

Mass of the Holy Oils



St. Patrick's Cathedral
Ballarat

Chrism Mass 2023

The Mass of the Oils or Chrism Mass is our annual celebration of the local Diocesan Church of Ballarat. We gather and celebrate the priesthood of Jesus, the one anointed by the Spirit. The priesthood of Jesus is shared by the baptised and the ordained. His priesthood is exercised in the sacraments, especially the sacraments most closely associated with the Eucharist: The sacraments of initiation and of orders, as well as the sacrament of the sick.

We, the priestly people of God in the church of Ballarat, gathered tonight with our bishop, our priests and our seminarian, are not just blessing oils and consecrating chrism but we are praying for everyone and everything they will anoint in the coming year. The Oils blessed tonight – Oil of the Sick, Oil of Baptism and the Holy Chrism will reach:

- * Every Catholic in our diocese who becomes sick and is anointed;
- * Every baby and young child in our diocese who is baptised;
- * Every young person and adult in our diocese who are fully initiated into the community of the Church;
- * A new priest in our diocese who is ordained.

So every time Bishop Paul invites us to pray at tonight's liturgy with the words, "Let us pray", let us pray sincerely for ourselves, for our church, for our world and especially for our sick, our catechumens and those to be received into the Church, our infants, our young people and others to be confirmed and our communities of faith. Let us recommit ourselves to be a Christened people in the year ahead.



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Mass of the Holy Oils - 2023

- CELEBRANT:** Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR, Bishop of Ballarat
- CONCELEBRANTS:** Priests of the Diocese of Ballarat
- MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Fr Gary Jones
- SEMINARIAN:** Cay Trinh Peter
- CANTOR:** Mitchell Leviston – *St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat*
- FIRST READING:** Bernadette Wurlod – *Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Hampden*
- SECOND READING:** Zeena Lazarus –
Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Wendouree
- GOSPEL PROCESSION:** Ally Steenhuis – *Liturgy Captain: Loreto College, Ballarat*
- GOSPEL:** Fr Jorge de Chavez OSJ PP – *Jubilarian: Diocese of Ballarat*
- COMMENTARY:** Dr Peter Morris – *St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat*
- OIL BEARERS:**
- Oil of the Sick:** Margaux Chant – *Acting Pastoral Services Co-ordinator: St John of God Health Care Ballarat*
Anthea Hinchey – *Chair: Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission*
Pat O'Shea – *Parish Leadership Team: Cororooke Parish*
Maria Noonan – *Director of Nursing: St John of God Health Care Ballarat*
- Flagon:* Sr Lusila Tautunu csn – *Sister Superior: Nazareth House, Ballarat*
- Oil of Catechumen:** Professor Bridget Aitchison –
Campus Dean (Ballarat): Australian Catholic University
Alexandra Grieve – *Co-Captain: Loreto College, Ballarat*
Sam Clark – *Captain: St Patrick's College, Ballarat*
Michelle Haeusler – *Principal: St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill*
- Flagon:* Jayme Naeff – *Catechumen: St Patrick's Parish, Gordon*
- Oil of Chrism:** Michael Marshall – *Candidate: St Alipius Parish, Ballarat East*
Laura Avery – *Faith Formation & Religious Education Officer: National Catholic Education Commission*
Matthew O'Brien – *Vice-Captain: St Patrick's College, Ballarat*
Rachael McGuinness – *Candidate: St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat*
- Perfume:* Tommy Sims – *Confirmation Candidate: St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Ballan*
- Flagon:* Fr James Kerr PP – *Jubilarian: Diocese of Ballarat*
- PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:** Timothy & Mary Greene – *St Mary's Parish, Colac*
- CHOIR, WELCOMERS & USHERS:** From the parishes of the Diocese of Ballarat
- MUSICIANS:** Organist: Ann-Maree Caligari –
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat
- CONDUCTOR:** Roger Hillman – *St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat*
- ALTAR SERVERS:** Thomas Kennedy & Harrison Bowd –
St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill
Lachlan Brodie (Vice-Captain) & Maximilian Brodie
St Patrick's College, Ballarat
- SUPPER:** Hosted by Brett Hayward - *ACU Ballarat Campus Canteen*
- DECOR:** Deneise Walsh – *St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat*
- PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE OILS:** Pastoral Ministry Office and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

Acknowledgement of Country

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's spiritual and cultural connection to Country, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the different lands on which we meet to celebrate and worship.

