

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th November, 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:

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Kerrie McTigue

Sacraments:

Tony Beggs

Safeguarding Officer:

Tony Beggs

Readings this week: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (13th November)

First: Malachi 4:1-2

Second: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Readings next week: Christ the King (20th November)

First: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Second: Colossians 1: 12-20

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

RECENT DEATHS:



Eugene McEvoy, Ray Wood

ANNIVERSARIES:

Catherine Ackland, Mary Allport, Jenny Blake, Bruce Clifton, Giacomo Costa, Lesley Driscoll, Jean Favalaro, Arthur (Doug) Gillett, Shirley Isaacs, Bellomon Julie, John Lee, Mary Mahar, Gerald Meich, Lillian Mullins, Francis Murphy, Andrew O'Brien, Andrew Patterson, John Raul, Nancy Rozycki, Nikolai Sahnycz, James Shanahan, William Simmons, Johannes Spee, Christopher Storey, Valma Thompson, Ted Walker, Donald Warden, Rebecca Weston

SWELL VOX AUBURY

James Flores and Tony Lee, of Swell Vox Aubury, present an enlightening tour of organ music and tenor solos. Featuring music by Bach, Bruckner, Faure, Purcell and Mendelssohn.

Sunday, November 20th at 2:30pm. Entry by donation

St John's Anglican Church, 606 Armstrong Street North Soldiers Hill.



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL JUNIOR CHOIR

The St Pat's Cathedral community is inviting students from Years 3 to 8 to join a choir that will lead the singing at the First Week of Advent 6.30 pm Mass on the 26th November. There will be practices on Friday the 18th and 25th of November at 5.30pm until 7.00pm in the Mackillop and Glowrey Rooms (St Pat's Cathedral Hall). Snacks will be provided. You are encouraged to attend at least one practice. Parents who would like to help are most welcome, but you must have a current Working with Children Check. If you are interested in being part of this choir, please call Judy Gustus on 0400 344 533 or email: jgustus58@gmail.com with your name and contact details.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: THE CONTINENTAL STAGE

The Working Document for the Continental Stage was published by the Holy See on October 27, 2022, titled "Enlarge the space of your tent". Read the document at <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

ADVENT ANTICIPATION REFLECTION DAY

'Advent Anticipation' reflection day (in person event), Saturday 26 Nov 2022, 10am-3.30pm. This reflection day is an invitation into prayer and time to make space for anticipation and hope. A time to pay attention to yourself in the midst of many demands... Led by spiritual directors Gail Crisp and Cathy Beaton. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60. Book via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, ph (03) 9890 1101.

SPECIAL MASS TO PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

November is the month when we are called to pray for the dead. On Friday 25th November at 7pm all families who have lost a member of their family over the past year, and administered to by the St Patrick's Cathedral parish, are invited to a Special Mass to pray for and remember their loved ones. All parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass. A light supper will be provided.

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL PROGRAMS - SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY ROLES IN NORTH BALLARAT

Your Dream School Programs are a School Chaplaincy Provider who works with schools and Local Churches to find candidates for chaplaincy positions in local schools. They are currently recruiting for a local school in North Ballarat. It is a 5-day paid employment role. Contact yourdream.org.au or the parish secretary for further information.

Reflection on the Gospel-33RD Sunday in Ordinary Time C

(Luke 21:5-19)

Sixty years ago, there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago, there was no Sydney Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. Twenty-two years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments.

In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. Earth paid a monumental price for this edifice, yielding its elements in abundance. While the Temple functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship, it was also an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final advent. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict, persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time, the *kairos*, of God's visitation.

The gospel asserts that, like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They do not have to be concerned about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom...." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own times, when the very life of our planetary home is at stake, when the political and economic systems we may have trusted are so often manipulated by the greed of the few and when nations and families are torn apart, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life.

– Veronica Lawson RSM

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00pm – 2.00pm. Bookings are essential as seating is limited, ph 0419 975914. Transport to the Hall is available. Volunteers please phone the number listed to register your availability.

Time for Silent Prayer

Wednesday 7pm Silent Prayer and adoration followed by benediction for parishioners to pray for their intentions and needs.

St John of God Hospital request

Female from Kerila is studying nursing and while in Uni accommodation at the moment, requires accommodation from 18 November until mid-February 2023. If able to help, contact parish office or Fr Ed ph: 53312933.

Free Advent resources

2022 Advent Calendar with lots of practical ideas to help families journey through Advent, the Names of Jesus Advent chain to help families explore who Jesus is and the Little Nativity Pack so children can play out the story of Jesus 'birth. evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)
6:15pm Parish Council New Members
7:00pm All members (Presbytery)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary
7:30pm RCIA Formation

Friday

5.00pm Junior Choir Practice

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$2,024.40
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$938.00
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am and 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am
5:30pm (Damascus Graduation Mass)

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 &
Divine Mercy Devotion

Silent Prayer & Benediction 7.00pm

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.