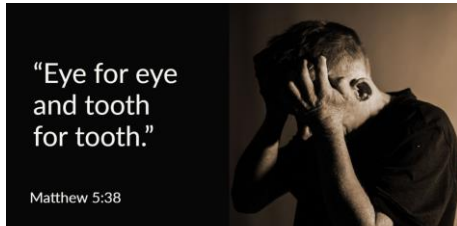


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

7th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A – 19th February



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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 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: Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time Year A (19th February)

First: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Second: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Readings next week: First Sunday of Lent Year A (26th February)

First: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Second: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

*IN LOVING
Memory*

RECENT DEATHS:

Olive Coolahan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Verna Aldenhoven, Liam Begbie, Zoltan Bodi, Delio Borri, Bryan Coffey, Brent Craggs, John Devereux, Gordon Fox, Patricia Green, Bryce van der Linden, Raymond Grundell, Maureen Heaney, Stanislaw Izydorczyk, Marcus King, Doris Lyons, Dezse Magyar, Kevin Martin, Sr Margaret McCartin, Christopher Moloney, Sarah Moloney, Jacob Pamula, Francis Ryan, Lawrence Ryan, Nora Scanlon, Lynette Simmons, Cecilia Stevens, Monica Voss, Philip Weissenfold, Jacinta Wilson

Wisdom at the Cathedral – Monday February 20th

This year the Cathedral will be running a monthly series of talks and discussion on different topics with guest speakers. There will be time for discussion following the talk and light refreshments will be served. We start off on Monday 20 February in the hall with a talk from Fr John Corrigan who will present on the Transcendentals: Truth, Beauty, and Goodness, in his talk I Am Who Am: Knowing God and Knowing Ourselves. Talk starts at 7pm. Entry by donation. All welcome!

See flyers in the church for more details or contact Fiona Bradley on 0402 474 074.

Formation

A reminder that formation for those who Proclaim the Word, or wish to Proclaim the Word, is being offered by the Cathedral Liturgy Committee on Sunday 5th March. It is important to participate in the formation and be recommissioned every 3 years.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Our Parish RCIA members have continued their long journey and will celebrate the Parish *Rite of Enrolment* this Sunday, February 19th, at the 5.00 pm Mass. In this Rite we recognise the journey our catechumens - Caitlin, Jelisa, Hayley, David, Rani, Conrad and Clyde have travelled from *Inquiry*, followed by the *Catechumenate Period of Faith Formation*. Following the Rite of Enrolment, they will be presented to Bishop Paul Bird CSsR at the *Rite of Election* on Saturday 25th February at 12.30 pm to which the Parish Community is invited. Journeying with them throughout the whole process have been two already baptised candidates - Rachael and Samantha, who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith at Easter. During Lent the Catechumens and Candidates will complete the *Purification and Enlightenment Stage* of their lifelong journey of faith, through a six week period of prayer and reflection based on the Lenten reflection program. We are grateful to our Parish Sponsors, Catechists and RCIA Team who are accompanying them on the journey. We ask for prayerful support throughout the coming weeks.

Project Compassion Sunday: February 19, 2023

This Sunday, February 19, 2023 Bishop Paul will be launching Project Compassion 2023, "For All Future Generations" at St Patrick's Cathedral during the 5.00pm Mass. Parishes of the dioceses are invited to do the same. Please find attached a reflection that can be offered to your parish community and a Prayer of the Faithful. Parishes may wish to commission their Caritas Ambassadors / Representatives who manage Project Compassion for their parish or school communities. If you would like to receive a commissioning prayer to use, please contact Jillian Hogbin, Caritas Diocesan Director at caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Patrick's Cathedral Junior Choir

Students from Years 3 to 8 are invited to join our St Patrick's Cathedral Junior Choir to sing at four Parish Masses this year. Our first Mass will be on Saturday 25th March at 6.30pm, the 5th Sunday of Lent. The choir will be accompanied and led by Judy Gustus on guitar and will be singing a variety of music that students may be familiar with from school.

Practices will be on:

- Sunday 26th February at 3.30pm
- Monday 6th March at 4.15pm
- Sunday 12th March at 3.30pm
- Monday 20th March at 4.15pm

The alternating days are to enable more students to attend at least one or two practice sessions. Practices will go for about 75 minutes and will take place in the Mackillop and Glowrey Rooms (St Patrick's Cathedral Hall). Snacks will be provided. 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 0400344533 or email: jgustus58@gmail.com with your name and contact details.

Reflection on the Gospel-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 5:38-48)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel is a continuation of the Matthean Jesus' teaching on the sort of righteousness to which his followers are called in their living of the Law, namely right relationship and justice. The Law of Moses included a law of retaliation designed to make punishment for wrongdoing to persons or property proportionate to the offence (Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21). This was quite enlightened legislation at that time. In a series of striking images, Jesus invites his followers to go far beyond the strict application of the law and to embrace a new way of thinking about and acting towards those who have injured them or us.

