

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

The Ascension of the Lord Year B – 12th May



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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 Priests:

Fr James McKay

Fr Francis Kureeckal MST

Priest in Charge of Syro Malabar Community:

Fr Alex Valliyamthadathil

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: The Ascension of the Lord Year B (12th May)

First: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Second: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Readings next week: Pentecost Sunday Year B (19th May)

First: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Second: 1 Corinthians 12:3, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



RECENT DEATHS:

Soraya Hepburn, Donnan Maree Hoffman, James Mahony, Joseph O'Sullivan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Allison, Elena Bucovaz, Stefan Burcon, Bridget Campion, Mary Chatham, Peter Cook, Patrick Drinnan, Kathleen Fay, Mildred Fogarty, William Foley, Frederick Gale, Christina Goodfellow, Marie Hammond, Patricia Harman, Margaret Hateley, Mary Helliard, Ellen Kasek (Curry), Peter Kramer, Paul Madden, Jack Mahar, Stanislaus Thomas Mahar, Leon Martin, Alexander Merzviniskis, John Morris, Thomas Morris, Marie Nichols, Alma Norden, Robert O'Brien, Edward Smeaton, Peter Stranieri, Michael Tobin, Ellen White

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reflection on the Gospel-The Ascension of the Lord

Mark 16:15-20

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The Ascension was a turning point in the life of the church. It brought closure to the earthly activity of Jesus and launched the apostles on their own ministry. Jesus tells them that the time of fulfilment is approaching. They question him about the restoration of Israel. Since such restoration was considered a sign of the endtime, their question shows that they believed that the endtime had indeed come. Jesus informs them that though he will leave them, they will experience him through the presence of the Spirit. The actual account of the ascension is brief. Jesus is lifted up and concealed by a cloud. The church is now in a liminal state. Jesus has left, but the Spirit has not yet come.

The liturgical celebration described in the psalm is the enthronement of God. This enthronement appears to establish God's sovereign reign. The claim that the Lord rules over all the earth either points to the preeminence of the God of Israel over all other gods or it is an assertion of monotheistic faith. The title 'Most High', was the name given to 'the creator of heaven and earth' (Gen 14:19). Israel applied both the title and all of the attributes associated with it to its own God. In their minds, their God was not only king over all the earth and all the peoples that dwelt there, but was also king over all of the powers of heaven.

The passage from Ephesians 1:17-23 is a prayer for wisdom and revelation, gifts that are necessary for insight and understanding. It acclaims the power of God that raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ in the place of honour in heaven; it made all things subject to Christ and exalted Christ as head of the church. It is this same power that is now called upon. The image of Christ is quite exalted. Having been raised from the dead, Christ now sits at God's right hand, high above all of the other heavenly creatures. Exalted by God, Christ is made the head of the church, which is the body of Christ. As members of this exalted body, believers share in Christ's fullness.

The account of the ascension of Jesus marks a turning point in his relationship with his closest followers. It reports the commission to preach the gospel to all. The salvific nature of this gospel is clear: Those who believe will be saved; those who do not believe will be condemned. Faith in the message of the gospel is crowned by baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Taken from their sight, as exalted Lord, Jesus then takes his rightful place of privilege next to God. The concluding verse succinctly summarises the entire apostolic age: the apostles went into the entire world and preached the gospel; the Lord was with them, confirming their ministry through wondrous signs.

Eucharistic Sacramental Program

Prayer Mass Saturday May 11th 5:30, Sunday May 12th 10:30 & 5:00pm
Presentation Mass Saturday May 18th 5:30, Sunday May 19th 10:30 & 5:00pm

The parish-based preparation course for children (non-Catholic school) continues for children with their parent or guardian at **5:30pm on Tuesday 14th May and 5:30pm Tuesday 21st May.**

Eucharistic Celebrations June 1st/2nd and June 8th/9th and June 15th/16th
Contact Tony 53 312933 for registrations and details.

