

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th September, 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:

TBA

Safeguarding Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

Readings this week: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (25th September)

First: Amos 6:1 4-7 **Second:** 1Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

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

First: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 **Second:** 2Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

RECENT DEATHS:

Mollie Flynn, Margaret Walsh



ANNIVERSARIES:

Mark Bourke, Tasman Bruce, Jack Burcon, Pamela Caine, John Carroll, Sydney Connors, Judith Conroy, Ida Faulkner, Marie Foley, William E Foley, Margaret Frawley, Sasskiah Gallagher, Sr M. Bernadette Green IBVM, Arthur Hall, Raymond Harman, Herbert Hayes, Wally Jones, William Keen, Leonie Kelly, Jamie Marek, Maria Merzvinskis, Geoffrey Moncrieff, Flora O'Connell, Elys Robberechts, Kenneth Russell, John Ryan, Kathleen Sims, George Zehner

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Eli Colin Hastings, child of Meg

Blair Evie Wilson and Isla Mae Wilson, children of Karl and Jessica

*"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

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.

LAUNCH OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will launch the 2022-2023 Social Justice Statement, "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse"; on Saturday 1st October, 2022 from 10.00am - 12.00noon. This free event will be held in hubs or can be viewed online. Bookings are now open at trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ>

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

After four months of meetings, discernment and dialogue, St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Council have been formulating a Constitution which will serve our local Parish. The role and purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to be service oriented, missionary and action based to assist with:

- Administration of the Sacraments;
- Proclamation of the Word of God
- Assist the Parish to grow and function on all levels including forming youth and children;
- Outward looking to reach all geographical areas and all people within the community with a view to evangelise in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you believe you are being called to serve the Parish and wish to use your God given gifts of the Holy Spirit, a copy of the Parish Pastoral Council Constitution and Expression of Interest Forms are available for collection from the Cathedral.

To assist with forming the Parish Council, each Wednesday evening from 7.00pm to 8.00pm commencing on 28th September until 9th November, there will be a Holy Hour concluding with Benediction. This time of silent prayer will be reflecting on a passage of Scripture taken from the Acts of the Apostles which is Luke's account of the formation of the early Church.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL – 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

(Luke 16:19-31)

Global inequality of income and of opportunity has increased dramatically in the past few years. The gospel reading invites us to look, collectively and individually, at the wealth we enjoy, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty we claim for ourselves, to notice those who wait for justice at our gates and seek a part in the life we enjoy. Above all, it invites us to respond to the needs of those rendered poor by virtue of their physical limitations or disabilities. Such an inclusive embrace is the vision we espouse as we move towards the fourth week of the Season of Creation.

The gospel parable presents a nasty mega rich character using his wealth to support a totally self-centred life-style. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly every day. He has no concern for, or interest in, the destitute and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a share in whatever falls ('scraps' in our translation) from the rich man's table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare. Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is "sorely wounded"; he is "cast" at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores.

Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel's iconic ancestor, Abraham. In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no mention of angels to transport him to the place of his ancestors. The rich man's suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now "a long way off" in Abraham's embrace. Earlier in Luke's story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will call the toll-collector Zacchaeus a "son of Abraham". To be "of Abraham" is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel's ancestor in faith. It is to "hear" Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship.

Riches belong, not to the few, but to the whole Earth community. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. All the honour and status they might bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. The rich man of the Lukan parable came to this realisation too late. An occasional walk in the woods or period of digital detox might provide us with time to reflect and to find ways to restore the balance required for the health of all on our planet.

-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

FORMATION DAY

To those who attended our formation day on 28th August and wish to undertake, or continue Ministry of the Word or Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion, commissioning will now take place on the weekend of Sunday 2nd October at the Mass you normally attend.

Please contact Kay 0411 866 532, so that certificates of ministry can be organised.

ST BERNARD'S CHURCH, LAKE BOLAC

The Lake Bolac community is celebrating the combined 150th and 60th anniversaries of the old and new churches. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird on Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 11.00am, followed by lunch at 12.30 at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall.

RSVP:

Leanne Breen phone 0400 301 100 or

Jane Higgins

email mjhiggins58@bigpond.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 - \$1,888.30
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1,345.00

(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 – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm

(Reconciliation at 11.00am 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

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
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.