

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 10th September



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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 Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (10th September)

First: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Readings next week: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (17th September)

First: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Second: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Colin Banks, Paul Barrett, Veronica Bicknell, John Bongiorno, Stanley Butler, John Cleary, Brian Collier, Mary Noonan Collins, Christina Cook, Eddo Dellore, Corey Fletcher, Ellen Franklin, Bernice Gemmola, Beryl Geoghegan, Brian Greene, Cynthia Hucker, Kelvin Lamb, Thomas Lee, Isobel McArthur, Fr Gerard Murtagh CSsR, Mary Neary, Veronica Nunan, Patrick O'Driscoll, Noel Pidgeon, Betty Ransome, Charles Robotham, Stanislaw Stodolny, Anny Strik, Steven Toms, Damian van der Linden, Paul Watson, Peter White

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Sunday 10:30am Mass
Gregorian Introit: iustus es, Domine

lustus es Domine, et rectum iudicium fac cum servo tuo secundum misericordiam tuam Beati immaculati in via qui ambulant in lege Domini. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto Sicut erat in principio Et nunc, et semper Et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgements are right. Deal with you servant according to your compassion. Blessed are those whose paths are blameless who walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
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Communion motet: Ave Verum Corpus (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; 1807)

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.	Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
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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.



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.



Safeguarding Sunday – TODAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023



Reflection on the Scriptures – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 18:15-20)

-Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's first reading is a very personal message to Ezekiel himself. The prophet is called to keep watch over the entire house of Israel. The enemy that endangers the security of that house is the wickedness that threatens to undermine the nation. Ezekiel acts as sentinel when as a prophet he proclaims God's words of warning. God will hold him responsible if he does not protect the people by proclaiming the word to them. If he is faithful to his charge, he can rest assured that he has fulfilled his responsibility even if the people refuse to heed his message. They will be punished, but he will not be.

The responsorial psalm combines an invitation to praise, a plea for openness, and a divine word. The invitation is given three times: Come, let us sing joyfully (v.1); let us come into his presence (v.2); come, let us bow down (v.6). Three metaphors characterise God's care: the rock of their salvation (v.1), their creator (v.6), and their shepherd (v.6). Both the psalmist and God plead that the people be open, in contrast to the spirit of rebellion that governed their ancestors in the wilderness (see Ex 17:1-7; Dt 6:16). 'Today' the descendants of those rebellious wanderers are called upon to respond with open faith and willing obedience.

Paul never really repudiates the law. He argues that keeping the law is not required for faith, though faith is required for keeping the law. He tells the Christians of Rome that on the one hand they should owe nothing, while on the other hand they should owe everything, for love requires total self-giving. Paul does not dismiss the importance of fidelity to the commandments. Instead, he maintains that they are fulfilled in the act of loving. Though he only singles out four commandments, Paul insists that love covers all other commandments as well. Love of oneself is the standard that determines the way we treat each other. Following the teaching of Jesus, the love that Paul exhorts should be extended to all without exception.

The gospel describes a three-step process for establishing reconciliation within the community. Any member who remains adamant throughout this process is repudiated. The community should separate itself from them and treat them like those who disdain the gospel. The importance of the community is seen in the fact that it is the community, not merely its leader, that exercises disciplinary power. When Jesus declared that any agreement arrived at by two members of this band will be heard, he was not merely talking about prayer in general, but about prayer for guidance in coming to a decision that will affect community well being. Here Jesus promises to be present in his church if the members turn to him for guidance.

Cathedral Youth Group

The St Pat's Youth Group for secondary school aged children will next gather this Sunday, 10th September in the Glowrey room after 5.00pm Mas. Pick-up from 7.15 to 7.30pm. Please bring \$5 donation per family to cover food costs.

Due to school holidays, the Youth Group will be taking a break after this week and will commence on 8th October.

In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: October 17-28, 2023

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister of Saint Joseph and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. For more information and to register scan or click on the QR code.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and pray for **Leo Jennings, Neve Schreuders, Sienna Fernando** and **Royena Fernando** 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.

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, this Sunday the 10th of September 2023 at 2.00 pm until 4.30 pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms.** The film features Pope Francis and diverse stories from India, Senegal, Hawaii, and the Brazilian Amazon.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday – September 24, 2023

The Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office have provided materials for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which will be held on September 24. Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/109th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-24-2023/>

Synod on Synodality Ecumenical Prayer Vigil

Catholic communities around the world have been invited to host an ecumenical prayer vigil on the weekend of September 30 – October 1 in solidarity with a major international gathering in Rome ahead of the first session of the Synod on Synodality. Fifteen people from Australia will be participating in the Synod and they have asked for the Catholic community's prayers as they prepare for their important task. A prayer vigil would be a great way to respond to their request and to gather with Christian sisters and brothers in our shared faith. Find out more and register your vigil at <https://together2023.net/>

Diocesan e-News

The latest edition of e-News has been published. Scan or click the QR code to access. You can subscribe to receive future e-News editions straight to your email address at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea Chapter

ISMAPNG would be grateful for your prayer, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, during the coming weeks as they gather for their Chapter – a time of evaluating the past and planning for the future. Venerable Catherine McAuley, pray for us.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

First Collection - \$ 2427.75

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 5240.10

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

Special Collection - \$ 2138.75

(BCSF – Retired Priests support)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am
12.20pm Diocesan Historical Commission

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 – PPC Meeting

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit (online)

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

5.15pm Liturgy Team Meeting

Thursday

9.30am Playgroup

1.00pm Sewing Repairs