

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 20<sup>th</sup> August



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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 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: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (20<sup>th</sup> August)**

**First:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7      **Second:** Romans 11:13-15, 29-32      **Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28

### **Readings next week: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (27<sup>th</sup> August)**

**First:** Isaiah 22:19-23      **Second:** Romans 11:33-36      **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

### **RECENT DEATHS:**

Margaret Shelton, Frank Torpy

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Harold Bromley, Elsie Butler, Eileen Caelli, Kathleen Callinan, Joseph Casey, Antonio Churkovich, Maree Clifton, Ryan Engel, Jack Greig, Margaret Grimwood, Sarah Theresa Hayes, Matthia Joore, Thomas Laffey, Monica Lange, William George Lewis, Lilian Rose Lewis, Rhonda Lilian Lewis, Irene Loverso, Rita Madden, Ronald Males, Francis McAloon, Bonnie McDermott, Elizabeth Minogue, Albert Myles, Jack Nuttall, Pdraig O'Siochain, Irene Parkin, Ivy Tough, Everlyn Villa, Mary White, Christopher Yates

**Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!**

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

This weekend Masses will see Candidates Confirmed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This will complete the first stage of their journey towards adult faith life with preparations for Reconciliation and Eucharist offered to them next year.

### **MORE ON THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION which the young people are receiving this weekend**

**CONFIRMATION** (from Latin confirmation = strengthening, consolidation): Confirmation, like Baptism and the Eucharist, is one of the three sacraments of initiation of the Catholic Church. As the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples who were gathered on Pentecost, so the Holy Spirit comes to every baptized person for whom the Church requests the gift of the Holy Spirit. It secures and strengthens the person to be a living witness to Christ.

**CONFIRMATION** is the Sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with CHRISM receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed. He is now a full-fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church.

**What does Sacred Scripture say about the sacrament of Confirmation?** In the Old Testament, the People of God expected the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Messiah. Jesus lived his life in a special Spirit of love and of perfect unity with his Father in heaven. This Spirit of Jesus was the "Holy Spirit" for whom the people of Israel longed; this was the same Spirit whom Jesus promised to his disciples, the same Spirit who descended upon the disciples fifty days after Easter, on the feast of Pentecost.

In the Acts of the Apostles, which were written a few decades after the death of Jesus, we see Peter and John traveling about to confirm new Christians by imposing hands on those who previously "had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus", so that their hearts might be filled with the Holy Spirit. *"It is part of your vocation to shout the Gospel from the rooftops, not by your words, but by your life."* Bl. Charles De Foucauld (1858-1916).

**It is this same Holy Spirit of Jesus who descends upon everyone who receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

**Application:** As with any sport team, when a coach sends a player onto the playing field, she/he puts his hand on the player's shoulder and gives the player final instructions. We can understand Confirmation in a similar way. A hand is placed upon us. We step out onto the field of life. Through the Holy Spirit we know what we have to do and we have been given the power to do it. The Holy Spirit has motivated us and the Holy Spirit's mission resounds in our ears. We sense the Holy Spirit's help. We are thankful for the grace and trust given to us.

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## **Wisdom at the Cathedral**

All are welcome to the next talk in the Cathedral parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral. Anna Krohn, President of the Catholic Women's League, will speak on *Discovering the Feminine Disciples of the Gospel*.

The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea.

7pm, Thursday 24 August in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation.

For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley on [fionalouisebradley@gmail.com](mailto:fionalouisebradley@gmail.com).

## **Applications invited for Study and Mentoring (SAM) Leadership Program**

The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Leadership Program offers both financial and personal support to mature-aged Catholic women as they undertake undergraduate or postgraduate theological/spiritual study at a recognised theological Institution. Applications close September 6, 2023. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE VICTORIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE 22/23 AUGUST**

On August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga will hold their Annual Conference at the Cathedral Precinct.

On Tuesday Evening August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.45 pm, Fiona Power (Curator of the Mary Glowrey Heritage Museum), will give a presentation on the life of the Servant of God, Doctor Sr Mary Glowrey. This will cover Fr Lockington's support of creating the Catholic Women's Social Guild which later became the Catholic Women's League. This event is open to both women and men at Gee Cee's Hotel. All are welcome.

On Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Conference will begin at 9.00 am with registration and morning tea at 9.30 am. A Mass will be celebrated at 12.05 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral which will include a Crowning of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven, to which all people are welcome to attend.

Anyone interested is invited to attend any part of the Conference. Costs: Dinner at Gee Cee's is \$45.00. A donation to attend any part of the Conference on Wednesday. There also will be a Piety Stall and Competition.

For further information contact Carmel Kavanagh: 0401 175045 or Anna Krohn: 0400260660

## **McAuley House for Women and Children**

McAuley House is celebrating 15 years since the establishment of McAuley Community Services for Women, following the merger of Mercy Care and Regina Coeli. Over the past 15 years McAuley House has supported more than 13,000 women and children. The demand for services remains high. McAuley House will continue advocating for real change that will allow more women and children to remain safely in their homes after violence and avoid homelessness and further disadvantage. A donation to McAuley House supports women and children to be safe and continue this important work. Scan or click the QR code.



## **Neil Para's 1000 km Walk for Freedom - asking the PM for a fair go for Refugees**

Neil is walking 1000 km from Ballarat to Sydney, to ask Prime Minister Albanese for fairness for refugees who've lived here in Australia for more than a decade. Neil is a refugee who fled war and persecution in Sri Lanka and has lived in Ballarat since 2013. The government's recent announcement has given permanence to 19,000 – but what about the rest? For more details and to sign the petition, scan or click the QR code.



## **Newman College Public Lecture**

Newman College is hosting a Public Lecture on "Holiness and Humanity - the life of St John Henry Newman" with speaker, Fr Roderick Strange. The Lecture will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 5.00pm at Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville, Victoria. Book at [rsvp@newman.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@newman.unimelb.edu.au) or phone: 03 9347 5577.

## **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study**

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins August 28. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now until 21 August. Scan or click the QR code for more information or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.



## FR DAN ARUNDELL'S FINAL 8.00 AM MASS

Next weekend will be Fr Dan's final 8.00 am Mass. We give thanks to Fr Dan for his ministry amongst us and continue to ask God's Blessing upon him as he moves to Nazareth House. There will be a cuppa after Mass next week which is an opportunity to show our appreciation to Fr Dan and give thanks to God for giving him the gift of Diocesan Priesthood which he has exercised throughout the Diocese for 67 years.

### Funeral Mass Fr Frank Smith CSsR

The Funeral Mass for Fr Frank Smith CSsR will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree at 10.30 am on Friday, August 25, 2023.

### Cathedral Youth Group

The next gathering will be next weekend Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August in the Glowrey Room after the 5.00 pm Mass.

### Social Justice Statement 2023-2024

The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>. Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on August 27.

### Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2023

The second edition of ODC 2023 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

### Morning tea after 10.30am Mass next Sunday

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

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

**First Collection - \$2384.50**

(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection - \$4383.35**

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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday** – 10.00am

**Tuesday** – 7.00am, 10.00am

**Wednesday** – 7.00am, 10.00am  
12.05 Catholic Women's League  
General Conference Mass  
2.00pm Funeral Prayers Frank Torpy

**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 – Life in the Spirit (online)

**Wednesday**

1.30pm Legion of Mary

**Thursday**

5.00pm Confirmation Preparation

**Sunday**

6.00pm Parish Youth Group