

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th September 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.

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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: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (11th September)

First: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 **Second:** 1Timothy1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

Readings next week: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (18th September)

First: Amos 8:4-7 **Second:** 1Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

RECENT DEATHS:



Peter Bettes, Walter Gradkowski, Royley Hayward,
Dianne Rinaldi, Bob Williamson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul Barrett, Veronica Bicknell, John Bongiorno, Therese Booth, Bride Family, John Cleary, Mary Noonan Collins, Christina Cook, Michael Corrigan, Eddo Delloro, Corey Fletcher, Ellen Franklin, Gauci Family, Bernice Gemmola, Brian Greene, Cynthia Hucker, Kelvin Lamb, Thomas Lee, Isobel McArthur, Fr Gerard Murtagh CSsR, Veronica Nunan, Noel Pidgeon, Betty Ransome, Charles Robotham, Brian Scarff, Schembri Family, Stanislaw Stodolny, Steven Toms, Paul Watson

CONFIRMATION



Welcome to the children, families and friends celebrating Confirmation this weekend. We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen and guide them throughout their lives

Thank you to all members of the Parish Sacramental team, the families of the Candidates, and our Parish Schools for their support.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat is seeking a Parish Coordinator / Secretary to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office.

Part time 24 hours (0.6) per week Tuesday – Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm (negotiable for suitable applicant)

Competencies, Skills and Experience required (Selection Criteria):

- Motivated to work for the Catholic Church and possess a strong commitment to its practices and values;
- Provide office coordination and other assistance as required;
- Demonstrated ability in accurate and proficient performance of a wide range of tasks;
- Excellent organisational and problem-solving skills;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication (written and oral) skills and a pastoral attitude;
- An ability to relate to a variety of people and the capacity to develop and maintain sound working relationships with other parish employees, parishioners and volunteers;
- Capacity to coordinate various Parish events or ministries;
- The ability to maintain confidentiality (and the ability to discern what must be kept confidential) is essential;
- Computer competency in Microsoft Office applications and parish Data Systems (willingness to learn).

The role and hours of work may be expanded to include the co-ordination of the Parish Sacramental Program for a suitable applicant. Please contact the Parish Office on 03 5331 2933 for a copy of the full position description.

Applications including a cover letter, addressing the Key Selection Criteria and including the contact details of two professional referees close at 5.00pm on Friday 16 September, 2022 and should be addressed to:

Fr Ed Moloney
St Patrick's Cathedral
3 Lyons Street South
Ballarat Central Vic 3350

Email: ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

BALLARAT CLERGY IN-SERVICE

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week, the Priests of the Ballarat Diocese will gather with +Paul Bird CSsR for their Annual In-service at the Cathedral Precinct. The topic of focus is reflecting on the gift, experience and meaning of Priesthood. Please remember them in your prayers over the coming days.

St. Faustina's Prayer for Priests

*Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed
by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate.
May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom.*

*We pray that all those whom they seek to serve
may see in them, the love and care of Jesus,
Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of the Church, look tenderly upon your sons, our priests.
St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us all*

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Veronica Lawson RSM

Diverse creatures of the earth as well as earth elements feature in the gospel for this week of the Season of Creation. While all three parables in today's gospel reading invite us into the experience of loss, loss of a valued creature, of a woman's means of survival, of an adult child's respect and presence, they likewise invite us into an encounter with God who seeks and "saves" the lost, be they human or other-than-human, and who rejoices big time when the lost are found.

These Lukan parables are prefaced by an account of the criticism Jesus endured for hosting "the lost" of the human community, namely the toll collectors and those who were categorised as "sinners". The critics in the story are those who consider themselves "righteous". They have no room in their hearts for compassion or forgiveness and no capacity to accept the goodness of a prophet who acts in ways that cut across their expectations.

"What person (*anthropos*) among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he/she found it?" asks Jesus of his critics. The lost sheep is found and ultimately embraced by the community. The ensuing celebration is likened to the celestial banquet where there is more joy over one who repents than over those who have no need of repentance. Repent/repentance on the part of the sheep may seem a strange choice of words since the lost sheep simply responds to the initiative of the shepherd who goes after it and returns it to the fold. Jesus may be suggesting that we need others to shepherd us in turning our lives around.

In Jesus' second question to his critics, "Or what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one...search thoroughly till she found it?" the pattern is repeated. The drachma, enough cash for one day, is lost, sought, found and the community rejoices. Occasionally in the biblical tradition, as here, God is imaged as a woman. God is the diligent female householder who seeks and saves what is lost. The third story features a parent who is willing to overlook the delinquency of a wayward child when that child is impelled by hunger to return home. In every case there is joy when the lost one, whether human or animal or mineral, is found. That's how it is with God. If our faith does not bring joy to the lost, to the poor, to the marginalised, to asylum seekers, to endangered species, then it is not of God. Our faith is in God who saves and brings joy to the whole Earth community. No single image can contain the compassionate, loving God of these parables. The invitation to the believing community is to find ways of opening our hearts, and the hearts of the unforgiving in our world, to God's action of seeking and saving the lost-here and now, not simply in the afterlife.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY:

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September -- at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

SEASON OF CREATION : SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4

Welcome to the Season of Creation. "Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on October 4 with the feast of St Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a sweet song in praise of our Creator God; along with an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this, our common home. Our Earth weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Our children plead with us to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet's ecosystems and to preserve the ancestral lands of our first nations peoples. During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively in confronting the double crises of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God's creation.

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2022/>

ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha program continues on Wednesday 14th September from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms. This week's subject is:

"Does God Heal Today?"

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday

Ballarat Diocesan Clergy in-service
(MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms – 2 days)
Please pray for our Clergy this week

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

Wednesday

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

5.00pm Liturgy Meeting (Parish Office)

6.30pm Alpha
(MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms)

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, CRESWICK

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/>

SING ASSEMBLY SING – SAVE THE DATE

All are welcome to attend a day to explore the role of the Assembly in enriching the Mass. The Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Speakers include Paul Taylor, Fr Kevin Lenehan, Sophy Morley. Further information and booking details to come.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$2,551.95
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$4,292.00
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

Weekday Masses

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 9.15am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm
(Reconciliation at 11.00am)

Saturday – 10.00am
(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

Please note change of Mass times Tuesday & Wednesday (this week only)

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.