

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

## Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 27<sup>th</sup> August



3 Lyons St Sth Ballarat - Telephone: 53 312 933

[ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

[stpatscathedral.weebly.com/](http://stpatscathedral.weebly.com/)

<https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/>

**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 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: 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

### **Readings next week: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (3<sup>rd</sup> September)**

**First:** Jeremiah 20:7-9

**Second:** Romans 12:1-2

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

### **RECENT DEATHS:**

Jessica Chapman, Michael Howett, Fr Stephen Bohan



### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bruno Bulich, Elizabeth Caligari, Stephen Callahan, Georgia & Gemma Charlwood, Patricia Cummins, Pdraic D'Arcy, Catherine Garvey, Carmel Gibson, Margory Godfrey, Patricia Grace, Walter Gradkowski, Robert Hovey, Alfred Jones, Mary McCuskey, Catherine McLenehan, Josie Micich, Mark Milne, Kathy Muir, Brian Murdoch, Stjepan Nikolic, Mark Noy, Sr Mary O'Brien (IBVM), William O'Leary, Brock Phelps, Sr Teresa Reid, Kevin Sculley, Kathleen Stapleton, Johanna van Stekelenburg, Fr Peter Taffe, James Trainor, Margaret Trevenen, Cheryl Twomey, Johannus Vanderkley

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**



## BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

### Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

**A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.**

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

---

#### **Catholic Earthcare Parish: The Letter.**

To celebrate St Patrick's Cathedral becoming an Earthcare Parish, Parishioners are invited to a screening and discussion of **The Letter: a message for our Earth, on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 at 2.00 pm until 4.30 pm in the MacKillop/Glowery Rooms.**

The film features Pope Francis and diverse stories from India, Senegal, Hawaii, and the Brazilian Amazon. Please register your intention to attend at the Parish Office by Wednesday 8th September, 2023 for catering purposes.

#### **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.



#### **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 or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurджа.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

#### **Faithful Toolkit**

Majellan Media have launched "Faithful Toolkit" - a dynamic collection of smart apps on their website designed to nourish and foster your faith journey. Built with the wisdom of the church's teachings and augmented by the power of AI, these tools provide a new, interactive way to explore various aspects of faith. Scan the QR code.



#### **CSSV Annual Conference 2024 – updated notice from last week**

Date claimer: The Catholic Social Services Conference will be held from February 21-23, 2024, in conjunction with Catholic Social Services Australia at the Catholic Leadership Centre. The theme of the conference is "Commons, Commonality, Common Good." Early bird tickets available. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



#### **BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND**

We welcome and pray for **Mair Theresia Manseras, Grace Louise Pemberton** and **Chloe Grace Anne Scanlon** and their families 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-21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 16:13-19)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

“Be yourself. Everybody else is taken”, sings Melinda Schneider. The lyrics of this song, composed for Melinda’s dying father, affirm some fairly obvious truths. Even though we know that “everybody else is taken”, most of us spend energy trying to measure up to other peoples’ expectations and fail to be truly ourselves. In our self-absorption, we can also misread others and fail to know them as they are. Accepting ourselves and being accepted as we are is among the most precious of gifts. Jesus knew this. He was utterly true to himself and he allowed others time to discover for themselves his real identity and the nature of his mission. If the mission were to succeed, then his followers needed to look beyond their preconceptions about him and accept him as God’s anointed, as the revelation of the living God.

Jesus’ true identity is a key issue for Matthew’s community, as it is for us. From the outset, Jesus is presented as the anointed of God, the Messiah or the Christos. Before his birth, the reader knows him as “Emmanuel”, God with us. What the narrator asserts at the outset, certain characters in the story come to understand. Jesus’ fearless teaching and his healing ministry bring the crowd to recognise him as a prophet and as the incarnate Wisdom of God. The power of God at work in Peter leads him to a deep understanding of Jesus’ identity. Peter has faltered in the past and will falter again, even to the point of denying any knowledge of or association with Jesus. He finally arrives at deep insight, however, and proclaims his faith in Jesus as both Christ/Messiah and son of the living God. Insight is a gift, and God can work wherever there is openness and goodwill. Peter is presented here as having both. He is declared “blessed” on account of this gift of insight and entrusted with the “keys” of God’s empire.

The specific power of binding and loosing that is given to Peter is subsequently given to the community of disciples (18:18). The saying is framed by instructions about dealing with transgressors and by the assertion that where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, he is there in their midst. “Binding and loosing” belong to all who gather in the name of Jesus whom Matthew presents as God-with-us, as prophet and Wisdom, as the Christ and as the revelation of the living God. The exercise of the power “to bind and to loose” demands the same wisdom and insight as does the capacity to recognise and affirm the true identity of Jesus. Gathering in the name of Jesus is a challenge at any time. It is a particular challenge in the face of the disillusionment and hurt caused by abuse of the most vulnerable in our midst. We pray for the wisdom to find new ways of being church and of truly dealing with transgression.

---

### Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium

Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium welcomes all Parishioners to celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, 8 September 2023, at the 12.05 Mass and share in a piece of cake and a cuppa in the Mary Glowrey Hall.

### Season of Creation Resources 2023 – updated notice from last week

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4. The following resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

- Pope Francis’ Message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation
- The logo
- Caritas & Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Parish Prayer Service
- Caritas & Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Prayer Service PowerPoint
- The launch video
- Season of Creation Celebration Guide
- Prayer resources
- Links to other websites

## FR DAN ARUNDELL'S FINAL 8.00 AM MASS

This 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 the 8am Mass this Sunday 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.

### Thanks to the St Patrick's Cathedral CWL

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria & Wagga Wagga take this opportunity to thank the local CWL for hosting the events of the past week. These events collectively added up to make a very successful series of meetings and events for the annual Victorian General Conference.

### Cathedral Youth Group

The next gathering will be this 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 September 3rd. 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 - \$ 2919.35**

(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection - \$ 1727.00**

(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

**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

**Sunday**

6.00pm Parish Youth Group

**Tuesday**

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit (online)

**Wednesday**

1.30pm Legion of Mary

**Friday**

10.00am Choral & Organ Auditions