

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 21<sup>st</sup> January



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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:**

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**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: 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

## **Readings next week: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (28<sup>th</sup> January)**

**First:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28



## **RECENT DEATHS:**

David Chandler, John Spencer, Bernie Bouchier, John Goold

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Peter Caligari Snr, Kathleen Cashin, Mary Cleary, Nancy Coughlan, Amber Cowan, Michael Cowan, Sebastian Cowan, Jack Curran, Mary D'Arcy, Ramen D'Arcy, Anna Dron, Nancye Grabsch, Morris Holloway, William Horgan, Arthur Jones, Thelma Liston, Thomas Lloyd, Joe Maher, Kathleen Maher, Mary Matheson, Donald McKinnon, Peter McLean, Mate Medved, Kathleen Moss, Florence O'Brien, Marie O'Keefe, Linda O'Reilly, Patricia Margaret Sargent, Peter Sargeant, Frederick Sherritt, Paul Slater, Kazimierz Stabeusz, Harry Swinkels, Glen Taffe, Aileen Thoulis, Ralph Tiernan, Jeffrey Twomey, Maimie Valbusa, Bara Vranesic, Blanche Wandin, Geraldine Watt, Ann Wills, Gertred Zehner

**Responsorial Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord. Teach me your ways.**



## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday 16 March 2024**

**Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Australia**

Warmly inviting couples/spouses who have ever attended a Marriage Encounter weekend (anywhere in the world) to join us.

### **A Formation Day:**

Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires, The Respect He Desperately Longs for

followed by

**An evening of celebration over a shared meal.**

Where: St John's Parish, Mitcham

Please call Steve and Sue Hollowood

0431 477 556 / 0412 130 845 for further details.



### **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

**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.

#### **A time of rest, contemplation, prayer, and discernment - Ignatian Silent Directed Retreat.**

Your 5-day/6-night retreat includes accommodation with ensuite, all meals, spiritual accompaniment, and prayer material. It is held at the beautiful Santa Casa Retreat Centre on the beach at Queenscliffe.

**Where:** Santa Casa, 33-35 Flinders Street, Queenscliff VIC

**When:** Monday 26 February 2024, 2pm – Sunday 3 March 2024, 10am

**Facilitated by:** JISA Campion Spiritual Directors: Terry Fanning and Margaret Moore rsm

**BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2024**

**For bookings and enquiries,** contact Sandra on 1300 EXAMEN ([1300-392-636](tel:1300392636)) or [info@jisa.org.au](mailto:info@jisa.org.au)

## ***Expand Your Horizons***

### **Reflection on the Gospel-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**(Mark 1:14-20)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of the gospel readings for this year are from Mark's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end, attending to the story line, to indications of habitat and of time, to all the actors or characters in the story, human and other-than-human. While the main character or actor is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups that claim our attention. The "worlds" we encounter include the celestial world, the world of spirits and demons, the human, the animal and the plant worlds. In many ways, we can resonate with the worlds that Mark creates. In other ways, they are alien to 21<sup>st</sup> century scientific sensibilities and experience. We bring our consciousness of these differences to our reading of the text. As we embark on this reading we might also become aware of what we bring to the text, "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties" (GS 1) of our world today, a world still grappling with war, with planetary degradation and with growing economic inequality. What we bring to the text informs our understanding of the text.

As we read, we might think of this gospel as a two-act drama. The first act in the drama (Mark 1:1-8:26) raises the question, "Who is this?" The central scene (Mark 8:27-30) provides a partial answer: Jesus is the Messiah or God's Anointed One, the Christos. The second act of the drama (Mark 8:31-16:8) is full of surprises for its earliest audiences: Jesus is not a militaristic messiah, but one who is prepared to suffer death for the sake of God's empire; God finally triumphs over suffering and death.

The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama, to identify with the characters and character groups, and to hear the teachings of Jesus. In the passage selected for today, Jesus announces his program and invites others to reorient their lives, to expand their horizons ("repent") and to join him on a mission of proclaiming God's kin-dom, God's way of being in the world. Jesus proclaims the advent of God's "time" or *kairos*, as opposed to ordinary clock time or *chronos*. It is crisis time, time to attend to the cries of the earth and the cries of those rendered poor in every age.

One might get the impression in the opening chapters of the gospel that the disciples are all men. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women "who came up with him to Jerusalem" from Galilee. The central section of the gospel (Mark 9-10) makes it clear that there are children on the journey as well. Let us therefore imagine a much more extended group around Jesus than today's little gospel reading suggests. Women, men, and children, all are invited to leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing God's kin-dom into our world.

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#### **A St Vincent de Paul Thank You. THANK YOU!**

The St Vincent de Paul Society "St Vinnies" would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to our Jesse tree appeal. Your generosity of our schools and Church of Christ Community has enabled us to commence the year with a full pantry which will help us enormously with our ministry. We wish you every blessing for 2024.

#### **Aid to the Church in need Supporting Christians in the Holy Land**

The pontifical foundation Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has committed an aid package of 190,000 AUD to support the Christians of the Holy Land during the current crisis. This aid will assist impoverished Christians in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem, as well as Christian migrant workers and asylum seekers in Israel.



#### **Laudato Si': Everything is connected**

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action.

### **Australia Day Mass 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Due to the public holiday, there will be a Mass to celebrate the national day at 10.00am. There will be NO 12.05pm Mass on this day.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be at 11.00am until 12.00pm.

### **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 (but closed on this Friday Australia Day).

### **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).

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>.

**Pope's intention for January – For the gift of diversity:** Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gifts of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral

**First Collection** - \$ 4,073.25

(Presbytery - Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 4389.00

**Tap & Go** - \$ 631.73

(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** – 10.00am, 12.05pm  
(Reconciliation at 10.30am 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.

**'Follow me and I will make you  
into fishers of men.'**

