuttall, William O'Leary, Benjamin Reyes, Kevin Sculley, Kathleen Stapleton, Fr Peter Taffe, James Trainor, Margaret Trevenen, Cheryl Twomey, Johannus Vanderkley, Johanna van Stekelenburg, Thomas Wilton

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Clara Cuzack, child of Rebecca and Steven

Louie Hoffman, child of Gemma and Shane

Evelyn Mills, child of Alexandra and Gareth

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

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS:

The Mass is the heart of the Catholic Church. It is an action of praise, of love, of thanksgiving to God, on behalf of the Church. Each celebration of the Mass finishes with a plan for each person who attends - a plan that fulfils God's dreaming for the world.

Each and every participant in the Mass plays a vital role through their participation. Whether you are part of the Assembly, the Presider, or carry out a Ministry, your contribution is vitally important. With this in mind, we urge you to gather with our Cathedral Community on **Sunday August 28th at 1.00 pm**, to share your faith and deepen your understandings of the Mass.

Today is Social Justice Sunday

The 2022-23 Social Justice Statement, "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse", invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.' We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action. The statement and the full range of resources are available at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23//>

Prayer for Social Justice Sunday

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.

Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way.

Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour. Amen.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SOCIAL AFTERNOON

The CWL Cathedral Branch would like to invite Parishioners to join them for a Social afternoon at the Mary Glowrey Room, on Wednesday September 7th at 1.30. There will be afternoon tea, a stall and competition. Entry free. Come along and bring a friend and meet our members and other Parishioners. Inquiries Carmel 0401 175045 or annekav1234@gmail.com

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Veronica Lawson RSM

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).

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, September 7 (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.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. 17 retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Caring for those who cared for us – the Church community’s responsibility

ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha program continues this **Wednesday 31st August from 6.30pm – 8.00pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall. This week's subject is: "How Can I Resist Evil?"

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)

Employment opportunity:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat Parish Coordinator / Secretary (Part time)

The Parish of St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat are seeking a Parish Coordinator/ Secretary to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office. Please refer to the Cathedral Parish webpage for further details:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballar-at-cathedral/>, or contact the Parish Office, ph. 5331 2933.

St Augustine's Church Creswick 150th Anniversary

On the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. For more information go to <https://staugustines150.weebly.com/>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$3,589 (fortnight)
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2,335 (fortnight)
(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 – 10.00am

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/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.