

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 12th November



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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 Priest:

Fr James McKay

Visiting Priest:

Fr Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (12th November)

First: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Readings next week: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (19th November)

First: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Second: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



RECENT DEATHS:

Carmel Bourke, Gerard Willis

ANNIVERSARIES:

Catherine Ackland, Julie Bellomon, Jenny Blake, Guiseppe Bongiorno, Bruce Clifton, Giacomo Costa, Jean Favaloro, Arthur (Doug) Gillett, Myrtle Goodwin, Shirley Isaacs, Mary Mahar, Ronald McBride, Rebecca McKenzie, John McLaren, Gerald Meich, Kevin Meiklejohn, Lillian Mullins, Francis Murphy, Andrew O'Brien, Nancy Rozycki, Nikolai Sahnycz, James Shanahan, Johannes Spee, Christopher Storey, Valma Thompson, Ted Walker, Donald Warden, Bernie Weightman, Rebecca Weston, Pat White

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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 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.

Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

 *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. On Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. For more information click or scan QR code, www.aidtochurch.org/notw



Seeking Pastoral Care Volunteers

We are seeking to recruit **Pastoral Care Volunteers** to provide regular pastoral care support to patients, and visitors of **all faiths and beliefs, including those who have no religious beliefs.**

Are you:

- **comfortable listening** to people with views and beliefs different than your own?
- able to listen to and **support people** to identify where they find meaning, belonging, and a sense of connection and purpose?
- able to **commit to 2.5 hours per week?**

What Pastoral Care Volunteers do?

We recognise that admission to hospital, and the experience of serious illness, often challenges people to reassess their attitudes to life, their values, relationships, and beliefs. Pastoral Care Volunteers are allocated to a hospital ward and offer support including:

- **A Listening Ear,**
- **Non-Religious support,** (i.e., pastoral support for people who hold non-religious beliefs)
- **Faith-based support** (e.g., access to a person who shares their faith)

We will support you by providing you with:

- training prior to starting as a pastoral care volunteer
- ongoing support through the Pastoral Care Practitioner
- opportunities for professional development/training

If you are interested or want to discuss further

- Please ring **Paul Ryan**, Grampians Health Ballarat on **5320 8634** or **0467 297 733**
- email Paul at paul.ryan@gh.org.au

Reflection on the Gospel-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 25:1-13)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

How often were you told as a child to get ready for an outing or for the arrival of visitors or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? Sometimes being prepared matters not. At other times it matters and today's gospel parable depicts a situation where it is of crucial importance. Wisdom resides in readiness, foolishness in failure to prepare.

The imminent event in today's parable is a wedding celebration. The betrothal period is over and the bridegroom has left to bring the bride from the home of her parents to his family home. Ten young women of his household will watch for the arrival of the couple and will light their way into the wedding feast. These young women can expect to be welcome at the feast. Five are well prepared for the arrival and five are not. The five who bring (olive) oil for their lamps are designated "wise" while the other five who bring no oil are said to be "foolish". Negotiating the terms of the marriage contract takes longer than expected so that the bridegroom is delayed. The young women wait and wait, then fall asleep. At midnight, the bridegroom's arrival is signalled and the young women rise to trim their lamps in readiness for their role of lighting his way.

The bride is invisible in the telling of the story, presumably because the focus must be on the bridegroom alone. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (9:15), Jesus is depicted as "the bridegroom". The attentive reader of the gospel is aware that the parable is about Jesus and that it forms part of Matthew's end-time discourse (24:1-25:46). The delay of the bridegroom evokes the community's expectation that Jesus who has died and been raised will return at an undisclosed time. In the interim, the members are to be actively watchful and ready, living in the spirit of Matthew's first discourse (5:1-7:29) with its emphasis on right relationship. Matthew 7 concludes with reference to wise and foolish decisions: the foolish build on sand while the wise build on rock.

The behaviour of the "wise" in today's parable is as puzzling as that of the "foolish". The "foolish" fail to prepare: they have no oil and cannot expect to light the way without it. The "wise" have prepared and they receive their reward. Is there any wisdom, however, in sending their "foolish" companions to buy olive oil at midnight? We can identify with both the wise and the foolish. We can identify with the foolish in our inattention to the plight of our planet. We can identify with the wise insofar as we have the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God's Earth, represented by the olive oil, is received as gift and used in right measure and in right relationship. Between the Synod sessions, wisdom might reside in patience rather than foolish haste in evaluating outcomes for the future of our faith community.

Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship 2024/2025



The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry invites applications for a fellowship from young Catholic women who are committed to their faith and who feel called to explore leadership opportunities in their chosen fields and within the Church. The fellowship welcomes those volunteering or working in Catholic ministries or roles, and those working in secular settings fulfilling their mission in the world. Fellowship participants should be open and willing to explore the diversity of the universal church and desire to identify and step into new mission fields. For more information scan or click the QR code.

Making a Scene at Christmas

Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat and at the Catholic Diocesan Archives from Tuesday, December 5 – Friday, December 22, 2023. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Schools can book for an educational experience. For more information on the Ballarat Bridge Mall display, please contact Fiona Tonkin Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Everyone welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation.



Laudato Si'



"Keeping" means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. #67

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Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be held on Tuesday November 14th at 1:30am at Nazee Nook at Nazareth House.

New members welcome and invited.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Monster Garage Sale

Will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 218 Mill Street, Ballarat at 10.00am. Furniture, books, prints, cake and gift stall, morning tea. Cash only. Contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415.

Celebrating the "End of an Era" at St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown

All are invited to celebrate the 'End of an Era' at St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown on Saturday, November 25, 2023. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone that may be interested. More information is available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/celebrating-the-end-of-an-era-at-st-brendans-primary-school-dunnstown/>

Parish of Gordon Cemetery Mass

All are welcome to Mass at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, 11am November 19, 2023.

Tap & Go Options

A reminder that the parish now has Tap & Go facilities in the back foyer of the Cathedral and the south side transept. These contributions go towards the day to day running expenses of the Cathedral Parish and the maintenance of the Cathedral Precinct Buildings.

Knox Public Lecture 2023

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ, "Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins" on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7.30pm, live videostream via zoom. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1141646>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral

First Collection - \$ 2627.20

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 4219.17

Tap & Go - \$ 283.07

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

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

11.20am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 11.20am Rosary and Divine

Mercy Chaplet, Litany to St Joseph

Holy Hour & Benediction 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 11.20am

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

10am Play Group – Faith Based

7.00pm – Life in the Spirit

7.00pm PPC Meeting

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

7.00pm RCIA Meeting

Thursday

9.30am Playgroup

1.00pm Sewing Repairs