

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 8th 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (8th October)

First: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Readings next 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



RECENT DEATHS:

Bernie Duffy, Keith Forbes

ANNIVERSARIES:

Freda Buckley, Peter Burns, Zofia Buzo, Jack Callander, Robert Conaughton, Sheila Conaughton, Noel Cossey, Daniel Daley, Sr Caroline Deutscher IBVM, Trevor Ferguson, William (Bill) Flynn, Ellen Hardie, Aileen Jones, Mary Keating, Nellie Leddin, John Marone, Eileen Morris, Marjorie McDonald, Elizabeth Neville, Sr Angela Quinn, Josephine Reilly, Susan Rowe, Petronella Ruyg, Peter Sharp, Dorothy Stahl, Kathleen Tobin, Patrick Torpy, Bernard Walsh, Hendrikus Wansink, Josey Westenberger

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gregorian Introit - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In voluntate tua, Domine, universa sunt posita
et non est, qui possit resistere voluntati tuae.
Tu enim fecisti omnia, caelum et terram,
universaque caeli ambitu continentur.
Dominus universorum tu es.

All things are in your will, O Lord;
and there is none that can resist your will:
for you have made all things, heaven and earth,
and all things that are under the scope of
heaven:
You are the Lord of all.

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>

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.

Celebrating the birth of Jesus: Do you have a Nativity scene which has a personal story!

The first nativity scene recorded in history was conceived by St. Francis of Assisi in 1223. After visiting the Holy Land and birthplace of Jesus, St. Francis was concerned that the meaning of Christmas was being forgotten. To highlight the importance of the birth of Jesus, St Francis of Assisi obtained permission from the sovereign Pontiff to construct a nativity scene in a cave near Greccio, Italy. It was to include the people of the town and animals, making it a living nativity scene. Although this tradition still continues in some countries today, the 19th century saw the nativity scene gradually being replaced with static displays with baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph in a manger surrounded by richly robed figurines and animals.

The Diocesan archive is currently organizing an exhibition of Nativity scenes from the 20th November till late January 2024 and would like to include pieces from different Parishes within the Diocese. If you have a Nativity scene you would like to put on display either in the archives or via the online Nativity display please contact Samantha Fabry on archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Fr. Robert McCulloch at Nazareth House.

Columban Father Rober McCulloch will celebrate Mass and give a presentation on the Columban's work in Pakistan on Wednesday October 25th.

Holy Mass - St. Anne's Chapel - 6.30 pm

Presentation - Nazareth Hall - 7pm Entry by donation

Donation envelopes will be available on the night. Please bring a plate of supper.

Inquiries - Carmel 0401175045 orannekav1234@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League - Cathedral Branch.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday October 11th at 1.30pm at Nazareth House.

1.30 - 2.30 pm - Annual Meeting

2.30 onwards - Afternoon tea.

New members welcome

RSVP - Oct 10 - 0401175045/annekav1234@gmail.com

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and pray for **Sophia Stewart, Kip Stewart and Ruby van Raaphorst** 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-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 21:33-43)

-Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

We pray for the wisdom to find new ways of being church and of truly dealing with transgression.

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.



October is World Mission Month



In his World Mission Day message for 2023, Pope Francis reminds us through Luke 24:13-35, "hearts on fire, feet on the move", that the missionary journey of all disciples is that upon encountering Jesus, our hearts burn within, our eyes are opened and ultimately, our feet are set out on the way. Catholic Mission has launched the World Mission Month 2023 Appeal, highlighting the Work of Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste. Sr Carolina, who is the face of the awareness and fundraising campaign, is a great example of the devotion of missionaries, dedicating herself to providing critical healthcare services to the rural community of Venilale in Timor-Leste. After decades of journeying with the Venilale community, Sr Carolina can summarise her understanding of Mission in a sentence: "Mission is where many people need you." Through Catholic Mission, you are invited you to journey with Sr Carolina, and walk alongside the Salesian Sisters and the resilient community of Venilale. Parishes, schools, and supporters across Australia will be encouraged to provide resources for the Clinic to continue to provide life-giving services to the local community. You can contribute today by scanning the QR code or clicking the link.

CTC: Engaging Your Faith online series



Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations and issues in Science and Religion. Choose from 14 sessions in October and November 2023. \$25.00 per session for people NOT seeking teaching accreditation, \$40.00 per session for teachers seeking accreditation. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

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.

SISTERS OF NAZARETH

The Sisters would be very grateful if you could pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the members of the Regional Chapter, which opens this Sunday 8th October, in Camberwell, Victoria. Sr Helen csn

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/>

Sewing Repairs in Glowrey Room on Thursday 12th October from 1-4pm supporting Ainaro, East Timor. Enquiries Therese 0438293967

Young Adults Gathering

The newly formed Young Adults Group will meet this Thursday 12th October for 6:30pm prayer in the Cathedral, followed by pizza tea in the Mackillop/Glowrey room. 18 years and older.

Morning tea after 10.30am Mass today

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held today following the 10.30am Mass.

All welcome! Come along to the Glowrey and Mackillop rooms for a cuppa and some home baking.

Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion

A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at GC's Ballarat from 11.00am – 3.00pm. To attend email loisknights345@hotmail.com or ph. 0419 902538.

St Patrick's Cathedral Youth Group

Next meeting in the Glowrey room after the 5pm Mass this Sunday October 8th.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral Collection:

First Collection - \$ TBC

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ TBC

(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
6.30pm Young Adults (18 plus) Holy Hour

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

7.00pm PPC Meeting

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

5.15pm Liturgy Meeting

Thursday

1.00pm Sewing Repairs

6.30pm Young Adults Gathering