

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

First Sunday of Advent Year\_B – 3<sup>rd</sup> December



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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: First Sunday of Advent Year B (3<sup>rd</sup> December)**

**First:** Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

## **Readings next week: Second Sunday of Advent Year B (10<sup>th</sup> December)**

**First:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Second:** 2 Peter 3:8-14

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8



### **RECENT DEATHS:**

Cindy Rosendale

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Antonio Bazzano, Amy Boyd, Marie Bruce, Raymond Button, Leslie Casey, Margaret Cashman, Jack Coffey, Brenda Copi, Denis Davey, Maria Hammill, Leslie Keating, Ray Kyatt, Patrick Leonard, John Lever, Fr John Martin, Stephen McDonald, John McInerney, Brian McKinley, Lorah McPhee, David O'Sullivan, Peter Quinlan, Lorna Reid, Monica Reynolds, Stjepan Salkovic, Pedro Santana, Angelina Seehusen, Ria Strybosch, Bernard John Teed, Olive Whyte

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

# Mercy Night for Healing



## Immaculate Conception

### Mass of Solemnity

Monday, 4 December,

6.30-8.30 p.m.

An Invitation to Celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Holy Mass on Monday, 4 December at 6.30 p.m. at St Patrick's Cathedral.

It will be followed by Mercy Night for Healing, Consecration Prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with reflective music. Come, to have an encounter with Jesus to pray for spiritual, physical, emotional healing for ourselves and the world. All are very welcomed.

*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*  
Matthew 11:28

### Adult Faith Formation Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:

In the document *Desiderio Desideravi* Pope Francis highlights the role of the assembly in the celebration of the liturgy. He encourages all the baptised to develop their skills in the art of celebrating so that the whole assembly can participate fully as one body in union with Christ. In his presentation, **Bishop Paul** will look at what good celebration requires in practice, in word and action, from the assembly and the presider.

### 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. Officially launched on October 18, 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 through the QR code.



### Catholic Diocese of Ballarat archives: Between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November –Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

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. By the 19<sup>th</sup> century the nativity scene was gradually replaced with static displays with baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph in a manger surrounded by richly robed figurines and animals.

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat archive will extend on the "Making a Scene at Christmas" display in the Bridge Mall by exhibiting Nativity scenes from various private collections. Due to the exhibition space numbers are restricted, visitation is by appointment only between 10am – 3pm Monday to Friday. To book a visit please email the archivist on [archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Neil St Choir Christmas Musical

The Neil Street Choir extends a warm welcome to all to hear their presentation of the Christmas musical, "One Noel". The musical will take place on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10am, and again on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm, at York Street Church of Christ. Light refreshments will be provided and a freewill offering received to support the work of the choir. Come along to hear the beautiful singing, talented musicians and heartfelt narration in this musical - everyone is welcome and admission is free!

## **Advent: The Preparation for the Coming of Christ – Fiona Bradley**

The beginning of a new year signals an opportunity of renewal and the commitment to forming good habits. As often as not these fall away as the pressures of the year mount, but our commitment to renewal each new year indicates the genuineness of our hearts and minds. The season of Advent denotes the beginning of the Church's new year and in the same way offers us an occasion at which to rekindle the preparations of our hearts for the coming of Christ. Christmas celebrates the first of three comings of Our Lord but the preceding liturgical period, Advent, sets us up to be ready for them all. Our longing and yearning for the birth of the infant Jesus becomes our ardent desire to see his coming in majesty at the end of time. Good habits formed during Advent are excellent ongoing practice for the spiritual life. They will hopefully last the entire year thus readying us over time for the eternal reckoning. It is for this that we pray in the Collect of today's Mass: "Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom." Just like the habits we commit to in our new year resolutions, the virtues are habits that we possess more fully the more they are practiced and it is through their attainment, guided by Charity, that we become Christ-like and the promise of Salvation is realised.