We recognise the continued care of the lands and waterways passed from generation to generation, wisdom that is shared, and life that is celebrated in harmony with the natural environment.

We honour the Elders past and present who have laid the foundations, traditions, and culture for emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and we commit to working together for reconciliation and justice.

All stand

Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn:

LORD YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

J Rowthorn

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service:
“In my name baptise and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour,
draw us closer in community;
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
“I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Greeting

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: Peace be with you

All: **And with your spirit.**

Glory to God: Sung – Mass of St Alphonsus

G Em Am D7 G Am7 Em Am7 Em D7 G Em

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we

Am7 D7 G Em Am7 D7 G D7 Em Am7 Em D7 G Em

bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God,

Am7 Em D7 Em Am7 Em Am7 D7 G G Em Am7 D7 G D7 G

hea-ven-ly King, O God, al-migh-ty Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ On-ly Be-got-ten

D7 G Em Am7 Em D7 G D7 G D7 G C D7 G

Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

D7 G D7 G C D7 G D7 G D7 G D7 G

mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are

C D7 G D7 G D7 G D7 Em

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a - lone are the

Am Em D7 G D7 Em Am7 D7 G D7 Em Am Em Am7

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most High,

Descant

Em Am7 Em D7 G D7 Em Am7 Em Am7 Em D7 G C G

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-3, 6:8-9

Responsorial Psalm: *Sung*

PSALM 88

All the good- ness of the Lord I will sing for- ev- er. I will
praise God's ho- ly name all my days.

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 88. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has lyrics: "All the good- ness of the Lord I will sing for- ev- er. I will". The piano accompaniment line has a melody that follows the vocal line. The second system has a single staff with a piano accompaniment line and lyrics: "praise God's ho- ly name all my days." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature.

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 5-8

Gospel Procession

Gospel Acclamation: *Sung*

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS

M Haugen

Praise to you, Lord Je- sus, king of end - less glo- ry,
Sav- iour of the world, Sav- iour of the world.

The image shows a musical score for "Praise to You Lord Jesus" by M. Haugen. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a single staff with a vocal line and lyrics: "Praise to you, Lord Je- sus, king of end - less glo- ry,". The second system has a single staff with a vocal line and lyrics: "Sav- iour of the world, Sav- iour of the world." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature.

Gospel: Luke 4: 16-21

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Please remain standing as the Gospel Acclamation is repeated after the Gospel:

Sung: Praise to you Lord Jesus.....

Homily

Renewal of Commitment of God's Priestly People

Bishop: My sisters and brothers, tonight we gather in prayer and worship to ask God's blessing upon our sacramental oils. With these oils we have been anointed in the Lord Jesus. We continue to anoint others so that we may be a people set apart for a variety of gifts and ministries in the service of the Kingdom. We now renew our dedication to Christ as his chosen people of the new covenant.

Bishop addresses the laity who now STAND

Bishop: My people, tonight you gather with us, priests and Bishop of this diocese, as we celebrate our call to priestly service in the Church. In our presence and in the presence of each other, are you ready to acknowledge your call to serve in Christ's name as baptised members of his Church and sharers in his mission?

People: I am.

Laity remain STANDING

Bishop then addresses Priests and Religious

Bishop: My sisters and brothers, pray for the laity of the Church. May the Lord strengthen them so that by the witness of their daily lives they will manifest to others the resurrection and life of the Lord Jesus and be a sign of the living God.

Priests & Religious: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Laity SIT

Bishop addresses Religious who now STAND

Bishop: At your religious profession you pledged yourselves to a way of life which embodies the practice of the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience. Are you resolved to unite yourselves ever more closely to Christ and his mission through this life, which manifests in a special way the transcendence of the Kingdom over earthly concerns?

Religious: I am.

Religious remain STANDING

Bishop then addresses Priests and laity

Bishop: My brother priests and laity, let us pray for the religious of the diocese. May the Lord bless their consecration and help them faithfully witness to the redemptive work of Christ, through the living out of the evangelical counsels and the service of the Church and the people of God.

Priests & Laity: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Religious SIT

Bishop addresses Priests who now STAND

Bishop: My brother priests, at your ordination you accepted the responsibilities of the priesthood out of love for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourselves more closely to Christ and to try to become more like him, by joyfully sacrificing your own pleasure and ambition to bring his peace and love to his sisters and brothers?

