

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

## Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A – 7<sup>th</sup> May



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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.*

### **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: Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A (7<sup>th</sup> May)**

**First:** Acts 6:1-7

**Second:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12

### **Readings next week: Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A (14<sup>th</sup> May)**

**First:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Second:** 1 Peter 3:15-18 or 4:13-16

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21 or John 17:1-11



### **RECENT DEATHS:**

Mary Marshall, Mario Perovic, Pat Glennen

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Kevin Bilston, Richard Blanchfield, Teresa Bongiorno, John Chandler, George Daniel, Margaret Engellenner, Thomasena Fischer, Christina Goodfellow, Marie Hammond, Patricia Harman, Mary Helliard, Brian Keating, Clare Madden, Gerard Madden, Barbara Mahony, Edmond Maher, Norman Malthouse, George Mangan, Kathleen Martin, Vinka Medvac, Alexander Merzvinskis, Thomas Millington, Peter Swan, Michael Tobin, Mary Todd, Jim Welsh

## Eucharistic Sacramental Program

**Prayer Mass** Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30, Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30 & 5:00pm  
**Presentation Mass** Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30, Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30 & 5:00pm

The parish-based preparation courses for children (non-Catholic school) will occur for children with their parent or guardian at **4:30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Eucharistic Celebrations June 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Tony 53 312933 for registrations and details.

### PRAYER MASS FOR CANDIDATES

**CHILDREN** you are preparing to receive the most important sacrament in the life of the Church – that is the gift of Jesus himself in the Eucharist. To help you to be ready to receive the blessed Eucharist that is the Body and Blood of Jesus, the parish presents you with this prayer card which has a prayer to say after you receive Holy Communion.

**LEADER** The prayer, “Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the most blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. I love you above all things and I will always try to stay close to you in my life.”

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023

Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are available from  
<https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>

### Faith at War and the Priests who served from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

This display explores Priests from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat who served during WWI, WWII, in Vietnam and Afghanistan.

Priests that enlisted from the diocese could serve as Chaplains either, in the Australian Army, Australian Royal Air Force or the Australian Royal Navy. Other Priests worked at RAAF bases at Ballarat, Hamilton and Nhill where they served men and women working for the A.I.F.

Chaplains from the diocese became highly respected for their determination to serve alongside troops both in the trenches, and on the front-line. They continually placed themselves in danger operating in the most appalling conditions where “only the devout Christian” could “hear the still small voice above the cannon” or battlefield.

To view the display please contact the Archivist via [archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au).  
The Diocesan archives are open Monday to Friday through bookings only.



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## Reflection on the Gospel- Easter 5A

(John 14:1-12)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

“Take from my heart all painful anxiety” is a gospel inspired prayer. It is the prayer of Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy. Like Jesus, Catherine knew in her being that a troubled heart is always a possibility. When we don't have any serious concerns in the present, we are often anxious about the future. There is a difference, of course, between having concerns and having a troubled heart. The difference lies in how we deal with the inevitable problems and challenges that come our way. If ever there was a time with potential for troubled hearts, it is right now as we deal with extreme weather events, with the divisions in the community over justice for First Nations Peoples, with increasing wealth disparity, with the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and with the impact of long Covid.

Freedom from anxiety is the constant message of the gospels. “Do not let your hearts be troubled” is Jesus' word to his friends in John's gospel. The verb, here in passive mood (“be troubled”), is used of Jesus' spirit when he finds his friend Mary and her companions weeping over the death of Lazarus (11:33). It means literally to shake or to stir up. Jesus is really shaken by grief in that situation. As he faces his own death, he does not want his friends to be troubled of heart or spirit. He speaks here from his own experience.

Jesus shows the way to an untroubled heart: “Believe into God, believe also into me.” The faith of the disciples is to be grounded in his care for them both in the present and into the future: “I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and will take you to myself”. In this context, Jesus makes three claims: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” The prologue to the gospel, which functions as an overture to the gospel, has introduced the notion of the incarnate Word as “full of grace and *truth*” and the bringer of “grace and *truth*” (1:14, 17). The Word is the *life* that is the light of all (1:4), the bread of *life*, even the resurrection and the *life*. Jesus' claim to be “the *way*” is foreshadowed in the parable of the gate: “I am the gate for the sheep (10:7).”

If the disciples know Jesus, then they also know the way to God whom Jesus images in tender parental terms as “Father”. If Philip does not believe in their mutual indwelling, then maybe he can believe on account of the “works” of Jesus, works that are also the works of God. Those who believe have the power to do these and even greater works. This seems extraordinary, but is really a matter of believing with untroubled hearts that the power comes from God. Let us not underestimate the power of prayer at this time of distress and the power of action, no matter how small, to help those whose hearts are troubled.

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### Visit of Father Robert McCulloch

Father Robert will be in Ballarat on Monday May 8th and will say a 12 midday Mass, here at the Cathedral then give a presentation in the Mary Glowrey room immediately after Mass updating us on current events in Pakistan and beyond. A light lunch will be provided.

Donation envelopes will be available. Entry - By donation. Inquiries 0401 175 045

### BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and pray for **Ruby Anne Reicha** and **Ella Cay Reicha** 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.*

### **Morning tea after 10.30am Mass this Sunday**

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome! Come along to the Glowrey and Mackillop rooms (behind the hall) for a cuppa and some home baking.

### **Nazareth House Auxiliary Mother's Day**

Stall to be held Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May in Foyer of Nazareth House 218 Mill St Ballarat 9am. - 2pm. Contact Margaret for further details. 0419003415

### **Finance Officer**

We welcome Bernadette Prestwood to the position of Finance Officer for the Ballarat parishes.

### **Annual Mass Count**

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will continue over the next four weekends of May.

Collectors, please take note.

### **St Vincent's College Bendigo, Reunion**

Past students of St Vincent's College Bendigo and their partners are invited to attend our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Sports Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday, May 20, followed by Mass and BBQ at Catherine McAuley College on Sunday, May 21, 2023. For more information and booking details, contact Tim Coates on 0407 403 574 or [timothycoates@gmail.com](mailto:timothycoates@gmail.com) or [visit our website](#).

### **Pope's intention for May**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. Lord, hear us.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28**

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<https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>

### **Laudato Si' Week: May 21-28, 2023**

Resources for *Laudato Si'* week are available from <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral.

**First Collection** - \$TBC  
(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$TBC  
(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 7.00pm – 8.00pm

**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**

4:30pm Eucharistic Sacramental Program  
for Parish Based Candidates  
7.00pm – Life in the Spirit  
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

### **Wednesday**

1.30pm Legion of Mary  
Liturgy Committee 5.15pm