Between these comings of Christ—that in *history* at the Nativity, and that in *majesty* at the end of time—lies the third coming of Christ, that of *mystery*. Every day he comes to us in different ways, and just like the other two comings, we ought to prepare the way for him. When he entered this world as a baby his coming was missed and ignored by the world, so much so that he was born in an animals' stable. That tragedy of missing his arrival risks being repeated when he comes in mystery day after day. His encounters are gentle and unassuming and we are at risk of being desensitised to his comings in our lives. We may encounter him in the smiling face of another, in a meal shared, in the prayers of our heart, in the waters of baptism and the vows of marriage. He unites with us in the form of bread and wine at Mass, and he is present in every word of Scripture. Our return to the preparation of our hearts and minds during Advent, therefore, also benefits our reception of Christ in mystery everyday and configures us to him in readiness for his coming in majesty. Daily his comings are our rest and consolation, in the last coming he will become manifest as our life, and today, the first day of Advent, we begin preparations to celebrate his coming as our salvation. "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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### **Parish Mass with Anointing, Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>**

On Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>, our Advent Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. It has been our custom to serve lunch to the Parishioners following Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the hall before Mass. Assistance to prepare lunch at 10.00 am and help with the serving would be very much appreciated. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of our Parish Community. If you require transport do not hesitate to phone the Parish Office on 53312933.

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will end at 11.45am.***

### ***Choir for the Ordination to the Diaconate Mass for Cay Peter Trinh – Saturday, December 16, 2023***

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for Cay Trinh's Ordination to the Diaconate Mass on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. Roger Hillman will be conducting the choir and Geoff Martin will be playing the organ. Practice times are Sunday, December 3 and Sunday, December 10 at the Cathedral at 6.30pm (following 5.00pm Mass). There will also be a run through prior to Mass on December 16. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest

[julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

### **Second Rite of Sacrament of Reconciliation**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at the Cathedral there will be a few priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The liturgy consists of: The Liturgy of the Word / Homily / A time of refecton and recollection of our relationship with God, others, and our world / It also includes Confession with a priest, and Sacramental Absolution And leads us to gathering once again for the Lord's Prayer and Final Blessing

### **Position Vacant – Secretary in the Bishop's Office**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Secretary in the Bishop's Office, 2-3 days per week. Position and application details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>

### **Ordination to the Diaconate**

All are welcome to the Diaconate Ordination of Cay Trinh, which will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 10.00am on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

### **Morning tea after 10.30am Mass today**

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass. All welcome!

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

### **Christmas Carols – Christmas Eve**

All are invited to St Patrick's Cathedral to sing Christmas carols at 5pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, which will be followed by the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass. The choir will include the children who have joined the Cathedral as Choral Scholars.

### **Cathedral Piety Store**

The St Vincent de Paul Cathedral Piety Store will reopen from this weekend after Masses, leading up to the Christmas period. Columban calendars, Christmas and miscellaneous cards and items for sale.

### **Cake Stall Fundraiser for our Seminarians**

On Sunday December 10th, the Cathedral Branch of the Catholic Women's League will conduct a Stall and Christmas cake competition outside the Cathedral after the 8am and 10.30am Masses.

Tickets available after this weekend's Masses.

Assistance is needed from Parishioners to support our Seminarians for the Diocese - Simon, Channa, Lam and Peter Cay. Please contact us if you can donate cakes or produce for the stall or help sell competition tickets prior to and on the day. Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5 and the cake Competition will be drawn after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday December 10th.

Carmel 0401 175 045 [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com)

### **Volunteers Christmas Morning Tea**

Parish volunteers who do any form of service are most welcome to attend a pre-Christmas morning tea 10:30am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December to celebrate the Christmas period and also be thanked by the parish staff and priests for your work during the year. We are so fortunate to have so many generous people who support the faith community in our midst. God bless you all.

RSVP Tony 53 312933 or email office.

### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

**First Collection** - \$ 2415.75

(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 1734.75

**Tap & Go** - \$ 364.05

(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** – 12.00pm **Mass with Anointing**  
(Reconciliation at 10.30am until 11.45am)

**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 – 6.45pm**  
**7.00pm Bishop Bird's Address Glowrey Hall**

### **Thursday** 11.20am

Rosary and Divine Mercy Devotion

**Friday** 11.00am to 11.45pm -  
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 (last for 2023)  
1.00pm Sewing Repairs  
10.00am & 5.30pm Baptism Preparation