

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd October, 2022



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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am – 5.00pm

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:

TBA

Safeguarding Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

Readings this week: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (2nd October)

First: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Second: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

Readings next week: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (9th October)

First: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

RECENT DEATHS:



Ted Arundell, Bishop Hilton Deacon, Marie Linane,
Kerry Mullane, Eileen Quinlan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Graeme Bounday, Luigi Bomitali, Jack Callander, John Canty, Noel Cherry, Anna Cincotta, Grace Clark, Bryan Cooney, Noel Cossey, Joan Cushing, Lawrence Fryar, Patricia Gill, Giesela Gotthold, Ellen James, Aileen Jones, Ethel Jones, Bob Kochskamper, Denis Lyons, Basil McDonald, Pat Mahar, Gabby Mayne, Bernard Meagher, Eileen Morris, Maria Morris, Maureen Mullane, Elizabeth Neville, Theresa O'Loughlan, Peter Overington, Joseph Rice, Eddie Schreenan, Dorothy Stahl, John Strybosch Snr, Lynette Tann, Esther Tobin, Hendrikus Wansink, Maureen Watson

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Frankie Alice McClure and **Annabelle Macy 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.

SING ASSEMBLY SING

Saturday 8th OCTOBER 10.00am – 4.00pm St Patrick's Cathedral Hall.

This day is bringing to our diocese expert presenters Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan, Dr Paul Taylor and Ms Sophy Morley for a colloquium open to all parishes across the diocese. The subject for the day is the important role played by the Assembly (Congregation), particularly in the area of music. If the Assembly is not participating in the liturgical music, then the music may not be achieving its objective. This day aims to guide those preparing Liturgy in gaining knowledge and understanding in order to assist the engagement of the Assembly. The cost of the day is \$25.50. The bookings for *Sing Assembly Sing* are now open at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CCPYW>.

(Please note that there will be NO Exposition or Prayers after the 10.00am Mass due to this Assembly)

CHANGE OF MASS TIME:

Please note from 8th October, Saturday night Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm due to the commencement of Daylight Savings.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS

St Patrick's Parish Council is seeking nominations to serve and assist with the mission of the parish in the following ways:

- * Promote the Sacramental life of the Church
- * Assist in promoting the Word of God through various programmes and activities in the parish
- * Help Parish to grow in a sense of loving and caring as a community through activities on all levels especially assisting in formation of young people and children
- * Outward looking to reach all geographical areas in the parish and connecting the community with a view to belong and evangelise in the name of Jesus Christ to those seeking, suffering and in need.

If you believe you are being called to serve the parish and use your skills and spiritual gifts or wish to nominate a suitable person to assist the parish, please collect the Parish Council Charter and Nominations forms from exits of the Cathedral.

Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Wednesday nights

The Holy Hour concluding with Benediction will assist us in the process of the formation of the Parish Council. It will be held on Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm - 8pm from 28th September until 9th November. This time of silent prayer and reflection on a passage of Scripture taken from the Acts of the Apostles re the formation of the Early Church in the Gospel of St Luke's will enrich us greatly. Everyone is welcome to pray with us.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING IN PASTORAL CARE AT VMCH PROVIDENCE BACCHUS MARSH?

Pastoral Care Services support residents to express their spirituality, faith, beliefs and traditions in a way that is meaningful to them. Pastoral Care Practitioners understand the importance of enabling conversation with residents that are supportive and affirming. Spiritual and religious practices such as prayer, rituals, or religious sacraments are respectfully offered. Religious, cultural and other special days are acknowledged and observed on an individual and group basis. Palliative care support is also offered. You would be working with a very skilled pastoral care worker who is there 4 days a week. If you are interested, please ring Mary McInerney (VMCH Senior Manager of Pastoral Care) on 0418 353 462

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL – 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

The advent of yet another La Niña is testing the faith of those whose lives have already been affected by devastating flood waters. It is testing the faith of those who have devoted their energy to speaking truth to power about the need for action to mitigate the effects of climate change. The strength to remain faithful in the face of adversity, the capacity to forgive, and the courage to do what we ought to do without seeking recognition or reward are perennial challenges for most people. And yet so many remain steadfast, finding the strength to forgive those who fail to listen and the courage to do what must be done for the sake of our common home.

Today's gospel reading brings to closure the central section of the long journey narrative that recounts the teaching of the Lukan Jesus on his way from Samaria to Jerusalem. The "apostles" ask Jesus to increase their faith. Their request is in itself an act of faith. Jesus has been telling them to be on their guard. He has been emphasising the importance of endless and unconditional forgiveness. These disciples are well aware that to keep on forgiving those who offend repeatedly is not easy: it is in this context that they ask him to increase their faith. Jesus responds by insisting that even the smallest amount of faith can work wonders. His metaphorical language stretches the imagination. Even transplanting a mulberry tree from land to sea becomes possible through the power of a faith-infused word! They have no answer to this.

Luke seems to be invoking "faith" in much the same way as does Habakkuk in today's first reading which closes with a comparison between the proud whose "spirit is not right" and the just who "live by faith" (Hab. 2:4). The Hebrew word for "faith" in this passage is probably better translated as "fidelity" or "faithfulness". For the Lukan Jesus, a little fidelity or faithfulness goes a long way. Among other things, it enables us to keep on forgiving even wilful ignorance and to keep on acting for justice.

Finally, Jesus puts a number of questions to his disciples, questions that align their status with that of slaves in the service of a master. His questions provide a stark contrast with an example he has offered earlier in the gospel where the slave master serves the faithful slaves (12:37). These questions are consistent, however, with his insistence that true disciples do not seek the reward of honour or recompense for their service. Jesus' followers must admit that their service is "unprofitable" in that it is no more than is required of them. Power, status, wealth acquired at the expense of others, refusal to forgive, all run counter to the path of gospel fidelity. To live by faith in our times is to be humble, forgiving, just and unremittingly attentive to the cry of the earth: some thoughts to take with us from Season of Creation 2022.

– Veronica Lawson RSM

WISDOM AT THE CATHEDRAL

Speakers from the Sapientia Project, Anna Krohn and Fiona Bradley, will run an afternoon on The Parables of Jesus on Saturday 22 October from 2.00pm to 4.45pm in the MacKillop & Glowrey rooms. The afternoon includes talks from both speakers, discussion and afternoon tea. \$5 donation. All welcome. For more information see the flyer on the parish noticeboards or contact: Fiona on 0402 474 074

info@sapientiaproject.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CATHEDRAL BRANCH

The Cathedral branch will not meet next **Wednesday 5th October**. Our Diocesan CWL Executive invite all members and friends to a Reflection Day at the Benedictine Monastery at Camperdown, where Fr Bill Lowry will celebrate Mass and give the Reflection.

Morning Tea and Registration at 10am and Mass at 11.30am. The day concludes at 3.00pm. Cost \$10. Cash only. Lunch included. For all inquiries and assistance with travel etc.

please call Carmel on 0401 175 045 or Anna on 0400 260 660 or email

annekav1234@gmail.com

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)

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$1,632.45
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1,022.00
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

(Funeral Mass for Kerry Mullane)

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

(2.00 pm Funeral Mass for Eileen Quinlan)

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm

(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

Saturday – 10.00am

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

Holy Hour & Benediction to aid formation of
Parish Council 7.00pm - 8.00pm

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

**(Please note: No Exposition or Prayers after this
Mass due to the Sing Assembly)**

*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.