

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 25th June



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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.

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: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (25th June)

First: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Readings next 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



RECENT DEATHS:

Geraldine Finn, Mary Alice Rennick

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Barton, Ethel Bongiorno, Rupert Bowd, Enzo Campana, Patricia Collier, John Collins, Michael Francis Conroy, John William Conroy Sr M Emilian, IBVM, Josie Hall, Mary Horgan, Istvan Kirsteuer, Rowan McIndoe, Hilda O'Brien, Edward Pedelty, Bridget Price, Valentyna Sawka, Br Bernard Scott, Phil Segrave, Lorna Sutherland, Tanya Tobin, Frank Valbusa, Henry Werner, Beryl Woof

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.

The Church in Need

One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.

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/svpscholarship
Closing Date: 4 August 2023

Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

All are welcome to attend the Mass to acknowledge the priests of the diocese who are celebrating their Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. Those celebrating their Golden Jubilee this year are Frs, Bill Van de Camp and Lawrence O'Toole and Silver Jubilee are Frs, Andrew Hayes and Jorge de Chavez.

Bishop Paul will be the Principal Celebrant and Con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. Mass will be held 5.00pm on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. You are invited to join the Choir with practice prior to the Mass at 4.30pm.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and pray for **Nathan Jaurez** and **Leo Johnson** 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.



Reflection on the Gospel-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 10:26-33)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Many of those who once looked through the barbed-wire fences of Australia's detention centres carry personal stories of fear of persecution. One such story, the story of Najaf Mazari, is beautifully narrated by Najaf and Robert Hillman in their joint work, *The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif*. Najaf is an Afghani Hazara who suffered persecution and torture at the hands of the Taliban. He escaped to Australia via Indonesia in 2002. After some time in detention, he established a rug making business in suburban Melbourne. He was reunited with his wife Hakeema and daughter Maria in 2008 and became an Australian citizen in June 2014.

Some first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras and Syrian or Iraqi Christians in that they are persecuted simply on account of who they are vis-à-vis those who seek exclusive political and cultural power. They have every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as suffered by Jesus and his followers. Jesus himself experienced fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples, not once but three times, not to fear those who kill the body.

How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najif: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with God would remain, in contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who could kill the body but not an indomitable spirit.

Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent to proclaim in the marketplace or from the "housetops" the gospel they have received in the security of the household. If they acknowledge Jesus, he will in turn "acknowledge" them before God. They can expect rejection and humiliation. This is not to deter them from their mission. They are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all of God's creatures, including the sparrows, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned. On the contrary, even the hairs on their heads are numbered by God. Trust in God is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire as opposed to the empire of Rome. Trust in God does not take away the pain. We join with asylum seekers, refugees, with the hungry and the homeless and, at this time of heightened sensitivity to racial discrimination, with the First Peoples of this country, for the justice that is their right. They are precious in God's eyes. They are precious in our eyes and must not be abandoned.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)

- **Mary MacKillop Gift shop:** Consider supporting a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop. The shop stocks communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items <https://www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/>
- **Mary of the Cross Exhibition:** The Mary of the Cross Exhibition will be held April - June 2023, Monday – Friday from 10.00am – 4.00pm. The Heritage Centre is proud to present a new exhibition in the Temporary Gallery that explores the significance of the Cross in Mary's life. Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy.
- **Accommodation @MMHC:** When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

Morning tea after 10.30am Mass next week will farewell Fr Abraham Thomas

On Sunday 2nd July 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. 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

Playgroup Organiser

The Parish Playgroup meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:30am. As the leaders are going back to work, we need a volunteer to collect the keys from the office. We have a great selection of toys, and it is an excellent meeting space for Mother and Child. See/phone Tony 53312933.

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 - \$2400.70

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$3074.90

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00pm

Tuesday – 7.00am.

5.00pm Mass for Priests of the Diocese who are celebrating their Jubilees.

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

5.00pm Jubilarians Mass
7.00pm – Life in the Spirit
(MacKillop/Glowrey Room)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

Lost Property in the Cathedral

Please see one of the sacristans.