Relinquishing your right to compensation is one thing. Giving more of your property to one who has stolen from you is quite another. Do we take this teaching literally or do we simply embrace the spirit of non-retaliation that seems to be at the heart of this teaching? A too-easy amnesty does not always bring justice. Last week's gospel reminded us that there is to be no place for uncontrolled anger or murderous thoughts in our hearts. Both that teaching and this seem to be about taking responsibility for how we live. Harboring anger can have disastrous consequences for oneself as well as for others. It tends to become a state of being and to skew our capacity for right judgement. What happens *to* us may be beyond our control. What we do with what comes our way is for us to decide. Jesus makes it clear that we have choices in the face of life's struggles. The disciple is called to assume personal responsibility and to refuse the way of retaliation.

The final example or antithesis in the list of six that Jesus offers in the Sermon on the Mount is the most confronting of all: there are to be no limitations on love. Loving one's enemies is quite a challenge, on a personal as well as a global level. We learn the hard way that we cannot change others. We can only change our attitudes and our approaches to those who harm us in any way. Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy, wrote that her sisters "never let the sun go down on their anger". I used to wonder how they managed that. Over recent years I have found that praying quite deliberately for those who give me a hard time or cause me grief is by far the most effective way of retaining my own peace of mind and of expelling retaliatory thoughts. For me, it is a matter of gently bringing these people to mind, of breathing in the loving kindness or *hesed* of God that suffuses the universe and of breathing it out to them. Such prayer enables me to think of them in kindly ways and act towards them without rancour, even when these sentiments are not reciprocated.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Madeline Eleanor Leckie child of Michael and Alison
Emily Mae McFadden child of Dale and Jessica

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



Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

FORMATION FOR PROCLAIMING THE WORD: Sunday 5th March

To enable the Assembly to develop a warm and living love for Scripture from listening to the Sacred texts proclaimed aloud, those reading scripture must be prepared both spiritually and technically.

St Patrick's Cathedral Liturgy Committee is holding a formation day for both experienced and new to proclaiming the Word at our liturgical celebrations, from 2.00 – 4.30 pm. As Ministers of the Word, God is speaking to the Assembly through those who proclaim the Word and therefore, must be truly qualified and carefully prepared to carry out this ministry.

Lenten Program

As Lent rapidly approaches a reminder to take up the opportunity to engage in our Parish Lenten Program. The resource booklets are available for collection at the Parish Office during office hours, Tuesday to Friday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The cost per booklet is \$7.00. The program is suited to group or individual reflection.

For anyone who is unable to collect booklets from the office, we are happy to bring the copies to Mass for you or arrange a convenient collection or delivery. If you require this service, simply phone Kay on 0411 866 532.

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20.

Ash Wednesday – St Patrick's Cathedral community members are invited to bring their palms from Passion Sunday 2022 to the Cathedral for burning to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday 2023. Please place them in the basket in the southern transept before Sunday 19th February. **Mass times on Ash Wednesday:** 7.00 am; 10.00 am; 12.05pm and 6.00 pm

Baptism Preparation next month CHANGE OF DATE

Centralised Baptism preparation in March will change to 10am and 5:30pm Thursday 9th March

Reconciliation Dismissals this Thursday

The 2023 sacramental program began this week with a parent information session on Reconciliation. Today is Commitment Sunday for children at the **6pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday Masses**, when candidates will be presented to the parish. Sessions will continue leading up to the children's First Confession on March 28-29. Please pray for candidates. Any queries, please contact Tony at the Parish Office.

Catholic Earthcare Australia –Caritas Australia

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat has registered as a Catholic Earthcare Parish. Acknowledging that this Parish has committed to caring for our common home and on the journey to becoming a living Laudato Si' community.

Parishioners are invited to come together to find out more about how we can engage and develop as a Catholic Earthcare Parish this Sunday the 19th February in the Glowery Room from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm. Please leave your expression of interest in attending at the Office.

A New Mass for Lent – Missa Cantata

To mark the commencement of the liturgical season of Lent, a new mass will be introduced on the weekend of 25/26 February. The 'Kyrie', 'Holy Holy', 'Memorial Acclamation', 'Great Amen' and 'Lamb of God' from the '*Missa primitiva*' mass will be sung at masses throughout Lent. There will be a brief run through of the new mass parts a few minutes before mass on the weekends of 18/19 February and 25/26 February.

If you would like to hear what the mass sounds like, you can click on these YouTube links:

Kyrie – <https://youtube.com/shorts/QbcdsP5WaE?>

Holy, Holy

– https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Sc_6t0wuk

Memorial Acclamation 3

– <https://youtube.com/shorts/D-AmGOpj60Q?>

Amen – <https://youtube.com/shorts/0MqjTQnAmag?>

Lamb of God

– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6s0m-ecaDFI>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

First Collection - \$2,134.55
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$4,597.10
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance, including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.30am

Funeral Mass for Marjorie Sargeant

Tuesday – 7.00am and 10.00am

Ash Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am
12.05 and 6.00pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm

(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

Saturday – 10.00am

(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

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

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

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

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated
during Lent at **6.40 pm** each **Friday**.

*changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary