

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

## Third Sunday of Lent Year A – 12<sup>th</sup> March



### **Cathedral Clergy:**

Fr Ed Moloney  
Fr Abraham Thomas  
Fr Jim McKay

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Fr Dan Arundell  
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**Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am – 3.00pm**

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 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: Third Sunday of Lent Year A (12<sup>th</sup> March)**

**First:** Exodus 17:3-7

**Second:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42

### **Readings next week: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A (19<sup>th</sup> March)**

**First:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7,10-13 **Second:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41



### **RECENT DEATHS:**

Peggy Lamont, Margaret McKay, Carmel Caldow

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Carmel Ainley, Annie Burke, Edward Campion, Leo Canny, Edward Drohan, Dmytro Dziuba, Anne Hellyar, Charlotte Holmes, William Holmes, Kaylene Jarvis, Boleslaw Kasek, Imelda McGrath, Tom Meich, Kathleen Noy, Kathleen O'Donnell, Leanne Mary Payne, Brian Joseph Rice, Patricia Scanlon, Vojko Skontra, Maria Vamos, Gertrude Verberne, Margaret White, Bernie Wilkie, Albert Windray

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:



**William Andrew Trovato** child of Gary and Jessica

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



### Third Sunday of Lent 11 & 12 March



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### Choir for Mass of the Oils 2023

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 3, 2023. Practice times are Sunday, March 19, Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm, the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jgustus58@gmail.com) with your name and contact details.

### Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Patchewollock Final Mass

An invitation to people of the diocese to attend the Final Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Patchewollock on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and Fr Anthony Nagothu, Parish Priest, will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm. Following Mass there will be a gathering at the Patchewollock Community Centre. Please bring food to share and drinks of your choice. Flyer is on the Ouyen Parish webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ouyen/>

### Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options. For more information contact: [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au) or visit [www.ctc.edu.au](http://www.ctc.edu.au)

## Reflection on the Gospel-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A

(John 4:5-42)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Those privileged to act as catechists in the RCIA program over the Lenten period will be introducing candidates to some of our most treasured gospel stories. In 1963, Vatican II's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* called for the restoration of certain early Church practices. The two main features of Lent, baptism and penance, were to be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. More use was to be made of the baptismal elements proper to the Lenten liturgy. Some features that were part of an earlier tradition were to be restored. In response to this call, John's stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus were moved from the weekday to the Sunday liturgy. Thus, three weeks into Lent, the liturgy invites us to take a faith journey in the company of a courageous outsider, an unnamed woman from a despised religious group.

A woman of Samaria comes to draw water from the well of Jacob, Israel's great ancestor in faith. She belongs in a long line of women whose lot as women is to undertake the burdensome, often dangerous, daily toil of carrying water so that their families might simply survive. Jesus asks the woman for a drink and elicits a bewildered response. She responds, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" This response provides the opportunity for Jesus to move into an extended and constantly deepening exchange in which the woman proves herself a knowledgeable and worthy dialogue partner. The pursuit of water, a key baptismal symbol in the gospel tradition, provides the catalyst for her journey to faith in Jesus as the Messiah/the Christos and her engagement in the mission of proclaiming the good news to her people.

Commentators tend to focus on the woman's marital status, usually in negative terms. Because she is said to have had five husbands, many presume that she is a sinner: there is nothing in the text to support this position. Successive husbands may have died. Financial, religious or societal constraints may have functioned in her decision to remarry. The "husbands" may refer to the strange gods that claimed the allegiance of the Samaritans. There is no consensus on this among scholars.

At the outset, the woman views Jesus simply as a Jew who breaks with established custom by asking her for water. She comes to accept him as the provider of living water. Jesus understands her life story and opens up the way for her to accept him as a prophet. She takes the risk of sharing her own convictions about the locus of worship and is gifted with new understanding and with Jesus' further self-disclosure. She leaves her water jar behind and brings others to faith in Jesus as Messiah and saviour of the world. She becomes both disciple and missionary prophet.

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### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

#### "Live Your Best Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.



**28 – 30 April 2023** in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or **check our website for more details**. Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

## Mission: One Heart Many Voices Conference

The Mission: One Heart Many Voices conference, "Lead, Act, Now" will be held from May 3-5, 2023 in Sydney – face-to-face and online. Registration details, the program and more information is available. Early bird full registration for full three days before March 14, 2023. <https://2023.mohmv.com.au/>.

## Parish Mass with Anointing, St Patrick's Day

On Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> our Lenten Mass with Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. This is a great opportunity to celebrate St Patrick's Feast Day, our Parish and Diocesan Patron Saint. It has been our custom to serve lunch to the Parishioners following Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the hall before Mass. Assistance to prepare lunch at 10.00 am and help with the serving would be very much appreciated. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of our Parish Community. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone the Parish Office on 53312933.

## Tridium and Easter Ceremonies 2023

The St Patrick's Cathedral Liturgy Committee has placed an "availability" list on the table in the south transept and you are invited to add your name in the appropriate column. The information gathered will assist the Liturgy Committee in their preparation of Tridium and Easter Ceremonies 2023. If you are available to participate in ministry on any of the days – please add your name before the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> March

Welcoming  
Reading  
Music  
Singing  
Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

**First Collection** - \$2,844.80  
(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$752.00

(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

**Friday** – 10.00am **St Patrick's P.S.**  
(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

12.05pm **St Patrick's Day Parish Mass with Anointing in HALL**

6.00pm Mass & Stations of Cross

**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 after 6pm Mass 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