

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B – 17th March



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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.

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Readings this week: Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B (17th March)

First: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Readings next week: Palm Sunday of the Passion Year B (24th March)

First: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47



RECENT DEATHS:

Graeme Beaston, Sr Joan Dalgleish RSM, Kathleen Delaney, Leo Sargeant,
Margaret Seiger, Julie Wilkinson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Christine Austin, Olivia Banks, Ellen Bryce, Peter Burke, John Callahan, Leo Canny,
Basil Dawson, Ivan Dean, Ronald Digman, Marie Fitzpatrick, John Hayden, Paul
Heenan, William Holmes, Eileen Kennedy, James Kenney, John Joseph Moloney,
Harry Morris, Anne Morrison, Lucille O'Brien, Leanne Mary Payne, Brian Joseph
Rice, Shirley Robertson, Carmelo Sgro, Gregory Slater, Michael Spiers, Harry Strik,
Margaret Wake, Bernie Wilkie, Albert Windray

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Reading John 12:20-33. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Legion of Mary

Consecration to Our Lady, Acies, will be held on Tuesday 19th March, after the 12.05pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome to participate.

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice and Peace - March 24, 2024

The focus this year is on the impact of war where people have been forced to flee to seek places of refuge within their own country (internally displaced) or as refugees and asylum seekers to other countries. The program will commence at 10.30am at the Parliament Gardens (Spring Street/Albert Street, Melbourne) with an interfaith segment and prayers for peace, followed by speeches/presentations from 11.00am and the Palm Sunday 'Walk for Refugees' concluding by 12.00noon.

Reconciliation Program

The 2024 Junior Reconciliation program concludes over the next two weeks with the candidates presenting for the Sacrament in the Cathedral on **5:30 pm Tuesday 19th March** and **5:30pm Thursday 21st March**, followed by **5:30 pm Tuesday 26th March**. Candidates have been prepared by the Catholic Primary School teachers and the Parish Sacramental Team, and are well prepared for their first confessions. Please pray for the candidates.



Laudato Si'



"Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest" (Laudato Si' 48).

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Ecumenical Palm Sunday Gathering Sunday, 9.00 am on March 24th, 2024.

All Parishioners are invited to gather in the Band Rotunda on Sturt Street, between Dawson and Doveton Streets for a Palm Sunday Ecumenical Service. It is a great opportunity to celebrate with members of the other Ballarat Churches for the commencement of Holy Week. This will be a short gathering of Scripture and Song, after which we all walk back to our respective churches for our Sunday Liturgies. It will be great if St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is well represented as we gather with Bishop Paul and our Cathedral Clergy. We are requested to bring palm fronds or tree branches if possible.

Combined Choirs for Holy Thursday and Good Friday 2024.

It has been decided by the Cathedral Liturgy Committee to have a combined choir formed by the different choirs, singing groups, and leaders of song for the celebrations to be held on Holy Thursday (7.00 pm) and Good Friday (3.00 pm). Members of the Cathedral Parish are also invited to join the choir and attend practice on Tuesday 26th March at 7.00 pm. For further inquiries contact Susan Crowe 0419 887274



Project Compassion 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent: Partnerships in Action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.



Download the weekly reflection by Michael McGirr from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/mission-and-outreach/project-compassion-2024/>

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

This year, Nazareth House will hold a service on Thursday March 21st at 11am.

An offering will be taken up on the day and all are welcome to attend. This money is used to distribute Bibles in poorer countries. A choir from our Cathedral will be assisting and Pastor Max White officiating. Please come along and support this World Day of Prayer.

Inquiries - Carmel – Treasurer World Day of Prayer Ballarat ph 0401175045

Mary Ward for Saint

For those of you who have had the privilege of contact with the Sisters of the “Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary”. You might like to assist them in their quest to have Mary Ward, their foundress recognised by the Church as a Saint for our times.

If you would be so kind as to assist, please click on the link “[Sign this Petition](#)”, at the bottom of the image, just ignore the request for funds, (unless you wish to do so).

Kind regards Fr Greg Tait [Petition · Help our cause to have Mary Ward declared a Saint! · Change.org](#)



Mass of the Oils livestream

This year the Mass of the Oils will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/SdivlIKiHSs?feature=share>

Forty Days and Forty Nights HEINLEIN (One License 84245)

1. Forty days and forty nights, You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights, Tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Shall not we your sorrow share, And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer, Strong with you to suffer pain?
3. Then if Satan on us press, Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!
4. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, Ever constant by your side;
That with you we may appear At th'eternal Eastertide.

Text: 77 77; George H. Smyttan, 1822–1870, alt. Music: Melody attr. to Martin Herbst, 1654–1681, alt.

Holy Hour and Visit of Bishop Richard Umbers (Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney)

Every Wednesday Evening from 6-7 pm the Cathedral holds a Holy Hour which includes Benediction.

On March 20, Bishop Richard will conduct a Holy Hour and afterwards give a talk in the Mackillop Glowrey Room. The topic will be International Eucharistic Congresses, the Eucharistic Congress in Quito and the planning for the Congress in Sydney.

Mass with Anointing, Wednesday, March 20th

On Wednesday, March 20th our Lenten Mass with Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. This is a great opportunity to celebrate as a Parish Community. 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 pray, eat and enjoy the company of our Parish Community. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone the Parish Office on 53312933.

St Patrick Cathedral Easter Services

Monday 25th March The Chrism Mass 11.30pm

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Good Friday

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Saturday Easter Vigil 8.00pm

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

Funeral Mass for Sr Joan Dalglish RSM

The Funeral Mass for Sr Joan Dalglish will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East at 10.30am. The funeral will be livestreamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhWByNDRhcM>

and the burial at

<https://youtube.com/live/49AmMba25Ms?feature=share>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral

First Collection - \$ 1547.20

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2863.95

Tap & Go - \$ 542.23

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm
10.30pm Requiem Mass Graeme Beaton

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm
12.00pm Anointing Mass
6pm Bishop Umbers visit

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Friday – 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
6.00pm-7.00pm Holy Hour & Benediction
7.00pm Bishop Umbers Speech

Thursday

11.15am 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

5:30pm First Reconciliations
7.00pm Life in the Spirit Prayer

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary
7.00pm RCIA Meeting

Thursday

9.30pm Play Group
5:30pm First Reconciliations