

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 29th October



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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.

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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: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (29th October)

First: Exodus 22:20-26

Second: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Readings next week: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (5th November)

First: Malachi 1:14-2.2, 8-10

Second: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12



RECENT DEATHS:

William (Bill) Bourke

ANNIVERSARIES:

Roma Ahearn, Jeffrey Ainley, Rody Canty, Fred Coppock, Mary Coulter, John Elliott, Lila Gallagher, Hazel Gibbs, Frances Harrison, William Hayes, Connor Hubble, Patricia Hughes, Annie Hurst, Helena Iwanowski, Lorna James, Carole Jones, Marie Jones, William Kennedy, Paul Laffey, Veronica Loader, Barry McDonald, Claire McGoldrick, Aaron Muir, Mons Henry Nolan, Ethel O'Brien, William Redman, Edward Schreenan, Rose Schreenan, Lena Sharp, Valda Simpson, Lilian Taafe, Molly Taffe, Noel Torpy, Peter Walker

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

St Patrick's Cathedral Youth Singing Group

If you are a primary or secondary student and enjoy singing or playing music, you are invited to join our St Patrick's Cathedral Youth Singing Group with a view to singing at the 5pm Mass on the 3rd of December (1st Sunday of Advent). The group will be accompanied and led by Judy Gustus on guitar and will be singing a variety of contemporary music. There may be an opportunity for those who play instruments to join in with the accompaniment if interested.

Practices will be from 4.15pm until 5.45pm on the following Thursdays:

- November 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Snacks will be provided at each practice session. If practice times are not convenient, please contact me to arrange alternative practice times. Parents who would like to help are most welcome, but there will also be adults with Working with Children Checks in attendance, so participants will be supervised at all times, in accordance with Victorian Government Child Safe Standards. If you are interested in being part of this singing group, please call/text Judy Gustus on 0400344533 or email:

jgustus58@gmail.com with your name and contact details. Thank you.

Administrative Assistant position – St Patrick's Cathedral Choral and Organ Scholarships

St Patrick's Cathedral is seeking applicants for an Administrative Assistant to support the implementation of the Choral and Organ Scholarships. The role will suit someone who is very well organised, efficient, who takes initiative, who is familiar and comfortable with technology platforms and social media applications, capable of building good working relationships within the parish and who has an appreciation for the role of traditional styles of sacred music in contemporary liturgical settings. The role is part time – approximately one day a fortnight. If you would like to apply, forward a cover letter and Resume to the Choir Director, Vincent Sully at vincenzo101923@gmail.com by Friday 24 November. A copy of the position description and further information can be obtained from Mr Sully by email or on 0407 310 115.

'33 Days to Morning Glory' Retreat

You are warmly invited to a 33 Days to Morning Glory retreat developed for all women and men by Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception in the USA. This retreat that will transform your life will be run in the Presbytery. DVD talks by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, bring a simple way to be spiritually renewed, and develop a deeper relationship with God, and with the Blessed Mother Mary. For registration contact Parish Office on 53 312 933 or Peter at 0403 192 933 or email pete.schreenan@gmail.com before **Friday 10th November**. Limited places are available. The fee that includes 2 books is \$99.

Thursday, November 16th, Mass: 6.00 p.m. followed by Retreat until 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21st, Retreat: 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28th, Retreat: 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Monday, December 4th, Mass and Adoration: 6.30 p.m.- Consecration to Mary

Thursday, December 7th, Retreat Review and Celebration: 6.30 p.m.- 8.30 p.m.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. *'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.* 'Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. You can donate at www.caritas.org.au/gaza phone 1800 024 413



Parish of Bungaree Cemetery Mass

All are welcome to Mass at the Pootilla Cemetery on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 9.30am.

Parish of Gordon Cemetery Mass

All are welcome to Mass at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11.00am.

Special Social Media Channels for the XVI Assembly

Facebook: [@16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops](https://www.facebook.com/@16thOrdinaryGeneralAssemblyoftheSynodofBishops)

Twitter: [@16SynodAssembly](https://twitter.com/@16SynodAssembly)

Instagram: [@16ordinarygs](https://www.instagram.com/@16ordinarygs)

Intensity of Love is the Issue

Reflection on the Gospel-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 22:34-40)

- Veronica Lawson RSM

This Sunday marks the final day of the 2023 Session of the Synod on Synodality. The Synod is about “enlarging the space of our tent” and discerning the call of the gospel in our times. It returns us to the foundations of our faith, to our communal and individual commitment to follow the way of Jesus of Nazareth.

