

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Ascension of the Lord Year A – 21st May



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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.



Bishop:

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Parish Administrator:

Fr Ed Moloney

Assistant Priests:

Fr Abraham Thomas

Fr James McKay

Visiting Priests:

Fr Dan Arundell

Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: The Ascension of the Lord Year A (21st May)

First: Acts 1:1-11

Second: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Readings next week: Pentecost Sunday Year A (28th May)

First: Acts 2:1-11

Second: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



RECENT DEATHS:

Julie Arnold, Marie Bastian, Mary Gottlieb,
Ellen Casek, Ugo Lo Iacono, Brian Brennan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Auchettl, Joan Blood, Ante Bozic, Monica Braybrook, John Burke,
Tom Bushell, Francis Callahan, Gerard Cullinan, Camillo De Grazia, Ellen Fay,
Fr Laurence Gallagher, Paul Gleeson, Kevin Gottlieb, John Grant, James Hancock,
Bernadette Hodges, Elizabeth Howley, Jane Kincade, Kathleen Lorensini,
Norah Mahar, Ciril Mauric, Loyola McKenzie, James McMahan, Margaret Miller,
Mary Naylor, Bryan O'Loughlan, Kathleen O'Rourke, Constance Pollard,
Fr Barry Stickland, Michael Twomey, Dinny Verdoorn, Graham Wiseman

Eucharistic Sacramental Program

Presentation Mass Saturday May 20th 5:30, Sunday May 21st 10:30 & 5:00pm

The parish-based preparation courses for children (non-Catholic school) has started for children with their parent or guardian with last session **4:30pm Wednesday 24th May**

First Reconciliation **4:30pm Tuesday 30th May**

Eucharistic Celebrations **June 3rd/4th** and **June 10th/11th** and **June 17th/18th**

Contact Tony 53 312933 for registrations and details.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

With the theme "Do Good Seek Justice" (Isaiah 1:17), the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated in a number of the churches in Ballarat during the week of May 21st - 28th.

St Patrick's Cathedral is responsible for leading prayer on May 23 at 7.00pm, followed by a light supper in the Mackillop/Glowrey Room. All members of the community are invited to join in this prayer for Christian Unity and then enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

Resources for use in Australia are provided by the NCCA Faith and Unity Commission, in collaboration with the Faith and Order Commission of the Victorian Council of Churches, and are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>.

Monday 22nd May @ 7 p.m. – Peel Street Church of Christ, 37-39 Peel Street South, Ballarat.

Tuesday 23rd May @ 7 p.m. – St Patrick's Cathedral Catholic Church, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat.

Wednesday 24th May @ 7 p.m. – Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ the King, 49 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat.

Thursday 25th May @ 7 p.m. – Ballarat Central Uniting Church, 103 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2, 2023

Planning for the second issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2023 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2023 themes of the International Year of the Millet / Synod of Synodality / Plenary Council. We are hoping to gather stories and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school community and agency. We hope to have this issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning July 17 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is **Friday, June 2,**

2023. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au. A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications.

Catholic Women's League Ballarat Diocesan Committee

Keep this date free. - May 24th – Warracknabeal

The Catholic Women's League Ballarat Diocesan Committee would like to invite you to a Reflection Day at St. Mary's Church, Warracknabeal on Wednesday May 24th, beginning with Mass at 10.30am, with Father Matt Restall. Lunch, prayer, Guest speaker.

Inquiries - Frances 0458 317 815 or Carmel 0401 175045

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and pray for **Daphne Catherine Dang, William Clark Andrighetto, Eleanor Belle Andrighetto, Scarlett Peggy Ann Jory and Ella June Jew** as they enter into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism



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

St Patrick's Divine Mercy Prayer Group – 1st Class Relics of St John Paul II and St Faustina

Thursday 15 June, 10.30 am

All are welcome and especially supporters of the Divine Mercy mission and those interested in the evangelisation mission to attend the prayer gathering on Thursday, 14 June after 10 am Mass. The 1st class relics of Pope St John Paul II, as well as St Faustina Kowalska, will be available for veneration. We are planning to gather all those who wish to become empowered by the mission for the world and the Church given by Jesus to St Faustina and those who wish to evangelise to others. It is to assist especially people seeking healing, love, and peace. We are praying for crucial intentions for our times including prayers for the Clergy, the Church, our nations, and the world. We are praying in preparation for the mission work in support of the Parish and evangelisation mission. Enquiries: Peter Mobile 0403 192 933, pete.schreenan@gmail.com.

Lord Jesus spoke to Sister Faustina: *Your purpose and that of your companions is to unite yourselves with Me as closely as possible: through love You will reconcile earth with heaven. I place in your care two pearls very precious to My Heart: these are the souls of Priests and Religious. You will pray particularly for them...* (St. Faustina's Diary, 531).

Half-a-Day of Reflection - Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will hold a Half-a-Day of Reflection on Wednesday, 31 May 2023, Feast of the Visitation, in the Mary Glowrey Hall from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm (Light lunch). Father Jim McKay will lead us in prayer and reflection. All active, auxiliary, past members of the Legion and parishioners are cordially invited to join and participate in this special day.

Aid to the Church in Need

The Catholic Charity **Aid to the Church in Need** has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal or scan the QR code.



Catholic Education Week 2023

Catholic Education Week 2023 will be celebrated from May 21-26, 2023. The theme for this year is "Grace is the gift of God's presence in our lives". Further information at <https://dobcel.catholic.edu.au/news/catholic-education-week/>

We give thanks to God for our diocesan schools. Send your spirit upon all involved in catholic education. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

RCIA FOR CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

At the five o'clock Mass on Pentecost Sunday (28th May, 2023), nineteen children will be initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. We ask for your prayers and support for these children and their families who have made this decision to continue their life journey in the Catholic Faith.

Catholic Earthcare Parish: The Letter

Laudato Si' Week, 21-28 May 'Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity'.

Unfortunately, due to a planned power outage on Sunday May 28 the screening of **The Letter: a message for our Earth** has been postponed to a later date.

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN THE COMING WEEKS

I now invite the children to come forward to receive a copy of the New Testament which contains the life of Jesus and the Early Church.

CELEBRANT: Please receive God's Word and in your reading and prayer come to know Jesus who is our Saviour and friend.

CELEBRANT: (Hands the Word of God to the children).

CELEBRANT: Parish Community, may you continue to pray for these young children and their families as they shape their lives after the example and love shown by Jesus.

First Eucharist Candidates Preparation TODAY

Dear candidates, there will be a short practice for your First Communion immediately after Mass today. The Celebrant will meet you at the front of the Cathedral immediately after the Mass today to explain how the Sacrament will be received.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Fridays, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 11.00 am and concludes at 12.00 pm. This is a time of Silence and Personal Prayer.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations (\$2.00 and over are tax deductible) can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection: numbers are for previous 2 weeks

First Collection - \$1795.35 & \$810.00
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1497.90 & \$909.25
(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

(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

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

Monday/Tuesday after 10.00am Mass
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday after Mass Litany to St Joseph
Holy Hour & Benediction 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday after 10.00am Mass -
Rosary and Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday after 12.05pm Mass -
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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
4:30pm Eucharistic Sacramental Program
for Parish Based Candidates