

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 2nd July



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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

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Fr Abraham Thomas

Fr James McKay

Visiting Priests:

Fr Dan Arundell

Fr Barry Ryan

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Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (2nd July)

First: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Second: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Responsorial Psalm: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Readings next week: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (9th July)

First: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second: Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dorothy Blanchfield, Fr Patrick Bohan, Patricia Bowes, Monica Boyd, Leo Driscoll, Edward J Duck, Brian Foley, Michael Gannon, Ada Gasan, Joseph Gasan, Mary (Nell) Harman, Margaret Hayden, Walter Jones, Sonia Karpinski, Helen Lonsdale, Eileen Lynch, Mary Maher, Stefania Mihella, Francis Quinn, Johanna Rowe, Cori Stewart, Ursula Watson, Lawrence Whyte, Sr Cynthia Wright

St Maria Goretti Memorial

On Thursday July 6th the Ballarat Catholic Women's League (Cathedral Branch) invite parishioners to a day of prayer and reflection to mark the Memorial of St Maria Goretti who died as a Martyr. St Maria is a model of forgiveness and healing for us in our Diocese. We ask St Maria's intercession to help promote the due respect and dignity owed to every human person created in the image of God.

Program:

12.05 Mass - Thursday July 6th.

After Mass a light lunch will be offered in the Mary Glowrey Room. There will be a short presentation on Saint Maria by Anna Krohn. Michael Taffe will also give a short presentation on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey, Servant of God, and there will be an opportunity to view a hand painted stole which was painted by Sr Mary. Afternoon tea will follow.

All are welcome. Enquires: Carmel: 0401 175045 Anna Kron: 0400260660

A Relic of St Maria Goretti will be in the Cathedral for Veneration on Thursday July 6th at 11.30 am, Friday 7th after the 12.05 Mass and Saturday 8th July from 9.30 am until 10.00 am.

Windows onto God (in-person event), Sat 29 Jul, 10am–3pm

The windows explored are incarnation, darkness, abundance and self- acceptance. Incarnation, seen in the broad sense of God being in the world, takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there is the experience of darkness, which is also part of our human reality. Abundance picks up the theme of incarnation. It reminds us that God is lavish with her/his gifts and wants us to enjoy them. Self- acceptance is linked to these themes since it means accepting both the darkness and the light in ourselves. An interactive event allowing time for reflection and sharing, facilitated by Br Tim Lockwood cfc.

Treasuring Our Later Years (in-person event), Sat 5 Aug, 10am–4pm

Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. During our time together, Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm will consider themes that have special significance in our later years: awakening to new possibilities in my life now; spirituality; what is giving my life meaning?; relationships; gratitude; death—mystery; intimacy and delight in God's presence.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

St Patrick's Cathedral is establishing Choral and Organ Scholarships.

The program will provide an opportunity for children with an aptitude and interest in music to sing regularly at Cathedral Masses. The children will receive annual scholarship payments towards their general education in return for their participation in the choir. The children will benefit from vocal and musical tuition, and develop skills in teamwork, time-management, professionalism and discipline. Children in Grades 3-6 are welcome to audition for the choir, which will have a gender balance. The safety of the children will be of the highest priority. Copies of the Choir Handbook, Audition Form or further information can be obtained by contacting the Choir Director, Mr Vincent Sully, on 0407 310 115 or vincenzo101923@gmail.com.

Pope's intention for July – For a Eucharistic Life:

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and be opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters. Lord, hear us.

Thanks to Andrew Jirik

Mr Andrew Jirik, our Diocesan Business Manager, has advised me that he will conclude his time in this role on July 14. On behalf of our diocesan community, I thank Andrew for the outstanding service he has given over the past seven years as the leader of the team in our Diocesan Finance Office. I am very grateful for the dedication that Andrew has shown in caring for the finances of the diocese and for the assistance he has provided to parish communities. Bishop Paul Bird

Reflection on the Gospel-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 10:37-42)

- © Greg Sunter (Liturgy Help)

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

Historical Context – A cup of cold water

Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

Gospel Focus – Anyone who welcomes

Having spelled out the difficulties of discipleship throughout Ch 10, the gospel writer has Jesus reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him. There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the 'little ones' of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus. Jesus even describes the disciples as 'little ones' – a reminder both to them and to those who welcome them.

PROPOSED YOUTH GROUP ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday 30th July following 5.00 pm Mass there will an opportunity for all interested young people of secondary school age to attend a Youth Group in the McKillop/Glowrey Hall from 6.00pm until 7.00 pm.

This proposal has been part of the work of the Parish Pastoral Council, who have helped with the implementing of the Diocesan Policy on Child Safety. Parents/Guardians are required to attend the first gathering.

Annual Collection for the Pope

The annual collection for the Holy Father will be taken up at the end of Masses this weekend. This is used to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

Playgroup Organiser

Last week we asked for a volunteer to help with the organization of the Playgroup and it is very pleasing that two volunteers have offered their time to coordinate the role. The Playgroup only meets during the school terms on Thursdays at 9:30am, so next meet on Thursday 13th July.

It has been an excellent meeting space for Mother and Child and new members are welcome. Contact: Jodie 0407575289.

**Morning tea after 10.30am Mass today will
farewell Fr Abraham Thomas MST**

This weekend after the 10:30 Mass there will be a cup of tea in the St Patrick's Hall to give thanks and show our appreciation to Fr Abraham and his ministry for the last 18 months. Fr Abraham has been appointed to Star of the Sea, South West Coast Parish. Please bring a plate of food and drop it into the hall prior to Mass. If you are willing to help with serving, please contact Francesca via email frangelica66@gmail.com

Clergy Appointment

Fr Anthony Nagothu will spend twelve months an Oratorian Community in New York. We pray for blessings on his time with the Oratorian Community.

Ballarat Seminarians This week we welcome Channa Chilakarachna (Sri Lanka) and Simon Zakari (Nigeria) to our Cathedral Parish who will spend 6 weeks with us in preparation to enter Corpus Christi College Carlton to train as seminarians for the Ballarat Diocese. Please remember them and all those training for the priesthood in your prayers.

Trial of electronic collection device

Shortly there will be an alternative means of contributing to the parish with an EFTPOS terminal becoming available at the entrances to the Cathedral. It will be a wave and pay system set on a contribution of multiples of \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 with the process completed with a wave of your credit card.

CATHECHESIS ON THE EUCHARIST

Bishop Robert Barron's best selling 6 part series on the Mass is available to watch for free for a limited time:

Episode 1* *_A Privileged Encounter_*

<https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1> The

remaining 5 episodes link is provided below. *Episode 2*

_ *Called Out of the World*_

<https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode2> *Episode

3* *_God Speaks Our Story*_

<https://videos.wordonfire.org/themass-episode3>

Episode 4 *_Responding to God*_

<https://videos.wordonfire.org/themass-episode4>

Episode 5 *_Preparing for Sacrifice*_

<https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode5> *Episode

6* *_The Real Presence Creates Communion*_

<https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode6>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

First Collection - \$2261.20

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$1506.70

(Parish - Online & Collection – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am,

12:05pm Mass to celebrate Memorial of St

Maria Goretti

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 10am
Mass Litany to St Joseph & Rosary
6pm Holy Hour including Benediction

Thursday after 10.00am Mass -
Divine Mercy Devotion which include
intentions for the Church, healing, peace in
families and nations, the Clergy and the
evangelisation of the world.

Friday 11.00am to 12.00pm -
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
(Online during July/August)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

10.00am, 5.30pm Baptism Preparation