

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 19th November



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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-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

Readings next week: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A (26th November)

First: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 **Second:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

RECENT DEATHS:



James Sheedy, Margaret O'Keeffe, Jean Dumaresq

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Allport, Gladys Barton, Mollie Benson, Bernadette Black, Marlene Bombardieri, Sheila Bruhn, Dila Bulic, John Carruthers, Domenica Casella, James Casella, Sr M Celine, Val Cramer, Lesley Driscoll, Michael Elliott, Joyce Erickson, Lindsay Evans, Len Fan, G. D. Francis, Ivy Goodwin, Catherine Grant, John F Kennedy, John Lee, John McDowell, Irene Menzel, Hazel Muriel Moloney, Reginald Monagle, Thomas Moore, William Morris, June O'Brien, Andrew Patterson, John Raul, Ronald Rosser, William Simmons, Walter Sztozko, Barbara Tobin, Margaret Urch, Johannes van de Braak, Lorna Warsthorn, Daisy Watson, Ludovicus Wynen, Mattea Zelencich

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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

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 www.aidtochurch.org/notw



An Invitation – Remembering & honouring those who have died.

The Pastoral Care Team (Ballarat) invites families, friends, and members of our community to come together with staff from Grampians Health Ballarat to remember and honour those people who have died - those we have cared about and those we have cared for.

In the late November, we are hosting 2 activities:

Remembering Activity

- an informal activity that invites people to write the name of the people they are remembering on a pebble and place it in a pottery bowl set up in the central corridor (QE Site) or the ground floor foyer – Gardiner Pittard (Ballarat Base Site).
- **QE Site | from Monday 20 November | Central Corridor**
- **Ballarat Base Hospital Site | from Monday 20 November**
Ground Floor Gardiner Pittard – Drummond St entrance

Remembering Ceremonies/Rituals

- offers an opportunity for families and friends to come together with staff to acknowledge those who have died.
- **QE Site | Monday 27 November 4.00PM | near café**
- **Ballarat Base Hospital Site | Thursday 30 November 5.30PM**
near café – ground floor Gardiner Pittard – Drummond St entrance

An RSVP is not needed for the Remembering Ceremonies, however, to assist with planning, please email pastoralcareballarat@gh.org.au if you are attending.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact:

- **Simone Noelker** | Manager | Pastoral Care | **5320 8614**
- **Paul Ryan** | Base Hospital Site | **0467 297 733**
- **Tracy Sillekens** | QE Site – Gandarra Palliative Care | **5320 3675**

A new Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network

A new national body – the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network – is set to foster and support leaders in Australia's Catholic youth ministry community. The Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network will support youth ministry leaders and provide national leadership and opportunities for collaboration within a diverse, faith-filled culture of authentic, lived ministry with young people and the broader Church. The Australian Network of Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinators has developed into the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network at the invitation of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry and is open to all involved in youth and young adult ministry. Whether that be through the diocese, parish, school, community, ministry, movement or organisation. Watch the launch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PHeClupGY> or visit the website.



“Love Natural Resources” Did you know ? Animal, plants, water and soil...these are some of the things we use from the earth. We must take good care of them so that the planet stays as we found it.

Reflection on the Readings & Gospel-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 25:14-30)

- Dianne Bergant CSA

The first reading praises a woman who traditionally has been described as virtuous or worthy. However, the much stronger Hebrew adjective denotes might or strength, the kind of valour found in armies. The woman is an example of industry, versatility, trustworthiness, constancy and general goodness. It is in the last verse that we discover the basis of her virtue and the real reason for the praise given her. She is one who fears the Lord, a characteristic that is the basis of wisdom (see Prov 1:7). She is the model, not primarily of the good wife, but of the wise person generally. She is virtuous and successful because she possesses the wisdom that flows from fear of the Lord.