PRAYER MASS FOR CANDIDATES

LEADER Children you are preparing to receive the most important sacrament in the life of the Church – that is the gift of Jesus himself in the Eucharist. To help you to be ready to receive the blessed Eucharist that is the Body and Blood of Jesus, the parish presents you with this prayer card which has a prayer to say after you receive Holy Communion.

LEADER There is a special prayer on the cards which we will now share with all:

“Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the most blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. I love you above all things and I will always try to stay close to you in my life.”

LEADER I ask the parish community to pray this week for the children preparing for this important part of their faith life.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 12TH – 19TH MAY - BALLARAT

Tuesday 14th May	Peel Street Church of Christ, 7pm 37-39 Peel St S, Bakery Hill
Wednesday 15th May	Ballarat Central Uniting Church, 7pm 101-103 Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat
Thursday 16th May	St Patrick Cathedral, 7pm Cnr Sturt & Dawson Street, Ballarat
Friday 17th May	“Christ The King” Anglican Cathedral 7pm 49 Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

With more than 100 years of history, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) involves Christian communities throughout the world. At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Unity is rooted in the Gospel, itself. We create a picture of the unified nature of God and our union with God, by living in a unified way in the Church.

In Australia we celebrate this week from 12th to 18th May. For those who live in the Ballarat area, people are gathering at different churches in Ballarat on different nights of the week and all are welcome to attend each service. The community of St Patrick's Cathedral is hosting this prayer service on **Thursday 16th May at 7.00 pm**. The dates and times for other gatherings can be found on the flyer and all are invited to support each of the church services. A light supper follows each prayer gathering and members of the St Patrick's Community are asked to assist with the supper. If you are able to help contact Susan Crowe 0419887274.

Ballarat Diocesan Committee Catholic Women's League.

An invitation is extended to all to the Diocesan Conference/Reflection Day on Thursday May 23rd in the Mary Glowrey Room with registration at 9.15am.

Conference 10am - 3 pm

including 12.05pm Mass in the Cathedral with the Crowning of Our Lady Help of Christians.

Guest speakers - flyers in Cathedral Porch

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Stalls and Competitions - Cash only

Registration \$20 - cash only. Registration essential and RSVP

to Margaret Rowe by May 20 on 0419 114 436 or margrowe@bigpond.com

or to C Kavanagh at 0401 175 045 annekav1234@gmail.com

Prayer for Mother's Day – Sunday, May 12

Loving God, we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love.

We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care.

We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. Amen.

Corpus Christ Seminary Enquiry Day

Corpus Christi Seminary, Melbourne is hosting an Enquiry Day on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10.45am for those thinking about the priesthood. Please register to attend by email

Diane.Carey@cam.org.au.

For more information contact Fr Ed Moloney, Diocesan Vocations Committee

ed.moloney@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Ignatian Spirituality Reflection Day

"The experience of God is a journey of the heart." An opportunity to stop, rest, refresh and connect with others. Join us for guided prayer, reflection, journaling, sacred listening and spiritual conversation. Sunday 23rd June 10am to 3pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey room.

Lunch provided and free to participants.

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World Communications Day: Sunday, May 12

Pope Francis' message for the 50th World Day of Social Communications, "Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication" can be read at

<https://shorturl.at/xGJSV>

The Dicastery for Communication has published a pastoral reflection on social media engagement, and can be read at

<https://www.fullypresent.website/en.html>

ACU Centre for Liturgy Public Lecture

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is delighted to be offering a new public lecture by Mr Steve Warner, a renowned liturgical musician, composer and choral conductor who will address the topic, "The Ageless Voice of the Young: Fostering Emerging Liturgical Musicians". The lecture will be held online on Monday, May 20, at 10.00am (AEST).

Register at <https://shorturl.at/q5CKZ>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2613.35

Second Collection - \$ 3891.90

Tap & Go - \$ 611.45

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 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

Thursday

11.15am Divine Mercy Devotion
7.00pm Prayer for Christian Unity

Friday 11.00am to 12.00pm -
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Prayer

Saturday after 10.00 am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
**changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events*

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday

5.30pm Eucharistic Preparation
7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

9.30am Playgroup

Sunday

6.00pm Youth Group