

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

## Second Sunday of Lent Year A – 5<sup>th</sup> March



### Cathedral Clergy:

Fr Ed Moloney  
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Fr Jim McKay

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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: Second Sunday of Lent Year A (5<sup>th</sup> March)

**First:** Genesis 12:1-4

**Second:** 2 Timothy 1:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

### Readings next 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



### RECENT DEATHS:

Brian Driscoll, Simone Breen

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Nancy Adamson, June Blaby, Lina Bomitali, Christine Both, Kevin Clinton, Margot Conaughton, Trevor Conlan, Imre Csaszar, Jack Flynn, Sheila Forster, Gloria Gallagher, Margaret Giuliano, Barbara Gleeson, Jim Goodwin, Patricia Grant, Eileen Gray, Kenneth Griffey, Desmond Hemphill, Elsie Lavery, Isaac Lund, Francis Lyons, Thomas Martin, Shannon McKnight, Richard Mooney, Maimie O'Sullivan, Leslie Pearce, Helen Powell, Maree Rantall, Frank Rozycki, James Ryan, John Saitta, Ray Simmons, Elena Walker, Cathryn Warhurst, Doreen White

## **Offertory motet (being sung this weekend)**

*O Nata Lux – Thomas Tallis (1505-85)*

*English translation.*

O nata lux de lumine	O Light born of Light
Jesu, redemptor saeculi	Jesus, redeemer of the world
Dignare clemens supplicum	with loving kindness, deign to receive
Laudes precesque sumere.	suppliant praise and prayer.
Qui carne quondam contegi	You, who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
Dignatus es pro perditis	for the sake of the lost
Nos membra confer effici	grant that we be made members
Tui beati corporis.	of your blessed body.

### **FORMATION FOR PROCLAIMING THE WORD: 1:30pm this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

As you are aware on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30 pm, formation for Lectors (Readers) will be held in the Glowery room followed by a practical session in the Cathedral. Although you may have been proclaiming the Word at the Cathedral for a number of years, we have been unable to have formation for some years due to covid and part of the responsibility of those who proclaim is to have continued formation - spiritually and practically. In order to facilitate these liturgical guidelines of the Catholic Church, it is imperative that all our Lectors attend this formation session. All those attending will be commissioned into the Ministry of lector at the Masses on the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> of March. Thank you for your generosity in this ministry and we anticipate that you will continue to proclaim the Word after participating in this formation and commissioning. St Patrick's Cathedral Liturgy Committee

### **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:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 4.15pm
- 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.

### **Caritas Australia Prayer for International Women's Day – March 8, 2023**

God, whose love and goodness gathers us in:  
we pray for women all over the world,  
especially those challenged by poverty and other injustice.  
Stir us to know women's dignity.  
Quieten us to listen to women's voices.  
Awaken us to see women's realities.  
Strengthen us to stand for women's rights.  
Fill us with hope to make a better future together. Amen.



## Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabavn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



### 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.

### **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/>

### **Baptism Preparation this month CHANGE OF DATE**

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

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### **Reflection on the Gospel - (Matthew 17:1-9)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Last week's gospel invited us into a confronting habitat, namely the wilderness. This week, we follow Jesus and three of his companions to a high mountain, eventually a cloud-covered mountain. Both wilderness and mountain link Matthew's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites of old and, in particular, of Moses' and Elijah's encounters with God. Wilderness and mountain also remind us that God's creation is the locus of wonder and mystery. The world we inhabit has an integrity of its own. It is, in a very real sense, God's dwelling place. It is, in addition, the place of human-divine encounter and the place of human encounter with the other-than-human material world. Attention to habitat can lead us to a clearer understanding of our own place in the scheme of things and to ever deeper understandings of our relationship with God.

The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. Jesus has struggled with that realisation in the wilderness, at the outset of his ministry. On the mountain top, he comes to terms with what that involves. The disciples see Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, speaking with Jesus, God's new and definitive prophet. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not, however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God. In his 2023 Lenten message, Pope Francis draws attention to the upcoming Synod on Synodality. He calls for mutual listening as a focus of our faith journey: "mutual listening...remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church."

Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is followed by a reminder that Jesus is soon to meet a violent death (17:23). Jesus' companions get a glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence that oppose God's reign. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We need the good sense to listen and to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience from the most unexpected quarters. If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to resist the temptation to hold on to the moments of glory and come to terms with the personal cost of being faithful to the gospel mission of justice and compassion with all its painful demands.

## Reconciliation Program

The 2023 Junior Reconciliation program has begun and dismissals will occur during the **6:30 pm Mass Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March and 10:30am and 5pm Masses on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, when candidates continue their preparations. Please pray for the candidates.

Any queries, please contact Tony at the Parish Office.

## 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.

## Triduum 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 Triduum and Easter Ceremonies 2023. If you are available to participate in any 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

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Catholic Women's League in concert with all Christians throughout the world especially encourage all parishioners to join in the World Day of Prayer events in the coming weeks. With world peace threatened by the Ukrainian conflict and threats by China over Taiwan, it is appropriate that we come together as Christians to pray for ongoing peace in our world.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March - 2.30pm St Peter and Paul's**

**Catholic Church Buninyong**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March - 10.45am Nazareth House**

**Chapel-(RAT test needed/mask)**

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

**First Collection** - \$2,427.10

(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$4,047.00

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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday** – 10.00am

**Tuesday** – 7.00am, 10.00am

**Wednesday** – 7.00am, 10.00am

**Thursday** – 7.00am, 10.00am

**Friday** – 12.05pm, 6:00pm  
(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 after **6.00 pm** Mass each **Friday**.

\*changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events.

## PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

**Tuesday**

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit

**Wednesday**

1.30pm Legion of Mary

5:15pm Liturgy Team Meeting

**Thursday**

10.00am & 5.30pm – Baptism Preparation