

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd October, 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.

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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: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (23rd October)

First: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 **Second:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Readings next week: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (30th October)

First: Wisdom of Solomon 11:22 – 12:2 **Second:** 2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

RECENT DEATHS:



Robert Andrews, Fr Bill Melican, Laura Rheumer,
Margaret Sumner

ANNIVERSARIES:

Giovanni Bongiorno, Edith Conroy, Fr Denis Dennehy, John Elliott, Marlene Ellis, Peter Farley, Maurice Fay, Kathleen Foley, Beatrice Hayes, Anne Heugle, Nancy Kearney, Sr Marie Kelly, John Kyatt, John McManus, Margaret Mason, John Nicholas, Henry O'Callaghan, John Pasitschny, Anton Radikovic, Roma Saitta, Joe van der Linden, Joy Wright

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Archie John Cavill child of Rhys and Alyssa
Charlie William Noonan child of Reilly and Taylor
Charles Henry Ryan child of Michael and Belinda
Oakley Craig Walker child of Joshua and Caitlin

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

ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL

St Patrick's Parish Council is in the final stages of being formed. The role includes the following:

- * 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 suffering and in need.

Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will continue Wednesday nights in the Cathedral at 7.00pm – 8.00pm to pray for the work of the Council in evangelising St Patrick's Parish and our wider community.

On Sunday 6th November, the Parish Council members will be commissioned at the 10.30am Mass and will gather for the first time on 15th November, 2022.

PARISH COORDINATOR/SECRETARY

We pray for Tony Beggs as he commences his role with the Parish on 2 November, 2022. We would like to thank those who have assisted in the Parish Office in a volunteer capacity over the past few weeks in particular, Jo & Leo Styles and Deneise Walsh.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank all who contribute to the "Poor Box" located in the Cathedral. Your generosity helps towards enabling us to continue assisting those in need.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

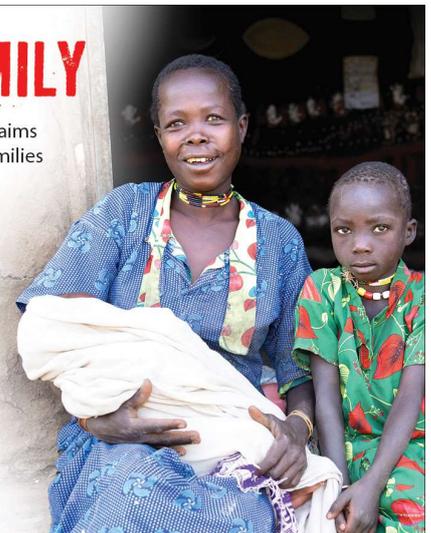
The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL-30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

(LUKE 18:9-14)

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the courageous widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated “virtuous”) and justified (translated “at rights with God”). It is addressed to “certain people” who might find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law, who made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people’s lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus’ harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. That is what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a collector of tolls and customs. Toll collectors were required to pay the occupying forces up front and then recoup the money. They were therefore very susceptible to fraud, so not exactly to be trusted and certainly not connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays “to himself” or “by himself” or “about himself”: any one of these translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God’s mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who “have confidence in themselves that they are righteous”, this portrait of the toll collector in right relationship with God is confronting.

The language of the toll collector’s prayer, “God be merciful to me a sinner”, evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in a gospel way of life. We all need to admit our failings with humility, turn to God for forgiveness, and change our ways. Right now, this is what we are called to do as a human community that has failed to respect the integrity of the natural world and has exploited it for our own selfish ends. We might learn from the toll collector.

– Veronica Lawson RSM

CHRISTUS REX PILGRIMAGE

27-28 OCTOBER, 2022

A pilgrimage in the Catholic tradition is a journey to a holy place to venerate it, ask for aid and to do penance. The Christus Rex Pilgrimage honours Christ the King and commemorates his feast on the day originally instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical Quas Primas. The spiritual benefits of the Christus Rex Pilgrimage are bountiful, not just to Pilgrims but to the whole of society. While walking along the route, the Pilgrims engage in prayer and song as well as personal reflections and meditation. Commencing on the Friday immediately preceding the Feast of Christ the King with Mass at 7.00am and blessing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. On Saturday the Pilgrims continue to Campbelltown where the Votive Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians is celebrated at midday in a picturesque outdoor setting. On Sunday the Pilgrimage concludes with Mass celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$1,973.05
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$3,794.00

(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.30am
(Funeral Mass - Fr Bill Melican)

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 – 7.00am Christus Rex Mass
10.00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6.30pm 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 7.00pm – 8.00pm
(intention Parish Council)

Thursday after 10.00am Mass – Rosary &
Procession of Our Lady of Fatima
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday after 12.05pm Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Prayer

Saturday after 10.00am Mass
*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.