

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 14<sup>th</sup> January



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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: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (14<sup>th</sup> January)**

**First:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19    **Second:** 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20    **Gospel:** John 1:35-42

## **Readings next week: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (21<sup>st</sup> January)**

**First:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10    **Second:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31    **Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20



## **RECENT DEATHS:**

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Cecil Beggs, Lelio (Leo) Buczkowsky, Agnes Coffey, Maria Cox, Kevin Dunn, Ivor Fisher, Gerald Fox, Neville Grace, Patrick Harrington, Lisa Hayden, Jillian Kors, Elizabeth Lench, Maria Marnica, Mary McGuinness, Alice Mooney, Mary Murnane, Anne Packer, Zofia Pamula, Guy Planel, Jacques Planel, Stuart Robertson, Raymond Rogers, Leslie Shine, Sr Bernarda Stenson IBVM, Aubrey Wilson, Sr Paula Ziesing IBVM

**Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

Parent Meeting dates for the St Patrick's Parish Sacramental Program for 2024

First Reconciliation Parent Information Meeting	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 10am & 5:30pm
First Communion Parent Information Meeting	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 10am & 5:30pm
Confirmation Parent Information Meeting	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 10am & 5:30pm

The 3 Catholic Primary Schools will prepare children for the celebrations and the Parish Sacramental Team will prepare those students not attending Catholic schools. Confirmation is generally for year 3 students with the other two Sacraments celebrated at year 4.

First Reconciliations will be celebrated in March, First Communions in June and Confirmations will be celebrated in August.

### Holy Spirit Pilgrimage (2024):

Europe Pilgrimage and Tour To: *Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland* from 12/09/2024-27/09/2024; And *Egypt and Jordan Pilgrimage* from 26/08/2024-03/09/2024.

**Spiritual Director:** Fr Emmanuel-tv.

Contact us ASAP for details: Mob: 0417999553, Tel:(08)93413079,

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### Advance Notice 2024

#### Rite of Election 2024

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community and one which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. This applies to adults who have undertaken formation. The Rite of Election for catechumens and candidates will take place on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024** at **12.30pm** in **St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat**. The presider will be Bishop Paul Bird CSsR. At the conclusion of the ceremony all are invited to join the Bishop in the Cathedral Hall for a light lunch.

**Photo permission:** We seek permission from those participating in the Rite of Election to publish photos in the diocesan communications. Please advise the Pastoral Ministry Office if this is not suitable. If you have any queries, please contact Julie Boyd (ph. 5337 7159) or [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) on behalf of Diocesan Liturgical Commission

#### Equipping professionals for their lives of service

The University of Divinity has launched a new School of Professional Practice in 2023. The School exists to meet current and future needs in faith-based agencies, churches, and other organisations for mature practitioners in a range of professional disciplines. A range of new courses on offer at the University include a Bachelor of Counselling, Master of Leadership and Doctor of Professional Practice. Here, students engage in deep learning to inform head, heart and hands in the service of others. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



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*Laudato Si'*



An integral ecology is inseparable from the notion of the common good,  
a central and unifying principle of social ethics. #156

*reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose*

## ***To Give Without Counting the Cost***

Reflection on the Gospel-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(John 1:35-42)

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

A personal call to a particular way of life is not always easy to explain, even to oneself. At my religious profession, I chose the challenging motto "To give without counting the cost". I have taken that motto seriously, even if I have occasionally been tempted to change it to something more manageable. Today's liturgy reminds us that, in a very real sense, all the baptised are called to the same commitment, to give without counting cost.

The first reading describes a prophetic call, the "call" of the young Samuel who is to become a prophet of great stature within Israel. The story insists that it is God who takes the initiative and Samuel who hears God's call. Initially Samuel hears the word of God, but needs an interpreter in order to understand the import of God's word to him. The priest Eli acts as interpreter and guide, so that Samuel can respond with confidence and faith and grow up to speak God's word to the people.

The gospel focuses on the "call" to discipleship, a call that is addressed to every baptised Christian. The opening scene depicts John the Baptist with two of his disciples. John actually points the two disciples away from himself and towards Jesus whom he identifies as "the lamb of God". What does it mean to call Jesus "God's lamb"? Does the expression refer to the *Passover lamb* whose blood signifies deliverance? Is it a reference to the *Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53* who takes on the sins of the many? Is it an image of *the lamb that God provides for Abraham's sacrifice* (Genesis 22)? Is it *the apocalyptic lamb* of Jewish literature of the time, the powerful conquering lamb that destroys evil in the world? Is it intended to suggest vulnerability as in the prophecy of Jeremiah 11:19 ("I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter").

There is never a simple explanation for the symbolism in John's gospel. There can be many levels of meaning at the one time. The symbol of strength in vulnerability certainly has potential for understanding who Jesus is in this gospel. John 1:29 tells us that the Lamb of God "takes away" the sinful condition of the world. Twenty-one centuries down the track there is still violence and hunger and exploitation of planetary resources on a massive scale. The work of the one strong enough to risk vulnerability so that others may have life, the work of God's Lamb, is also the work of disciples. It is the way of those who hear God's call and choose to walk the way of Jesus of Nazareth, in openness and love for God's people. The call to discipleship is a call to pour out one's lifeblood for the sake of the gospel, "to give without counting the cost". Maybe I should not be too eager to relinquish my motto!

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### **150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Significant Catholic People from your Parish**

In preparation for the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary in 2024, the anniversary committee for the Mass of the Oils are searching for significant Catholics from your parish for a display to be presented in the Hall after the Mass of the Oils on Monday, March 25, 2024. These people could be a well-known person who has achieved success in their chosen field or it could be someone who has left a legacy in your parish, as a benefactor, contributor or historian. Please provide names and supporting information and photo to [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au) before February 5, 2024.

## **MAKING A SCENE AT CHRISTMAS**

### **Catholic Diocese of Ballarat archives 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 19th 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 be exhibiting Nativity scenes from various private collections. Visitation is by appointment only between 10am – 3pm Monday to Friday. To book please email the archivist on [archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## Diocesan Office Closures

Diocesan Offices dates in December/January are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/diocesan-offices-dates-for-christmas-new-year/>

## Parish Office Closures

St Patrick's Cathedral Office will close on Tuesdays until the end of January but be open 10am to 3pm Wednesday to Friday.

## Lost Property

A significant ring has been handed in to the office – presumably lost in the Cathedral. If it is yours, could you please visit Tony in the office for identification and return of the jewelry piece.

## Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**Mass of the Oils 2024:** Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall.

The **St Patrick's Young Adult's** cordially invite you to join them every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm for an hour of Adoration, Benediction and Confession followed by a dinner at the Golden City Hotel. Note our first holy hour will be the second Thursday of month - February 8<sup>th</sup>.

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral

**First Collection** - \$ 3082.15

(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 3709.00

**Tap & Go** - \$ 982.58

(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** 11.00am

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.*

**As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.'**

