

Mass of the Holy Oils



St. Patrick's Cathedral
Ballarat

Chrism Mass 2024

The Mass of the Oils or Chrism Mass is our annual celebration of the local Diocesan Church of Ballarat. We gather and celebrate the priesthood of Jesus, the one anointed by the Spirit. The priesthood of Jesus is shared by the baptised and the ordained. His priesthood is exercised in the sacraments, especially the sacraments most closely associated with the Eucharist: The sacraments of initiation and of orders, as well as the sacrament of the sick.

We, the priestly people of God in the church of Ballarat, gathered tonight with our bishop, our priests, our deacon and our seminarians, are not just blessing oils and consecrating chrism but we are praying for everyone and everything they will anoint in the coming year. The Oils blessed tonight – Oil of the Sick, Oil of Baptism and the Holy Chrism will reach:

- * Every Catholic in our diocese who becomes sick and is anointed;
- * Every baby and young child in our diocese who is baptised;
- * Every young person and adult in our diocese who are fully initiated into the community of the Church;
- * A new priest in our diocese who is ordained.

So every time Bishop Paul invites us to pray at tonight's liturgy with the words, "Let us pray", let us pray sincerely for ourselves, for our church, for our world and especially for our sick, our catechumens and those to be received into the Church, our infants, our young people and others to be confirmed and our communities of faith. Let us recommit ourselves to be a Christened people in the year ahead.



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150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

The Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150 on March 30, 2024.

It was on March 30, 1874, that Pope Pius the Ninth issued a decree that marked the beginning of the Ballarat Diocese. Bishop Paul, in his message about the anniversary, said, “Our 150th anniversary will be an opportunity for each community throughout our diocese to remember those who have gone before us, those who have laid the foundations of our parish and school communities and the social services and health care that are provided in our diocese today. The anniversary will be an opportunity to review our history, acknowledging both strengths and weaknesses, celebrating the achievements and recognising the failures to live our Christian faith to the full. It will be a chance to take stock of where we are now and look ahead to how we can live as a truly Christian community, sharing the good news of Christ, in the years to come.” (*Our Diocesan Community July 2023*)



The **logo** for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat was prepared by a committee convened by Bishop Paul. The design incorporates the diocesan logo and the bough of a tree drawn by Sr Anne McMillan rsm in 1985. The words Anne had used with this drawing were, “If I keep a green bough in my heart, the singing bird will come”. It is an old Chinese proverb, which could be interpreted as a reminder to keep hope alive and a call to open our hearts to all.

The bough of a tree symbolises growth, interconnectedness and life. The leaves could symbolise the communities, the parishes, the people of the diocese.

The text **Communities: Remember, Revitalise, Hope** reflects various aspects of the anniversary. The word “Community” highlights the fact that a diocese is essentially a community drawn together by Christ, a large community made up of many local communities. The word “Remember” refers us to the history of the diocese. In this remembering, we acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of that history, celebrating the achievements and recognising the failures to live our Christian faith to the full. The word “Revitalise” calls us to invest ourselves in bringing new life to the community today. The word “Hope” encourages us to look forward to the future with confidence in God.

The Scripture verse chosen for our 150th anniversary year reflects various elements of our vocation as a Christian community. **“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (Romans 12:12).** The words are drawn from a passage in St Paul’s letter to the Romans in which the apostle lists qualities appropriate for a community inspired by Christ. As the years go by, the community experiences times of trial as well as times of gladness. Through it all, their trust in Christ makes them joyful in hope and patient in affliction. They recognise that they need God’s help in all they do and so they are faithful in prayer, seeking God’s help day by day.

May this anniversary year be a season of renewal for our diocese, our community of communities from the Murray to the sea.

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

Community
Remember Revitalise
Hope



*Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer*
Romans 12:12

Planning by 150th
Anniversary Committee

Ash Wednesday
'Repent and believe the good news'
February 14, 2024

Anniversary Liturgy in
Cathedral
Mass of the Oils
March 25, 2024

Anniversary Liturgies in
Parishes
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Pentecost Sunday
Commissioning for ministry
in parishes
May 19, 2024

Diocesan Assembly
November 15 - 16, 2024

2023

2023

Feb
2024

Feb - Mar
2024

Mar
2024

Mar
2024

April
2024

Apr - May
2024

May
2024

Mid
2024

Nov
2024

Parishes develop Parish
Leadership Teams

Lent
'Repent and believe the good news'
February 14 - March 24, 2024

150th Anniversary
Holy Saturday
March 30, 2024

Anniversary Week
Catholic Education Week
April 29 - May 3, 2024

Formation in Parishes
from Mid 2024

Mass of the Holy Oils - 2024

CELEBRANT:	Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR, Bishop of Ballarat
CONCELEBRANTS:	Priests of the Diocese of Ballarat
MASTER OF CEREMONIES:	Fr Gary Jones
DEACON & GOSPEL:	Rev Cay Xuan Trinh
SEMINARIANS:	Channa Tilakarathna & Simon Zakari – <i>Diocese of Ballarat</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Tommy Nguyen & Martin Nguyen – <i>St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill</i>
FIRST READING:	Sr Berenice Kerr rsm – <i>Sisters of Mercy Community South B</i>
CANTOR:	Adrian Newman – <i>Teacher:</i> <i>Damascus College, Mt Clear</i>
SECOND READING:	Marie Shaddock – <i>St Joseph's Parish, Ouyen</i>
GOSPEL PROCESSION:	Tanya Kehoe – <i>Campus Pastoral Associate:</i> <i>Campus Ministry, Australian Catholic University</i>
COMMENTARY:	Dr Peter Morris – <i>St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat</i>
OIL BEARERS:	
<u>Oil of the Sick:</u>	David Wilcox – <i>Pastoral Care: Mercy Place, Warrnambool</i> Sofie Mazzotta – <i>Captain:</i> <i>St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill</i> Lucas Wells – <i>Captain: Damascus College, Mt Clear</i> Sr Sipona csn – <i>Nazareth House, Ballarat</i> <i>Flagon:</i> Peter McMaster – <i>Pastoral Practitioner:</i> <i>St John of God Hospital, Ballarat</i>
<u>Oil of Catechumen:</u>	Oliver Foster – <i>Monivae College, Hamilton</i> Paris Govan – <i>Captain: Damascus College, Mt Clear</i> Tyler Cowan – <i>St Patrick's College, Ballarat</i> Kaylene James – <i>East Wimmera Parish</i> <i>Flagon:</i> Brian Northern – <i>Catechumen: St Mary's Parish, Colac</i>
<u>Oil of Chrism:</u>	Noni Blanchett – <i>Monivae College, Hamilton</i> Otto Conlan – <i>Captain:</i> <i>St Mary MacKillop College, Swan Hill</i> Liz McGuane – <i>St Brendan's Parish, Cororooke</i> Noah Quick – <i>Captain: St Patrick's College, Ballarat</i>

Mass of the Holy Oils - 2024

Perfume: Bernadette Lynch – *Parish Coordinator:*
St Aloysius Parish, Redan

Flagon: Fr Paddy Mugavin – *Jubilarian, Diocese of Ballarat*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Sr Maree Holt csb – *Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd*
Anne Eskdale – *St Patrick's Parish, Gordon*

MUSICIANS: Organist: Geoff Martin –
Diocesan Liturgical Commission

Flautist: Adrian Newman

CHOIR CONDUCTOR: Roger Hillman –
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

CHOIR: Gerry Vytilingam – *Song Writer / Singer*
Loreto College Ballarat:

D Anwyl	B Ballesty
E Demunk	L Eales
R Figiel	C Gibson
M Goodbourn	G Harbour
I Hanley	B Jans
O Jones	A Keem
A McCarthy	M Read
A Singh	H Streulens
G Wemyss	

St Patrick's College, Ballarat:

Henry Bennett	Patrick Bennett
Will Charles	Cayde Constable
Lachlan Hodge	Oskar Kaletsch
Lucas Martin	Lachlan McColl
Liam Morrison	Toby Pearse
Gabriel Vivian-Fagan	

WELCOMERS & USHERS: From St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat Parish

CATERING: Hosted by Brett Hayward –
ACU Ballarat Campus Canteen

DECOR: Deneise Walsh –
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE OILS: Pastoral Ministry Office
and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

Those involved in the procession of the parish symbols are invited to gather at the back of the Cathedral prior to Mass beginning, with your symbol. Please remain there during the entrance hymn until Bishop Paul invites you to come forward.

Acknowledgement of Country

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's spiritual and cultural connection to Country, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the different lands on which we meet to celebrate and worship.

We recognise the continued care of the lands and waterways passed from generation to generation, wisdom that is shared, and life that is celebrated in harmony with the natural environment.

We honour the Elders past and present who have laid the foundations, traditions, and culture for emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and we commit to working together for reconciliation and justice.

Please stand

Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn

TOGETHER, WE BUILD OUR PLACE

R Hillman & A McMillan

Refrain: We are called to be Your hands,
we are called to be Your feet.
Called to reach out with your love
to ev'ry-one we meet.

Be strength to all the broken,
light to all who seek Your face.
To walk your ways, to live each day
together, we build our place.

Each of us has come to share our story;
to share our gifts, our wisdom, faith and love.
To celebrate the work we do together,
linked with others journeying in faith. *R.*

We meet as friends and gather at the table,
not strangers but companions in our God.
To celebrate our task in faith together;
a path for those who turn to “Come and See.” *R.*

Each of us is called to work for justice,
and walk together in God’s Light and Love.
To recognise God’s face in ev’ry person,
and work to build the Kingdom here of earth. *R.*

Greeting

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: Peace be with you

All: **And with you spirit.**

Procession of Parish Symbols



Please sit

***Bishop Paul will invite parish representatives to
come forward and place parish symbols on the
table to the right of the altar.***

Glory to God: Sung – Mass of St Francis

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and on earth peace to peo-ple of good -
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry. Lord God
hea-ven-ly King, O God al-migh-ty Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,
On-ly Be-got-ten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Fa - ther.
You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
You take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone
are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit in the
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-3, 6:8-9

Please sit

Responsorial Psalm: *Sung*

PSALM 89: ALL THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

R Hillman

All the good- ness of the Lord I will sing for- ev- er. I will

praise God's ho- ly name all my days.

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 5-8

Gospel Procession

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation: *Sung*

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS *M Haugen*

Praise to you, Lord Je- sus, king of end- less glo- ry,
Sav- iour of the world, Sav- iour of the world.

Gospel: Luke 4: 16-21

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Please remain standing as the Gospel Acclamation is repeated after the Gospel:

Sung: Praise to you Lord Jesus.....

Homily

Please sit

Renewal of Commitment of God's Priestly People

Bishop: My sisters and brothers, today we gather in prayer and worship to ask God's blessing upon our sacramental oils. With these oils we have been anointed in the Lord Jesus. We continue to anoint others so that we may be a people set apart for a variety of gifts and ministries in the service of the Kingdom. We now renew our dedication to Christ as his chosen people of the new covenant.

Bishop addresses the laity who now stand

Bishop: My people, today you gather with us, deacon, priests and Bishop of this diocese, as we celebrate our call to priestly service in the Church. In our presence and in the presence of each other, are you ready to acknowledge your call to serve in Christ's name as baptised members of his Church and sharers in his mission?

People: I am.

Laity remain standing

Bishop then addresses Priests and Religious

Bishop: My sisters and brothers, pray for the laity of the Church. May the Lord strengthen them so that by the witness of their daily lives they will manifest to others the resurrection and life of the Lord Jesus and be a sign of the living God.

Priests & Religious: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Laity sit

Bishop addresses Religious who now stand

Bishop: At your religious profession you pledged yourselves to a way of life which embodies the practice of the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience. Are you resolved to unite yourselves ever more closely to Christ and his mission through this life, which manifests in a special way the transcendence of the Kingdom over earthly concerns?

Religious: I am.

Religious remain standing

Bishop then addresses Priests and laity

Bishop: My brother deacon, priests and laity, let us pray for the religious of the diocese. May the Lord bless their consecration and help them faithfully witness to the redemptive work of Christ, through the living out of the evangelical counsels and the service of the Church and the people of God.

Priests & Laity: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Religious sit

Bishop addresses Priests who now stand

Bishop: My brother priests, at your ordination you accepted the responsibilities of the priesthood out of love for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourselves more closely to Christ and to try to become more like him, by joyfully sacrificing your own pleasure and ambition to bring his peace and love to his sisters and brothers?

Priests: I am.

Priests remain standing while the Bishop addresses the Deacon who now stands

Bishop: My brother in the diaconal ministry, at your ordination you were called to exercise a ministry of charity in the name of the Lord and to preach the good news of Jesus Christ through word and action. Are you resolved to persevere in this commitment?

Deacon: I am.

Priests and deacon remain standing while the Bishop addresses the laity and religious

Bishop: My sisters and brothers, pray for your priests and deacon. May the Lord bless them and strengthen them to be faithful ministers of Christ, so that they will be able to lead all to him, the fountain of our salvation.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Bishop: Pray also for me. At my episcopal ordination I was anointed to support and strengthen my brother priests and to shepherd the Christian community in a life of faith. Pray that I may faithfully fulfil this ministry and be a genuine sign of Christ's loving presence among you.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Bishop: May the Lord in his love keep you close to him always and may he bring all of us to eternal life.

People: Amen.

Please sit

Procession, Presentation and Blessing of Oils

OIL OF THE SICK

The Oil of the Sick is brought forward in a solemn procession.

During the procession all sing the following:

HYMN OF THE HOLY OILS: VERSE 1 AND REFRAIN



1. From the fruit of ol-ive branch-es Comes the oil for heal-ing here.
2. Rich in kind-ness, rich in mer-cy, Lord, from whom all bless-ings flow!
3. Bap-tized and con-firmed with chris-m We be-come a ho-ly race,



1. Lord, we ask you, make it ho-ly, Touch the sick and calm their fear.
2. By this sign of your sal-va-tion Cat-e-chu-mens' faith may grow.
3. Mem-bers of a priest-ly peo-ple, Shar-ers in your life and grace.



ALL: Son of God, a-noint-ed sa-rior, Priest and pro-phet, hum-ble king!



Bless this oil for our a-noint-ing: So may we your prais-es sing!

When the oil bearer reaches the Bishop, they raise the oil in front of the Bishop and say for all to hear:

Oil bearer: The Oil of the Sick!

The oil bearer remains standing in front of the Bishop for the blessing of the oil.

Bishop: Lord God, in your love,
you bring healing to the sick through
your Son Jesus Christ.
Hear us as we pray to you in faith,
and send the Holy Spirit, helper and friend,
upon this oil, which nature has provided
to serve the needs of all people.

May your blessing ✕
come upon all who are anointed with this oil,
and may they be freed from pain and illness
and made well again in body, mind and soul.
May this oil be blessed for our use
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

After the blessing, the oil is placed on the sanctuary and the oil bearers move to the side altar.

OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS

The Oil of Catechumens is brought forward in a solemn procession.

During the procession all sing the following:

HYMN OF THE HOLY OILS: VERSE 2 AND REFRAIN

When the oil bearer reaches the Bishop, they raise the oil in front of the Bishop and say for all to hear:

Oil bearer: The Oil of Catechumens!