The wisdom psalm begins with a formal statement designating a person or group as blessed or happy (v.1) and identifying the basis of the happiness. The blessed are those who fear the Lord, who walk in God's ways (vv.1,4); the blessings are material good fortune and a large and extended family (vv.2-3). The last verses of the psalm (vv.5-6) redirect the focus from the good fortune of the individual to the blessing enjoyed by the nation. The final statement (v.6b) is less a prayer than an exclamation: 'Peace upon Israel!' Peace, *shalom*, means fullness of life. Thus the psalm begins and ends on a similar note: 'Happy are those who fear the Lord' and 'Peace'.

Today Paul links the two Greek words for time, 'times and seasons' (*chrónos* and *kairós*). The first word denotes successive, measured time; the second refers to a decisive moment in time. Paul seems to imply that the first kind of time needs no explanation, and the second kind has no explanation. Paul then discusses some characteristics of the 'Day of the Lord'. He employs two very powerful metaphors to describe this day. It is like a thief in the night, or like the birth pangs of the Messiah. The first image refers to the sudden and unexpected appearance of that day; the second points to the suffering that will precede it. Though thief is negative, 'birth pangs' suggest new life.

The initial behaviour of the man who goes on a journey indicates that he has great confidence in all three of his servants, for he gives each one a significant amount of money. A talent equalled 6,000 denarii, and one denarius was a day's wage. Therefore, even the servant who received only one talent was entrusted with a sizable sum of money. Two servants were very industrious; the third made an excuse for himself. The parable throws light on the meaning of preparedness. It consists of active engagement, of creative growth. One's eschatological future does not rest on the extent or quality of one's talent, but on how one uses that talent as one waits for the master to return.

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

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.



Expression of Interest: Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria Coordinator

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria is looking for a Coordinator. This role celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and culture and Catholic beliefs and traditions. If you are a First Nations person with a vision and a passion for educating the community about the spiritual gifts that you have to offer the people of Australia, while sharing your culture with the wider community, and you are interested in learning more about this role please consider applying. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



Parish Pastoral Council Report – October Meeting

- Four Choral Scholarships have been awarded to Catholic primary school students.
- Divine Renovation program will begin next year which covers 3 areas encouraging PPC to move from maintenance to mission via 1. Power of the Holy Spirit 2. The primacy of evangelisation 3. The Best of Leadership
- Proposal for the Alpha program to be offered from 8 February to 18 April 2024, Thursday 6:30pm to 8pm
- 23rd March 2024 Saturday Day Retreat at Mountain of Praise with a focus on Holy Spirit
- A new Parish Directory will be produced with lists of all groups and services that the parish offers

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/>

Knox Public Lecture

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>

Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church

Three Catholic Theological College courses are offered to those involved in Pastoral Leadership within the church. Formation for Ministry, Formation for Carers, Safeguarding - Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church. 2024 dates are 4 Saturdays: 2 March, 16 March, 20 April & 4 May. Details:- <https://crc.edu.au/study/timetable/>

Catholic Women’s League December 10th

The CWL will be holding a Christmas cake stall and Christmas cake (decorated) competition outside the Cathedral on Sunday December 10th after both Masses - 8am and 10.30am. Tickets will be sold after all Masses and at the Cathedral morning teas prior to this date.

Donations of cakes for the stall are welcome. Proceeds to assist our seminarians.

Inquiries - Carmel 0401175045 or Email -

annekav1234@gmail.com

Mercy Night for Healing

Immaculate Conception Mass of Solemnity Monday 4th December 6:30-8:30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish Church.

Enquiries pete.shreenan@gmail.com 0403 192933.

Australia Unites in Prayer auip@tpg.com.au

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral

First Collection - \$ 2308.45

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2736.15

Tap & Go - \$ 446.30

(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

Wednesday

1.30pm Legion of Mary

7.00pm RCIA Meeting

Thursday

9.30am Playgroup

1.00pm Sewing Repairs

4.00pm Earthcare Meeting