

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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:**

Tony Beggs

## **Finance Officer:**

Kerrie McTigue

## **Sacraments:**

Tony Beggs

## **Safeguarding Officer:**

Tony Beggs

## **Readings this week: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (30<sup>th</sup> October)**

**First:** Wisdom of Soloman 11:22 – 12:2      **Second:** 2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2  
**Gospel:** Luke 19: 1-10

## **Readings next week: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (6<sup>th</sup> November)**

**First:** Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14      **Second:** 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5  
**Gospel:** Luke 20: 27-38

## **RECENT DEATHS:**

David Clifton, Bridie Cocks

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Roma Ahearn, Jeffrey Ainley, Rody Canty, Fred Coppock, Mary Coulter, Lila Gallagher, Frances Harrison, William Hayes, Connor Hubble, Patricia Hughes, Annie Hurst, Helena Iwanowski, Lorna James, Carole Jones, Marie Jones, William Kennedy, Paul Laffey, Veronica Loader, Barry McDonald, Claire McGoldrick, Aaron Muir, Mons Henry Nolan, Ethel O'Brien, William Redman, Edward Schreenan, Rose Schreenan, Lena Sharp, Valda Simpson, Lilian Taafe, Molly Taafe, Noel Torpy, Peter Walker

IN LOVING  
*Memory*

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:



**Joseph Oliver Edwards** child of Rhys and Alyssa  
**Willa Mae Merrett** child of Jackson and Olivia  
**Lottie Maree Rouse** child of Huw and Jennifer  
**Chelsie Elyse Wealands** child of Scott and Jessica

*"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

The Commissioning and Blessing of the Council Members will take place at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the work of the Council will continue in the Cathedral with Scripture Meditation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Wednesday 2 November and 9 November at 7.00 pm. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray at the Cathedral for the work of the Council in evangelising the Parish and wider community.

## ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

On Thursday 3 November at the 10.00am Mass, St Vincent de Paul Society will mark 10 years since the opening of the assistance centre. All Parishioners are invited to pray for the great work and care provided to the poor and needy in our community.

## ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS DAY

On Tuesday 1 November, the Church celebrates All Saints Day Masses at 7.00am and 10.00am. On Wednesday 2 November, Masses will be celebrated at 7.00am, 10.00am and 6.15pm for All Souls Day. This is an opportunity to pray for all loved ones. It is a Holy and wholesome thought to pray for the deceased.

## BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

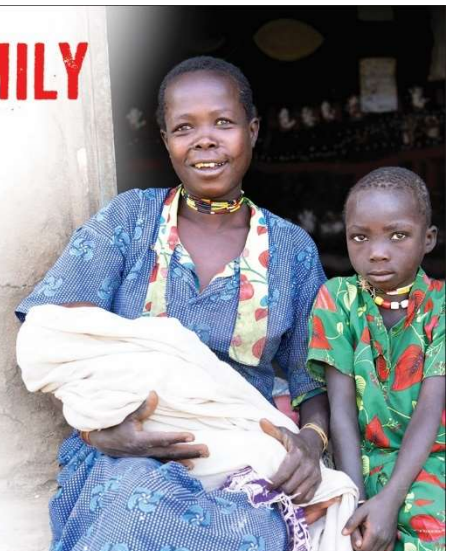
Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to [catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia) or scan the QR code below today.



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## REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL-31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

### (LUKE 19:1-10)

Several years ago, a little book came my way and proceeded to turn my world upside down. The author of that book was German forester Peter Wohlleben, its title *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from a Secret World*. I have long mourned the destruction of trees, local and global, including the threatened trees of the Amazon. I grew up loving, valuing and sometimes climbing the trees in the shadow of Geboor (Mount Macedon). My present neighbours are the trees of the Woookarrung Regional Park. Wohlleben's book brought home to me how much I had still to learn about these precious gifts of life and love.

Luke's story of the toll-collector Zacchaeus provides me with yet another opportunity to give thanks for the wonder of trees, their intrinsic beauty and the life they sustain. A sycamore tree is at the heart of this story. Once I would have thought of this tree simply as one of the props in the human story that unfolds, providing as it does the platform for a height challenged would-be disciple of Jesus who wants to "see". The human encounter with the holy is foregrounded in this story and is in no way to be discounted. This is not a reason to relegate the tree to the status of prop. The forests of the Amazon, of Australia and elsewhere, continue to be threatened by extensive land clearing. The planet cannot breathe without its trees. We might keep this in mind as we turn to the human elements in the story of Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus is a wealthy man, a chief tax collector, possibly responsible for overseeing the activities of other tax collectors. He wants to see what Jesus is like and he lets nothing get in the way. He runs ahead and climbs the sycamore tree. Jesus looks up and tells him to come down quickly, "for I must stay at your house today." Zacchaeus offers hospitality "joyfully". Hospitality, joy, haste to respond to divine visitation: these are constant themes in Luke.

"All those who see" complain that Jesus chooses to stay with a sinner, no doubt considering themselves more worthy hosts for God's prophet. There are clues in the text that Zacchaeus has already changed his ways, however. The future tense in translations ('I will pay') obscures this important element. He gives half his property to the destitute and, if he has cheated anyone, he pays them back four times the amount. Jesus looks at Zacchaeus and assures him that salvation has come to his house. He then acts to restore honour to Zacchaeus in the eyes of those who hold him and his kind in contempt. Zacchaeus is affirmed as a true descendant of his forbears in faith. Salvation for our house, our "common home", will only come with comparable attention to what we have despoiled.

– Veronica Lawson RSM

## ST VINCENT de PAUL FLOOD APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting  
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You may also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

## ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL

Masses at St John of God Hospital have recommenced. Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at 1.00pm. All are welcome.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA ANNUAL DINNER: NOVEMBER 11, 2022

After a two year hiatus, CSSV will be holding its Annual Dinner on Friday, November 11, 2022 in Melbourne. Members, social services staff, volunteers and friends of CSSV are invited to join us for this special evening. After the disruption of the pandemic, we are looking forward to gathering together! Guest speaker to be announced. It promises to be a fantastic event! More details to come at <https://css.org.au/>.

## PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary  
(venue to be advised due to building maintenance)

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

**First Collection** - \$2,343.35  
(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$1,929.00

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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday** – 10.00am

11.00am Funeral Prayers – David Clifton (RIP)

**Tuesday** – 7.00am and 10.00am  
(All Saints Day)

**Wednesday** – 7.00am, 10.00am, 6.15pm  
(All Souls Day followed by Holy Hour)

2.00pm Funeral Prayers – Bridie Cocks (RIP)

**Thursday** – 7.00am, 10.00am

**Friday** – 12.05pm

(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

**Saturday** – 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

**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

\*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.