The oil bearer remains standing in front of the Bishop for the blessing of the oil.

Bishop: Lord God, protector of all who believe in you, bless ✠ this oil and give wisdom and strength to all who are anointed with it in preparation for their baptism.

Bring them to a deeper understanding of the Gospel, help them to accept the challenge of Christian living, and lead them to the joy of new birth in the family of your Church.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the blessing, the oil is placed on the sanctuary and the oil bearers move to the side altar.

OIL OF CHRISM

The Oil for the Holy Chrism and the perfume are brought forward in a solemn procession.

During the procession all sing the following:

HYMN OF THE HOLY OILS: VERSE 3 AND REFRAIN

When those carrying the oil and perfume reach the Bishop, the perfume is first handed to the Bishop, then the person carrying the Chrism raises it in front of the Bishop and says for all to hear:

Oil bearer: The Oil for the Holy Chrism!

The oil bearer then holds the oil while the Bishop adds the perfume. The oil bearers then remain in front of the Bishop while the oil is consecrated.

Bishop: Let us pray
that God our Creator will bless this oil
so that all who are anointed with it
may be inwardly transformed
and come to share in eternal salvation.

Then the Bishop may breathe over the opening of the vessel of chrism. With hands extended he says the following:

Bishop: God our maker, we thank you for the gifts
you have given us in your love:

We thank you for life itself and for the sacraments that
strengthen it and give it fuller meaning.

In the Old Covenant you gave your people a glimpse
of the power of this holy oil and when the fullness of
time had come, you brought that mystery to perfection
in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

By his suffering, dying, and rising to life
he saved the human race.

He sent your Spirit to fill the Church
with every gift needed to complete your saving work.

From that time forward, through the sign of holy chrism,
you dispense your life and love to all people.

By anointing them with the Spirit,
you strengthen all who have been reborn in baptism.
Through that anointing you transform them
into the likeness of Christ your Son and
give them a share in his royal,
priestly and prophetic work.

All celebrants extend their right hands toward the chrism, without saying anything, until the end of the prayer.

Bishop: And so, Almighty God, by the power of your love, make this mixture of oil and perfume a sign and source ✠ of your blessing. Pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on our sisters and brothers who will be anointed with it. Let the splendour of holiness shine on the world from every place and thing signed with this oil. Above all, God of all mercy, we pray, that through this sign of your anointing you will grant increase to your Church until it reaches the eternal glory where you will be the all in all, together with Christ your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

After the blessing, the Chrism is placed on the sanctuary and the oil bearers return to their seats.

The Creed and Prayers of the Faithful are omitted.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts

Instrumental music will be during the presentation of the gifts

Bishop: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All stand and say:

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

The Bishop then says the Prayer over the Offerings – response:

All: Amen.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface for the Chrism Mass: *Sung*

Holy, Holy, Holy: *Sung – The Mass of St Francis*

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on three staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

Please kneel

Eucharistic Prayer II

Memorial Acclamation 2: *Sung – The Mass of St Francis*

The my - ste-ry of faith When we eat this Bread and drink this—
Cup, we pro - claim your Death O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and concludes with a double bar line.

Doxology

Great Amen: *Sung – The Mass of St Francis*

Through Him.... A - men, A - men, A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

