

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th September 2022



Cathedral Clergy:

Fr Ed Moloney
Fr Abraham Thomas
Fr Jim McKay

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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.

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

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

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Readings next week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (11th September)

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

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

RECENT DEATHS:

Royley Haywood, Sr Mary O'Brien IBVM



ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul Aitken, Antonia Arts, Margaret Austin, Colin Banks, Stanley Butler, Pat Cashin (Ararat), Brian Collier, Thomas Joseph Conroy, Patricia Cronin, John Dalton, Patrick Darmody, Justin Driscoll (Senior), Peter Duffy, Frank Fenwick, Beryl Geoghegan, John Hall, John Hardbottle, Margaret Hardbottle, Sheila Hearn, May Julie, John Kennedy, Connie McMahan, Paul Mahar, Shane Martin, Douglas Matthews-Simmons, Frank Mroczkowski, Mary Neary, John (Jack) Nunn, Anne Nuttall, Patrick O'Driscoll, Margorie Sherritt, Franciszka Stodolny, Anny Strik, Fr Peter Taffe, Merle Tanti, Janet Taylor, Damian van der Linden, Peter White, Zofia Wibel

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. We thank all the members of the Parish Sacrament 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

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 Saint 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/>

Prayer for Father's Day - God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen. <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/a-fathers-day-prayer-2/67183>

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Veronica Lawson RSM

As we continue to join with Christians across the globe in celebrating the Season of Creation (September 1-October 4), we might attend to the 2022 theme, "Listen to the voice of creation" and renew our commitment to the gospel call to care for all that constitutes our common home. *Listening* is a prerequisite for *hearing* the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. If we truly hear the diverse voices of creation, then we might be predisposed to consider carefully what we must do and what we must leave aside in the interests of planetary survival.

In today's gospel reading, we are confronted with the pain involved in living a way of life that respects the rights of all created beings. On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? Implicit in Jesus' teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one's life for the sake of life. In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of their execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint hearted.

The term "hate" (*misein*) in this context may seem harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or to the Hebrew that underlies this biblical notion. To "hate" in biblical terms is to "leave aside". Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to "leave aside" the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice, compassion, and right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message.

Finally, there is a call in this gospel passage to "leave aside" unnecessary possessions. In this time of planetary vulnerability and of growing division between the privileged and the marginalised of the Earth community, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place in a gospel way of life for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others or for self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth. Hearing the voice of creation implies systemic change so that the needs of all the creatures of the earth might be met within the means of the earth to provide.

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 – this 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 7th September from 6.30pm – 8.00pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms of the Cathedral Hall. This week's subject is: **"Why and How Should I Tell Others?"**

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)

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/>

St Bernard's Church, Lake Bolac

is celebrating the combined **150th and 60th anniversaries of the old & new churches**

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird on **Sunday, 25th September** at 11am, followed by lunch at 12.30 at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall
RSVP by Monday 5th September to Leanne Breen on 0400 301 100 or Jane Higgins on mjhiggins58@bigpond.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL Cathedral Branch would like to invite Parishioners to join them for a **Social afternoon** – afternoon tea, a stall & competition - at the MacKillop/ Glowrey Room, on Wednesday **September 7th** at 1.30. Entry free. Come along and bring a friend and meet our members and other Parishioners. Inquiries Carmel 0401 175 045 or annekav1234@gmail.com

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$1,789.50
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1,467
(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 11.15am 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.