

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Easter Sunday Year A – 9th April



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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.

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.



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: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year A (9th April)

First: Acts 10:34, 37-43 **Second:** Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-9

Readings next week: Second Sunday of Easter Year A (16th April)

First: Acts 2:42-47 **Second:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Caitlin, Jelisa, Hayley, David, Rani, Conrad, Clyde, Shirley, Samantha and Rachael

RECENT DEATHS:

Mary Hickey, Matthew Marshall,

Ronald Blaine, Norma Arnold, Detlef Kozyan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lawrence Alexander; Frank Benson; Vittorio Bernardeschi; Carole Breen;
Margaret Cowan; Christina Cummins; Robert Dobson; Marcus Duffy;
Brian Edwards; Kevin Foley; Joan Hardbottle; Francis Klein; Tony McDonald;
Eilin O'Siochain; Kathleen Shelley; Andrew Sherry; Stefania Slivinsky;
Valda Stevens; Dorothy Strybosch; James Rieniets; Roma Vaughan

St Pat's Cathedral Junior Choir



Congratulations and thank you to the children who sang at the 6.30pm Mass last Saturday, the 5th Sunday of Lent. The choir sang beautifully and was very well received by the congregation. The children, Christiana, Emily, Mariana, Sophie, Ava, Theo, Tara, Katherine, Alice and Ted, attend St Patrick's Primary School, St Thomas More Primary School, Loreto College and Ballarat and Clarendon College. They were very generous with their time coming to practices and we thank their families for supporting them. We hope that the choir continues to grow. Our next 'gig' is on Sunday, June the 18th at 5pm Mass when First Communion will be celebrated. More details about practices will follow in Parish Newsletters. If you know of any students from Years 2 to 9, who would be interested in joining our choir, please contact Jude Gustus on 0400344533 or jgustus58@gmail.com.

Opportunities for Healing

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Patrick's Cathedral – Sunday, 16 April, 1- 4 pm Nine 1st Class Relics of Saints will be present

Celebration will be held on Sunday 16 April commencing at 1pm with the viewing of nine 1st class holy relics: Pope St. John Paul II, St Jadwiga, Queen, St Faustina Kowalska, St Maximilian Kolbe, St Stanisław Papczynski, St Maria of Jesus Crucified from Bethlehem, St Maria Gorreti, Blessed Michał Sopoćko and Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko. It will be followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Mercy prayers, sacred music, Confession (3 Priests), and Benediction. The Divine Mercy Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm and it will finish with the blessing with the holy relics. All are very welcome to attend.

Enquiries: Peter M 0403 192 933 pete.schreenan@gmail.com .

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:28

An Evening of Healing and Restoration

Friday April 26th 7:00pm St Patrick's Cathedral a Healing Mass and Adoration will be celebrated by Fr Wahid Riad (St Mary's Castlemaine). The evening will include songs of praise and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:30pm onwards. Organised by Life in the Spirit Prayer Group.

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.

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

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Volunteers Pastoral Care Workers at Grampians Health Ballarat

Grampians Health Ballarat is seeking expressions of interest for volunteers Pastoral Care Workers to provide regular pastoral care support to patients and visitors of all faiths and beliefs. If you are willing to commit to 2.5 hours per week, and provide a listening ear, then Grampians Health Ballarat would like to hear from you. Contact Paul Ryan, ph. 5320 8634 or email Paul at paul.ryan@bhs.org.au

Reflection on the Gospel-Easter Sunday Year A

(Matthew 28:1-10)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Easter invites us to celebrate life in its fullest sense. It is anything but easy to celebrate life, however, when many are still dying from COVID and so much of the Earth community is affected by the climate crisis. Resurrection faith calls us to be fearless in facing the challenges that confront us.

A faith-filled man and two faith-filled women prepare Jesus for burial. These three people are fearless in the face of possible reprisals for their support of a “political criminal”. Joseph of Arimathea cares for Jesus out of his personal wealth, providing a clean linen cloth and his own newly rock-carved tomb. With his own hands, he performs the burial ritual, lays Jesus’ body in the tomb, and rolls the stone into place. The women disciples who witness the closing of the tomb are both named Mary. One is known as Magdalene (the “Tower”) and the other is the mother of two male disciples. These women have been towers of strength, contributing their goods and services to Jesus on the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.

The women set out at dawn “to see the tomb” This seems strange until we realise that they are functioning as witnesses, this time to the dramatic opening of the tomb and the appearance of God’s interpretive messenger. “Seeing” is a metaphor for insight. In the earthquake phenomenon and the allusion to lightning, there are echoes of other great moments of God’s appearing to Israel, such as the encounter with Moses and the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai.

The two Marys are the first to learn the news of Jesus’ resurrection and the first commissioned to proclaim it. The women “see” the place where he was laid. They obey the angel’s command not to be afraid but to go quickly to inform the scattered disciples that the resurrected Jesus has gone before them to Galilee, the place of mission, where they too will “see” him. Resurrection life energises these faith-filled women disciples/apostles and negates the death-dealing power of the Roman Empire. Ironically, the Roman tomb guards become “as though dead”.

As the women hurry away from the tomb, Jesus comes to meet them on the path or the road. He addresses them with a familiar greeting of joy, *Chairete*. This is the first appearance of the resurrected One and it draws from the women a profoundly reverential response: taking hold of him, they fall down in worship. Jesus reiterates the commission already delivered by the angel: not to be afraid and to let the men know what has happened. The male disciples will later be commissioned on the mountain top (Matthew 28:16-20). We sometimes fail to notice that all are commissioned, first the women, then the men. Those “on the mountain top” must not succumb to the temptation of remaining there. They must join those on the road in fearlessly bringing life to Earth’s afflicted, the human and the more-than-human.



**Easter Sunday
9 April**



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

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Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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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.

Finance Officer for Ballarat Catholic Parishes

Suitable applicants are asked to apply for the role of Finance Officer for the Ballarat diocese. *The Finance Officer role will see you perform a diverse range of reporting, compliance, and basic accounting activities to support parishes in the greater Ballarat area.* <https://www.seek.com.au/job/66596566?type=standout#sol=4cd293787258e612140266cc489817bb76e0e80c>

Change to Daylight Saving

Saturday Vigil Mass times will change to 5.30pm due to Daylight Saving from Saturday April 15th after Easter Sunday.

Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to the next talk in the Cathedral Parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral.

Professor John Ozolins from the University of Divinity will speak on St Augustine and the Early Church Fathers on the relationship between Faith and Reason. **7pm, Friday 21 April** in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms and the talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea.

Entry by donation. For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley on 0402 474 074.

Bishop Paul's Easter Message

Read Bishop Paul's Easter Message on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-easter-message-for-2023/>

Diocesan e-News

Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection: numbers are for previous 3 weeks

First Collection - \$ 2,013.50
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2,769.00
(Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am and 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Friday – 12:05pm, 6.00pm
(Reconciliation at 11-12:00pm)

Saturday – 10.00am
(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday **5.30pm** 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 **5:45pm – 6:45pm**

Thursday after 10.00am Mass
Rosary and Divine Mercy Devotion

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

*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

Letter from Bishop Paul directs the diocese that in regards to receiving the host, current instructions will be continued, ie to receive the sacred host by hand, rather than reception on the tongue.