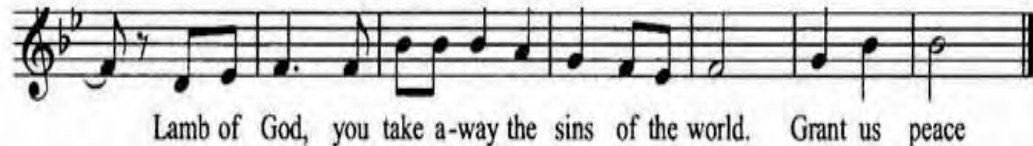
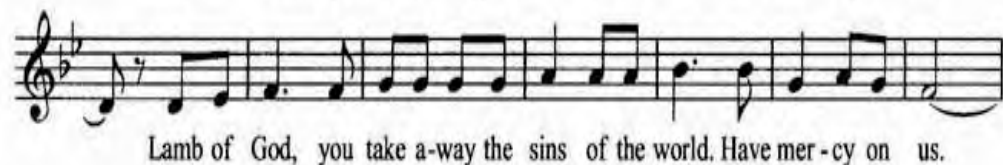
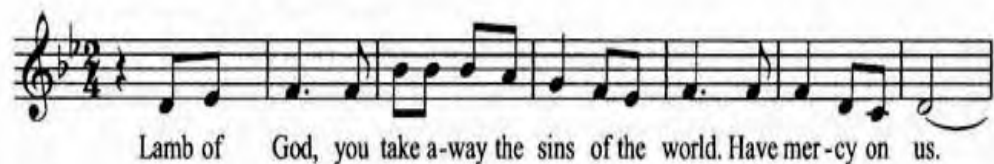
Communion Rite

Our Father: *Sung unaccompanied*

Please sit

Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God: *Sung – The Mass of St Francis*



Please kneel

Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Hymns

NOW IN THIS BANQUET

M Haugen

Refrain: Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread;
Here shall all hungers be fed.
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured,
love is the sign of our Lord.

You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light. *R.*

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
open our eyes to the glory of God. *R.*

God who makes the blind to see,
God who makes the lame to walk,
bring us dancing into day,
lead your people in your way. *R.*

Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,
“Strong” is your name, Lord, “Gentle” and “Kind.” *R.*

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,
make us your people again. *R.*

Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts!
We shall arise to be children of light. *R.*

HUMBLE SERVICE

G Vytilingam

From the Murray to the sea
we hear the Gospel call us.
Gathered to listen to the Spirit,
moving our hearts to serve.

The cracks in the boat they won't break us.
The seasons of drought will awake us,
that there are footsteps beside us in the sand.

Our God is a God who provides and
we see that there's beauty enlightening
the darkest of shadows
through mercy and with love.

We reach out in humble service,
sharing what we have with one another.
Humble service,
reaching out as sisters and as brothers.
Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever.
Oh wo ah. Humble service.

From the lakes and to the fields,
we see the harvest of creation.
Following the call to justice,
being Christ's hands and feet.

The cracks in the boat they won't break us.
The seasons of drought will awake us,
that there are footsteps beside us in the sand.

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We remember the past,
we live in the present,
we look to a brighter future.
We trust in Jesus who's the same,
yesterday, today and forever.

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Please sit

Acknowledgement of Jubilees of Priests 2024

Please stand

Prayer after Communion

Please sit

Collection of Oils

Bishop: The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens have been blessed and the Chrism consecrated for the needs of the people of the Diocese of Ballarat.

Let these oils now be taken to our parish communities for use in the year ahead.

The oils are now brought to the centre of the sanctuary.

As the name of the parish is called, the parish representative moves to the Bishop to receive the oils at the bottom of the altar steps.

After receiving the oils, the parish representative returns to their seat.

Concluding Rites

Please stand

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.
May the almighty and merciful God bless you,
and fill you with wisdom.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May you be strengthened in the love of God
and persevere in good works.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May all your steps be directed to God,
that you will walk in charity and peace.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

M Haugen

We are a blest and anointed people:
Signed for the Kingdom of God!
Oil to strengthen us on our journey:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice
Bring forth the City of God!

We are a blest and anointed people:
Signed for the Kingdom of God!
Oil for healing to soothe our suffering:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! *R.*

We are a blest and anointed people:
Signed for the Kingdom of God!
Oil of holiness, pure and fragrant:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! *R.*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the kingdom of God! *R.*

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*Following Mass,
all are invited to
St Patrick's Hall to
view the displays
and for a light lunch*

Monday, March 25, 2024



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