

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A – 11th June



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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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A (11th June)

First: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Second: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Readings next week: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (18th June)

First: Exodus 19:2-6

Second: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel: John 9:36-10:8



RECENT DEATHS:

Les Styles, Maree Kinane, Arthur Sowter

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Pauline Allen IBVM, Nancy Atkinson, John Caine, Graham Cluning, Maureen Patricia Costigan, Patrick Cranage, Albert Culvenor, Kevin Duggan, Ljusevit Duka, John Gannon, Barbara Goodwin, Roman Grochowski, Albert Hickson, Irene Howgate, Winifred Humphries, Abigail Liversage, Elizabeth Madden, John Madigan, Ronald Matthews, Herbert McCarthy, Mary McLean, Thurza Moore, Eileen Polglase, Alido Relouw, Joy Simpson, Joan Smyth, Maureen Sullivan (Flynn), Emily Tait, Geoffrey Torney, Gerhard Zehner

ALTAR SERVERS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Both the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council and Cathedral Liturgy Committee, have had a number of discussions regarding the return of Altar Servers to our Sunday Liturgies. Both groups feel that it is time, and with a number of criteria to support our young people taking on this ministry in our Cathedral community. Altar servers play a very visible part in parish life and their training and formation is very important. This is an opportunity for children to take on a role of service in the community and a chance to learn more about Liturgy. The altar servers' special ministry is to assist with the smooth flow of the liturgical rites. They serve on the sanctuary in areas and tasks relating to the altar and lectern.

Children who are interested in serving at our Masses must be fully initiated into our Catholic Faith – that is they must be Baptised, Confirmed and have made their First Communion. They should also be regular attendees at Mass on Sunday. They can be of various ages and of either gender.

The safety of altar servers is paramount and structures have been put in place at the Cathedral to ensure that our Altar servers are safe and are seen to be safe. Altar servers will be supervised prior to and after every Mass, by a carefully chosen adult with a working with children clearance. They will robe in the second sacristy and at all times will be supervised and prepared in open areas of the Cathedral. Parents are encouraged to support their children and take on the role of supervisor.

Parents should also note that when they agree to their child becoming an Altar Server, that they themselves are taking on the responsibility of having their children arrive at Mass on time and are strongly encouraged to stay and celebrate Mass with their children.

An information session will be held on **Sunday 30th July at 4.00 pm** in the Glowrey Room.

Parents/Carers of young people who are interested in serving, are asked to contact Tony Beggs at the Cathedral Office to register for the meeting and to leave your details with him.

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.

House of Welcome - Refugee Week Luncheon

The annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will resume this year after the "Lockdown Break". This will be held at the Uniting Church Dana Street Hall, Lydiard St. entrance (near SMB) on Wednesday June 21st at 12.30pm. Entry - \$25. Stalls and competitions. All welcome.

Guest Speaker - Mr. Anthony Krohn - BA (Hons). LI.B., B.Theol. former member of the Refugee Review Tribunal and Migration Review Tribunal

Bookings - Carmel 0401 175 045

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

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, 15 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.

Reflection on the Gospel-Body and Blood of Christ Year A

(John 6:51-58)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

As I watch the birds foraging for food in my front yard, I am transported back to the poetry of Gerard Manly Hopkins who began his famous work, *The Wreck of the Deutschland*, with the prayer: "Thou mastering me God! giver of breath and bread." Every creature needs bread and every creature need breath. "I can't breathe", that cry of African American George Floyd has echoed across the globe for over three years now, making of both Pentecost and Trinity strange reminders of the right of all to the breath of life. It will haunt us until we effect the conversion of heart that eliminates white supremacy and every form of violence.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, we remember the two billion or more across the globe who yearn for "bread" in order to remain physically alive. We cannot appreciate this feast and what it signifies unless we have some appreciation and some satisfying experience of the material reality that underpins the symbolism of bread and wine. At the most basic level, this Feast is about bread broken and shared. It calls us to share our daily bread.

Today's gospel passage belongs within a section of John's gospel generally called the Bread of Life Discourse. Some scholars suggest that the discourse as a whole is cast in the form of a synagogue homily. In this view, it is a rabbinic type exposition of Exodus 16:4 and Psalm 78:4-5 on the manna bread that God rains from heaven. In John 6:51-58, there are allusions to Eucharist as both meal and sacrifice. Jesus is the manna or bread from heaven. Life comes from eating his flesh/body. It also comes from drinking his blood. For the ancient Israelites, the life was in the blood. Blood poured out is life poured out. To drink the wine/blood is to participate in the life of Christ poured out.

An analogy from my own context might help us to grasp something of the mystery that we call Eucharist. My home town, Ballarat, is the site of the Eureka rebellion. The Eureka flag is housed in a place of honour in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka. At one level, this flag is fabric and thread. At another, it far transcends the materials from which it is crafted. These materials were transformed, possibly by women from our own parish, into a symbol of freedom for the Eureka rebels. In the process, they changed their purpose and meaning; so too with the bread and wine of our Eucharistic celebrations. They have become, in a very real though mysterious sense, the body and blood of Christ. While we reflect on this mystery, we ground our faith in action designed to address the issue of global hunger and the circumstances that inhibit access to "bread" for all. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to careful consumption of the world's resources so that all God's people and all God's creatures may have life.

Family Groups

Family Groups consist of small clusters of individuals/couples/families who meet monthly doing activities agreed upon by the group. This offers company and support to the members and in turn enriches the parish. May is the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Family Groups started by Fr Peter McGrath (Passionist priest) in Sydney.

Family Groups have been operating in the Cathedral Parish for 32 years - despite ageing we are still going strong - we have 6 groups of 12-20 people in each. We are always open to new members - for further information - www.pfgm.org
Contact - the parish office - Mick 0407 350 702 - Marica 0400 153 656

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available at:

pallottine.org.au/sypscharship Closing Date: 4 August 2023

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and pray for **Riley James Cloke** as he enters 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.



First Communion Celebration

Over the next two weeks, we welcome many children into the full life of the Church, as they celebrate their First Communions. The children have completed their preparations with support from their teachers and parents and have willingly applied themselves to learning about their faith. Please pray for them as they become full members of the Church.

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 on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal>

Parish Planned Giving Program Envelopes

Collection off the table in the south transept of the Cathedral. New givers are welcome to apply via parish office, contact Bernadette.

Refugee Week 2023 - Finding Freedom Luncheon

The House of Welcome Ballarat who assist Refugees, Asylum Seekers, students and those in need are holding a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Wednesday 21st June from 1.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, 107 Lydiard St Sth., Ballarat. There will be stalls, competitions and great company. Cost: \$25pp.

To book, text your name to 0400 175 045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com.

Donations can be made to House of Welcome Ballarat BSB: 633-000 Account No: 1440 44963.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

First Collection - \$2545.80
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$3865.00
(Parish - Online & Collection – 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 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 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)
7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(Presbytery)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary
3.00pm Parish finance Meeting
5.15pm Liturgy Team Meeting

Lost Property in the Cathedral

Please see one of the sacristans.