Priests: I am.

Priests remain standing while the Bishop addresses the laity and Religious

Bishop: My sisters and brothers, pray for your priests. May the Lord bless them and strengthen them to be faithful ministers of Christ the High Priest, so that they will be able to lead all to him, the fountain of our salvation.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.**

Bishop: Pray also for me. At my episcopal ordination I was anointed to support and strengthen my brother priests and to shepherd the Christian community in a life of faith. Pray that I may faithfully fulfil this ministry and be a genuine sign of Christ's loving presence among you.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.**

Bishop: May the Lord in his love keep you close to him always and may he bring all of us to eternal life.

People: Amen.

All SIT

Procession, Presentation and Blessing of Oils

OIL OF THE SICK

The Oil of the Sick is brought forward in a solemn procession.

During the procession all sing the following:

HYMN OF THE HOLY OILS: VERSE 1 AND REFRAIN



1. From the fruit of ol-ive branch-es Comes the oil for heal-ing here.
2. Rich in kind-ness, rich in mer-cy, Lord, from whom all bless-ings flow!
3. Bap-tized and con-firmed with chris-m We be-come a ho-ly race,



1. Lord, we ask you, make it ho-ly, Touch the sick and calm their fear.
2. By this sign of your sal-va-tion Cat-e-chu-mens' faith may grow.
3. Mem-bers of a priest-ly peo-ple, Shar-ers in your life and grace.



ALL: Son of God, a-noint-ed sa-visor, Priest and pro-phet, hum-ble king!



Bless this oil for our a-noint-ing: So may we your prais-es sing!

When the oil bearer reaches the Bishop, they raise the oil in front of the Bishop and say for all to hear:

Oil bearer: The Oil of the Sick!

The oil bearer remains standing in front of the Bishop for the blessing of the oil.

Bishop: Lord God, in your love,
you bring healing to the sick through
your Son Jesus Christ.
Hear us as we pray to you in faith,
and send the Holy Spirit, helper and friend,
upon this oil, which nature has provided
to serve the needs of all people.

May your blessing ✠
come upon all who are anointed with this oil,
and may they be freed from pain and illness
and made well again in body, mind and soul.
May this oil be blessed for our use
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

After the blessing, the oil is placed on the sanctuary and the oil bearers move to the side altar.

OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS

The Oil of Catechumens is brought forward in a solemn procession.

During the procession all sing the following:

HYMN OF THE HOLY OILS: VERSE 2 AND REFRAIN

When the oil bearer reaches the Bishop, they raise the oil in front of the Bishop and say for all to hear:

Oil bearer: **The Oil of Catechumens!**

The oil bearer remains standing in front of the Bishop for the blessing of the oil.

Bishop: Lord God, protector of all who believe in you, bless ✠ this oil and give wisdom and strength to all who are anointed with it in preparation for their baptism.

Bring them to a deeper understanding of the Gospel, help them to accept the challenge of Christian living, and lead them to the joy of new birth in the family of your Church.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the blessing, the oil is placed on the sanctuary and the oil bearers move to the side altar.

OIL OF CHRISM

The Oil for the Holy Chrism and the perfume are brought forward in a solemn procession.

During the procession all sing the following:

HYMN OF THE HOLY OILS: VERSE 3 AND REFRAIN

When those carrying the oil and perfume reach the Bishop, the perfume is first handed to the Bishop, then the person carrying the Chrism raises it in front of the Bishop and says for all to hear:

Oil bearer: The Oil for the Holy Chrism!

The oil bearer then holds the oil while the Bishop adds the perfume. The oil bearers then remain in front of the Bishop while the oil is consecrated.

Bishop: Let us pray
that God our Creator will bless this oil
so that all who are anointed with it
may be inwardly transformed
and come to share in eternal salvation.

Then the Bishop may breathe over the opening of the vessel of chrism. With hands extended he says the following:

Bishop: God our maker, we thank you for the gifts
you have given us in your love:
We thank you for life itself and for the sacraments that
strengthen it and give it fuller meaning.
In the Old Covenant you gave your people a glimpse
of the power of this holy oil and when the fullness of
time had come, you brought that mystery to perfection
in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
By his suffering, dying, and rising to life
he saved the human race.
He sent your Spirit to fill the Church
with every gift needed to complete your saving work.
From that time forward, through the sign of holy chrism,
you dispense your life and love to all people.
By anointing them with the Spirit,
you strengthen all who have been reborn in baptism.
Through that anointing you transform them
into the likeness of Christ your Son and
give them a share in his royal,
priestly and prophetic work.

