

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 15th October



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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 of Ballarat:

Most Rev 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (15th October)

First: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Readings next week: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (22nd October)

First: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Second: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

RECENT DEATHS:



Jack Patton, Joan Potter, Clare Madden

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Anderson, Margaret Blaw, Francis Canty, Fr Denis Dennehy, Felix Favalaro, Frederick Hale, Lorna Holmes, Francis Kennedy, Gwendoline McCunnie, Mary McDonald, Michael Moloney, John Morphett, Mary Moynihan, Shirley Naylor, Pauline Nickels, Basil O'Brien, Quagliato & Sosic Family, Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Elva Ratcliffe, Carmen Schembri, Thomas Sheridan, Joseph Stoffels, Liam Styles, Francis Taylor, Edna Tobin, Winifred Towns, Joseph Westenberger

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

If you, or anyone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact either the Cathedral Office or Susan Crowe: scrowe@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au or a member of the RCIA team. Our Journey will commence during October.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

An information session for parents and their children (over the age of seven) wishing to join the Catholic Church will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 22nd October in the MacKillop room. This session will include a visit to the Cathedral and those inquiring are invited to attend 5.00pm Mass afterwards. Further inquiries can be made at the Cathedral Office or via email to Susan - scrowe@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au

St Patrick's Cathedral Choral and Organ Scholarships

The St Patrick's Cathedral Choral and Organ Scholarships is progressing well. The key outcomes are:

- Appointment of an Organ Scholar, Lillian Lindorff, who has commenced with the Cathedral's *Cantate Domino* choir, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month
- Awarding of Choral Scholarships to four Catholic primary school students – three girls and a boy - of the Emmaus, St Columba's and St Patrick's primary schools. Bishop Paul has sent the students a letter of congratulations
- Partnership with Ballarat Centre for Music and the Arts to continue recruitment of children choristers through *Just Sing* singing classes, beginning late October, to introduce the children to choral repertoire and award further scholarships
- Completion of Risk Management exercise – currently being considered by the Parish Pastoral Council – to ensure children are kept safe and protected from harm
- Development of a Choral Handbook to provide information to the children and parents about expectations for participation in Cathedral Masses and important liturgical occasions, and to outline what the Choral Scholarships offer them in return for their involvement
- Purchase of *Voice for Life* Singer's workbooks for the Choral Scholars, to support the children to develop as singers and musicians
- Finalisation of Administrative Assistant position description which will be advertised shortly. This person will develop an efficient system for the dissemination of music to choir members and order music and other resources (e.g. choir robes).
- Choir rehearsals will commence in earnest early in 2024, with a view to having the children sing in the Cathedral as soon as practical after that.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre & Museum

Open Day – Saturday, October 28, 2023: Visit the Heritage Centre - a building initially purpose built as a place of providence for women on the grounds purchased by Saint Mary MacKillop in 1901. Museum Tours every hour from 10.00am (last tour at 3.00pm); Mary's Little Lon Walking Tour at 11.00am (approximately 1 ½ hours); open access for visitors 10.00am – 4.00pm. Book a tour at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/victorian-seniors-festival-at-mmhc/>

- Mary MacKillop Gift shop: Consider supporting a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a 2024 Josephite Calendar or Christmas 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.
- Collection Highlights: The Mary MacKillop Museum will present a selection of museum objects, in particular those which highlight the changes to the Sisters' Habit over time and Mary's canonisation. For some objects it will be the first time they have been on display within the Temporary Gallery.
- 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

Reflection on the Gospel-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 22:1-14)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The increasing wealth of the few and the growing divide between rich and poor, particularly in the developing world, are challenging us all to consider our attitudes to the planet's resources and to the economic systems that maintain that imbalance. The economic divide is highlighted by the vulnerability of those rendered poor or even homeless in our world. Today's gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to ensure that all God's creatures might share in the fruits of the earth. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all.

Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. Its focus is on the human community. Privileged humans are the first to be invited: the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally. Rather, it invites the reader to critique interpretations that see the king's behaviour as a reflection of how God deals with God's creation.

So, what might this story be telling us? If we look again at the despotic aspects of the king's character, we might find there a reflection of our own capacity to look after ourselves at the expense of the vulnerable people in our world and of the other-than-human. We might find an image of our nation's long-term redirecting of the foreign aid budget towards keeping refugees from settling in our land.

On the other hand, if we put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet. If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a "right" disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company, and the riches to be shared, we might be drawn to handle Earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good of all the inhabitants of our planet. Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will be realised only when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.

Diocesan Social Justice Statement launch

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission have released presentations for the diocesan launch of the Social Justice Statement 2023: **Listen Learn Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**. This event is pre-recorded and in digital format so that parish and school communities, along with individuals, can access these resources at their convenience

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>

ACU Public Lectures

In the lead-up to the 60th anniversary of Sacrosanctum Concilium (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, 4 Dec 1963), the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present two exciting public lectures by international liturgical scholars:



Renowned liturgical scholar Professor Teresa Berger (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School) will deliver a public lecture live via zoom on Monday, November 6, 2023, 10.00am AEDT on the topic of: "Liturgy's Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy."

Acclaimed liturgical historian and theologian Rev Professor John F. Baldovin SJ (Boston College) who will deliver a FREE public lecture live in person on ACU's Melbourne Campus on Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 5.00pm - 6.30pm AEDT on the topic of "A Liturgical Reform in Peril? *Sacrosanctum Concilium* sixty years on." Fr Baldovin's public lecture will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

St Brigid's College Horsham Reunion

St Brigid's College Horsham invite past pupils of the Classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 & 2013 for the milestone reunion! The reunion will be held at St Brigid's College on Saturday 21st October, 2023, at 2pm. Attendees can RSVP by calling the Front Office on (03) 5382 3545 or via this link: <https://forms.gle/uKfjHb2KMsZ1huXa9>



Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to the final talk for the year in the Cathedral parish's series *Wisdom at the Cathedral*. Sister Rosie Drum from the Missionaries of God's Love, will speak on *The Holy Spirit: More than a Fluffy White Dove*. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. 7pm sharp, Thursday 19 October in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley on fionalouisebradley@gmail.com.

St Patrick's Parish Earthcare Group - Laudato Si.

The Parish has received its level two Earthcare Certificate after completing the Earthcare Parish Audit from Caritas Australia. The audit process has provided an opportunity for reflection and stimulated thinking on our way to formulating an Action Plan for the Parish.

If you would like more information, please chat to team members, Therese O'Loughlin, Carolyn Burke, Shelia Wilton, Joanne Rix and Jillian Hogbin.

Faithful invited to pray for Synod of Bishops

The Vatican is asking all baptised people, regardless of whether they will be in Rome, to participate in October's assembly of the Synod of Bishops with their prayers. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

Diocesan Business Manager Position

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat invites applications from appropriately qualified and experienced persons for the position of Diocesan Business Manager, who is responsible to the Bishop for the accounting and financial management of the various diocesan departments and commissions, investment and property management and advice to parishes, clergy and the Bishop on finance and administration matters. This is a full-time five year contract position (six month probationary period) with ongoing contract after review. Information about the position and how to apply can be accessed on the diocesan website at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/> or by contacting the bishop's office at bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au or by phoning (03) 5337 7121. Queries can be directed to the Bishop's Office on 5337 7121. The closing date for applications is Friday, November 3, 2023 at 5.00pm.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

First Collection - \$ 2,337.00

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1,898.80

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am
6.30pm Loreto Graduation Mass

Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am
7.30pm St Patrick's Graduation Mass

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
NO 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

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

1.00pm Sewing Repairs

7pm Wisdom of the Cathedral