

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday Year A – 4th 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: The Most Holy Trinity Sunday Year A (4th June)

First: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Second: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Readings next week: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A (4th June)

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

Second: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58



RECENT DEATHS:

John Doody, Anne Strickland

Margaret Carlin, Bill Adriaans, Reiny Strybosch

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Besemeres, David Blaw, Timothy Canty, Margaret Mary Carroll, William Cochran, Lilian D'Alton, Margaret Doran, Helen Houlihan, Colin Jones, Patrick Kelly, John Lamond, Kenneth Lumsden, Vincent Madden, Mary Morris, Josephine Moylan, Tom Moylan, Antoinette (Toni) O'Sullivan, Moira Purcell, Nellie Remington, Bernard Scanlon, Kathleen Spiers, Ronald Percy Stopps, Mia Thorpe, Ron Thorpe, Leo Tuddenham, Maxine Tuddenham, Gertrudis Volders, Paul West

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.

'Save Calvary Hospital' Petition (Saving the Sanctity of Human Life)

You would be aware that, on Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the Little Company of Mary and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979.

There has been considerable commentary on the ACT Government's action, as well as sustained media interest. Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce, led by Father Tony Percy, to challenge the ACT Government's plan. He has supported a petition 'Save Calvary' (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>).

As the forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding, Archbishop Prowse has asked that bishops support the 'Save Calvary' petition and, as they consider appropriate, promote the petition in the dioceses, particularly in parishes.

Further information can be found at:

Statement from Archbishop Christopher Prowse: <https://cgcatholic.org.au/2023/05/archbishop-prowse-calvary-hospital/>

Statement from Martin Bowles, National CEO of Calvary Care: <https://www.calvarycare.org.au/blog/media-releases/calvary-committed-to-serving-the-territory-martin-bowles/>

Archbishop Fisher calls for support for petition: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-urges-support-for-petition-to-reverse-calvary-hospital-takeover/>

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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.

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/svpscholarship Closing Date: 4 August 2023

Reflection on the Gospel – The Most Holy Trinity

(John 3:16-18)

- © Greg Sunter (Liturgy Help)

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

Historical Context – We believe...

The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

Scriptural context – Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term 'Trinity' used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

Living the Gospel – Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

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.

First Communion Celebration

Over the next three 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.

Morning tea after 10.30am Mass today.

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass today. All welcome! Come along to the Mackillop/Glowrey rooms for a cuppa and some home baking.

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>

Catholic Theological College online course

Catholic Theological College is running the online unit **Teaching Meditation and Prayer** over two Saturdays in June 17th and 24th and two Saturdays in October. This unit offers an ideal opportunity to develop skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. The emphasis will be on silent meditation and establishing places of silence in a contemporary context.

It can be undertaken as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate award (including the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation), as a single unit, or for personal enrichment (no assessment/credit).

[GCTM Timetable – Catholic Theological College](#)

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

First Collection - \$3,091.65
(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$485.00 & \$2442.25
(Parish - Online & Collection – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.30am Requiem Mass
Bill Adriaans

Tuesday – 7.00am and 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am
Requiem Mass Reiny Strybosch

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

4.00pm Parish Finance Meeting
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.