All celebrants extend their right hands toward the chrism, without saying anything, until the end of the prayer.

Bishop: And so, Almighty God, by the power of your love, make this mixture of oil and perfume a sign and source ✠ of your blessing. Pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on our sisters and brothers who will be anointed with it. Let the splendour of holiness shine on the world from every place and thing signed with this oil. Above all, God of all mercy, we pray, that through this sign of your anointing you will grant increase to your Church until it reaches the eternal glory where you will be the all in all, together with Christ your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

After the blessing, the Chrism is placed on the sanctuary and the oil bearers return to their seats.

The Creed and Prayers of the Faithful are omitted.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts

Bishop: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All stand and say:

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

The Bishop then says the Prayer over the Offerings – response:

All: Amen.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface for the Chrism Mass: *Sung*

Holy, Holy, Holy: *Sung – The Mass of St Alphonsus*

G Em Am7 D7 G Am7 G Em G Em D7 G G Em D7

Ho ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry .

G Em Am7 Em D7 G Em Am7 D7 G G Em Am7 D7

Ho - san- na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

G Am7 Em Am7 D7 G Em *Descant* Am7 Em D7 G Em Am7 D7 G

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer II

Memorial Acclamation 2: *Sung – The Mass of St Alphonsus*

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -

G Am7 Em D7 G Am7 Em Am7 D7 G

claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

Doxology

Great Amen: *Sung – The Mass of St Alphonsus*

G Em Am7 Em D7 G Am Em Am7 D7 G

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

Communion Rite

Our Father: *Sung unaccompanied*

Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God: *Sung – The Mass of St Alphonsus*

G Em Am7 D7 G Am7 Em Am7 D7 G Am7 Em Am7 D7
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

G Em Am7 D7 G Am Em Am7 D7 G Am7 Em Am7 D7
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

G Em Am7 Em D7 G Am7 Em Am7 D7 G Am7 Em Am7 D7 G
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant _____ us peace.

Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Hymns

NOW IN THIS BANQUET

M Haugen

Refrain: Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread;
Here shall all hungers be fed.
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured,
love is the sign of our Lord.

1. You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light. *R.*
2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
open our eyes to the glory of God. *R.*
3. God who makes the blind to see,
God who makes the lame to walk,
bring us dancing into day,
lead your people in your way. *R.*
4. Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,
“Strong” is your name, Lord, “Gentle” and “Kind.” *R.*
5. Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,
make us your people again. *R.*
6. Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts!
We shall arise to be children of light. *R.*

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE John Michael Talbot

Refrain: I am the Bread of Life.
All who eat this Bread will never die.
I am God’s love revealed.
I am broken that you might be healed.

1. All who eat of this heavenly Bread
all who drink this cup of the covenant
you will live forever, for I will raise you up. *R.*
2. No one who comes to me shall hunger again.
No one who believes shall ever thirst.
All that the Father draws shall come to me,
and I will give them rest. *R.*

Please sit

Acknowledgement of Jubilees of Priests 2023

Please stand

Prayer after Communion

Please sit

Collection of Oils

Bishop: The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens
have been blessed and the Chrism consecrated for the
needs of the people of the Diocese of Ballarat.
Let these oils now be taken to our parish communities
for use in the year ahead.

The oils are now brought to the centre of the sanctuary.

*As the name of the parish is called, the parish
representative moves to the Bishop to receive the oils at
the bottom of the altar steps. After they have received
the oils, the parish representative returns to their seat.*

Concluding Rites

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.
May the almighty and merciful God bless you,
and fill you with wisdom.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May you be strengthened in the love of God
and persevere in good works.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May all your steps be directed to God,
that you will walk in charity and peace.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn:

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

M Haugen

We are a blest and anointed people:
Signed for the Kingdom of God!
Oil to strengthen us on our journey:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice
Bring forth the City of God!

We are a blest and anointed people:
Signed for the Kingdom of God!
Oil for healing to soothe our suffering:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! *R.*

We are a blest and anointed people:
Signed for the Kingdom of God!
Oil of holiness, pure and fragrant:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! *R.*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the kingdom of God! *R.*

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*All are invited to
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following Mass*

Monday, April 3, 2023



Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