Today’s gospel has Jesus affirming the most central of Jewish traditions, namely the command of Deuteronomy 6 known as the *Shema* (so called from the first word in the statement meaning “hear”). The words of the *Shema* are recited repeatedly every day by every faithful Jew. Although not a prayer in itself, the *Shema* is an integral part of Jewish liturgy and prayer. It is a creedal statement that continues to function like an overture to Jewish life and practice. The doorpost at the entrance to a Jewish home generally features a tiny rectangular box known as a *mezuzah*. It contains a scroll bearing the text of the *Shema*. Those who enter touch the *mezuzah* with the greatest reverence. When I first encountered this practice, I was deeply affected by the power of the symbol to link one with the deep story of Judaism.

In Matthew’s story, Jesus the Jew provides an honest response to the less than honest questioning of an expert in Jewish law. He overlooks the hostility of the lawyer and evokes the text of the *Shema*. Jesus thus invites the lawyer to return to the heart of their shared tradition. He links the teaching of the *Shema* on wholehearted love of God with a second commandment taken from Leviticus 19, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself”. The lawyer’s unfair “testing” of Jesus is evidence that this is precisely what he fails to do: he addresses Jesus as teacher, a term of respect, and yet fails to show him the respect due to him as neighbour.

For Jesus, the Law and the prophets can be summed up in the commandments to love God with all of one’s being and to love one’s neighbour as oneself. Not just love, but *intensity of love* is the issue here. One is to care for others as one cares for oneself. We saw such intensity of love in those who gave their lives to save those infected with Covid-19. Front-line health workers were three times more likely to contract the infection than others and yet few hesitated to turn up day after day to be there for their patients. WHO estimates that some 180-200K health professionals lost their lives to the virus. The commitment of those workers functions like the *mezuzah* in our lives: it draws us back into the heart of the gospel tradition and calls us to a deeper, more intense love. It might also help us to deal with the insincerity of those who seek to score points and undermine the dignity of others of those who work for justice.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Monster Garage Sale

on Saturday November 18th 218 Mill St. 10 am.

Furniture, books, prints. Cake and gift stall. Morning tea. Cash only.

Contact Margaret 0419003415.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco



We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session for 2024 will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 7.30pm (AEDT). Register via the website ctc.edu.au/information-session or contact Dr Maureen Saclot ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/



Laudato Si'



“The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.” LS #13

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All Saints Day Wednesday 1st November

Masses 7.00am, 12.05pm, 7.00pm

At these Masses we call on the Intercession of the Saints to pray for us.

All Souls Day Thursday 2nd November

Masses 7.00am, 12.05pm, 7.00pm.

At the 7.00 pm Mass, the Parish Funeral Team have invited the families of those who have farewelled loved ones from St Patrick's Cathedral this past year to attend. This Mass is open to all parishioners. During this Mass of Remembrance, there will be an opportunity for all members of the congregation to come forward and light a candle for their loved ones who have died. *It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.*

Morning tea after 10.30am Mass next Sunday

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass on October 8th. All welcome! Come along to the Glowrey and Mackillop rooms for a cuppa and some home baking.

Tuesday Playgroup

Inviting mums and dads to join a new Tuesday play group with Christ at the centre! It can be difficult and isolating to be a parent in today's world, which can in turn make it difficult to grow in personal faith and fellowship with other parents. We hope that this play group will be as nourishing for us parents as for our kids! Sessions will begin at 9.30 with adoration and confession, and will continue in the parish hall for play group from 10am until 11.30. A simple, fun and kid-centric catechetical program is in the works. We will meet each Tuesday until 12 December, resuming mid-January 2024. Ph: 53312933

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral

First Collection - \$ 2537.40

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2230.15

Tap & Go - \$ 325.17

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 10.00am

Tuesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Wednesday – All Saints
7.00am, 12.05pm, 7.00pm

Thursday – All Souls
7.00am, 12.05pm, 7.00pm

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 11.20am Rosary and Divine
Mercy Chaplet, Litany to St Joseph
6.00pm – 7.00pm Holy Hour & Benediction

Thursday 11.20am 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 / CWL

7.00pm RCIA Meeting

Thursday

1.00pm Sewing Repairs

5.30pm Young Adults Youth Group

10.00am & 5.30pm Baptism Preparation