

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

The Most Holy Trinity Year B – 26th May



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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:
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 Most Holy Trinity Year B (26th May)

First: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 **Second:** Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Readings next week: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Year B (2nd June)

First: Exodus 24:3-8

Second: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



RECENT DEATHS:

Billy Holmes, Patricia McCarthy, Patricia (Pat) Nunn, Felicity Stehlik, George Webb

ANNIVERSARIES:

Wilhelmus (Bill) Adriaans, Monica Braybrook, Tom Bushell, Janice Christopherson, Ellen Fay, William Fay, Fr Laurence Gallagher, Maryann Grima, Lindsay Hannah, Elizabeth Howley, Mario Iafrate, Jane Kincade, Margaret Miller, Mary Matthews, Noelene McCulloch, Patrick McMahon, Valma Murphy, Mary Naylor, Angela Nesci, Shirely Porter, Aileen Pryor, Irene Roberts, William Ross, Teresa Scholten, Desmond Segrave, Reiny Joseph Strybosch, Julie Anne Tebb, Marguerite Victor, Amerial Weir, Joan Wels, Joseph Welsh, Rita Wildner

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Reflection on the Gospel- The Most Holy Trinity Year B
(Matthew 28:16-20) © Dianne Bergant CSA

Moses admonishes the people to commit themselves to the Lord, pointing out the singular majesty of the God who has taken such a personal interest in their welfare. God's mighty deeds include: divine revelation itself; the election of Israel; and God's deliverance of them through numerous signs and wonders. From a historical point of view, the exodus involved God and the people of Israel. From a theological point of view, it was God's victory over the forces of the gods of Egypt. For these reasons, Moses encourages the people to commit themselves to this God, who had been so good to them in the past; to accept God's law and obey it, so that God would be equally good to them in the future.

The psalm response expresses Israel's faith in God. This faith is rooted in the truth of God's word, the faithfulness of God's works, the justice of God's covenant, and the steadfastness of God's love. Everything else flows from this. God's word is as firm as is God's own self. The order and stability manifested through the marvels of creation not only stem from God's power and faithfulness, they witness to it. All of this is grounded in the steadfastness of covenant loyalty. The trustworthiness of God's word parallels the constancy of God's covenant. After considering various wisdom themes, the psalm ends on the theme of covenant kindness.

Paul explains the unique privilege of being children of God, led by the Spirit. He uses 'spirit' in various ways: the Spirit of God or Christ is a divine reality; the spirit of slavery is a disposition or mentality; the spirit of adoption is a relationship. Paul identifies the children of God as those who are compelled by the Spirit. He further states that we are children of God through the sonship of Christ. When we are joined to Jesus, the divine Son, we are led by the same Spirit that led him. Thus it is with and through Christ that we become children of God. If Jesus can call God Abba, then we who are joined to him can as well.

The commissioning of the disciples takes place on a mountain. The trinitarian formula for Baptism given there gathers together elements already found in Jesus' teaching. Throughout his ministry, Jesus spoke of God as Father (Mt 11:25-), indicating the intimate relationship that exists there. He also spoke of the Spirit who came upon him at his baptism (Mt 3:16) and through whose power he cast out demons (Mt 12:28). It is in this threefold name (one name, not three) that the disciples are to baptise. The specific teaching alluded to here is moral, not doctrinal. It calls for observance of Jesus' commandments. Jesus inaugurated the reign of God, at the heart of which is a radically different way of life.

ACU Centre for Liturgy Public Lecture

Celebrating Liturgy Today: Exploring the Ritual Enactment of Faith is an intensive post graduate unit being offered concurrently as a professional learning seminar, over four days July 8, 9, 10, 11, 2024 from 9.00am – 5.00pm delivered live online via Zoom. It will be taught by Professor Clare Johnson and guests. The minimum professional learning commitment is 12 hours over the four days with no assessment requirement. It investigates the celebration of liturgy (particularly the Eucharist) in light of the revised Roman Missal, recent church instructions and key writings on the major liturgical and theological principles for liturgical celebration. It investigates liturgy's definition and forms, liturgical ministries at the service of the worshiping assembly, and employing technology appropriately in liturgy, among other topics. It identifies guidelines for preparing and evaluating effective liturgical celebrations in schools and parishes today. Teachers, clergy, parish and diocesan personnel and interested others are most welcome to enrol in this unit as professional learners (not for assessment) or auditors or as part of a postgraduate program (through ACU or cross-institutionally). Register at www.acu.edu.au/PL-CfL. A certificate of attendance available for professional accreditation hours.

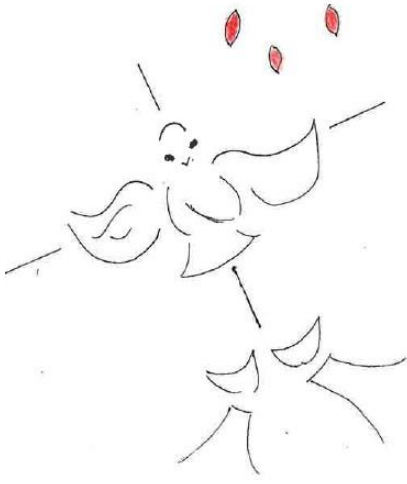
First World Children's Day: May 25 & 26, 2024

Pope Francis has announced the celebration of the first World Children's Day on May 25 & 26, 2024, "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them." The day will be organised by the Vatican's Dicastery for Culture and Education and will seek to answer the question, "What kind of world do we wish to pass on to the children who are growing up?" Read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Children's Day at



<https://www.worldchildrenday.org/>

The picture depicts the Holy Trinity



~ Father (depicted by the hands below, inspired by the verse in Isaiah 49:16 "Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My Hands").

~ Son (who was crucified for the sins of the world, depicted by the cross).

~ Holy Spirit (depicted by the tongues of fire – which signifies the coming of the Holy spirit upon the disciples as Jesus promised, John 14:16-17,26 & Acts 2).

It signifies the birth of the New Testament church 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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Sandra. (A member of the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish)

Ministries in the Cathedral Parish

Last Sunday, Pentecost Sunday we commissioned those involved in various ministries of our parish. Find below a list of current groups which are outlined with their service area on our parish website.

Parish Pastoral Council

Funeral Ministry

Hospitality (10.30am Mass)

Passionist Family Groups

Playgroup

St Patrick's Youth Group

Parish Earthcare

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children of a Catechetical Age

Sacramental Team

Liturgical Art, Environment

Cantate Domine

Cathedral Environment Precinct

Cathedral Counting Teams

Christian Life Communities

Legion of Mary

Mountain of Praise

Divine Mercy

Catholic Women's League

St Mary's Syro Malabar Mission Parish

GodStart Post-Baptism Support

Ministry to the Sick & Housebound

Pastoral Care (Health Services)

Visiting Team

St Patrick's Young Adult Group

Alpha

Liturgy Preparation Team

Cathedral Choirs

Children's Choir

Cathedral Cleaning Teams

Finance Committee

Friday Rosary Group

Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer

St Padre Pio Prayer Group

St Vincent de Paul Conference

MenAlive

The St Patrick's Cathedral Parish continues to be blessed by all those involved within these ministries. Gracious God, we ask you to bless these members of our community in their varied roles of service in our parish. May Christ be with them in their ministries day by day. Amen.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study



The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The Cycle 4 begins May 27. Registrations close May 22, 2024. There are 30 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Scan the QR code for more information or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Pope's intention for May: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. Lord, hear us.

Eucharistic Sacramental Program

The parish-based lessons have been completed and children will receive their First Eucharist at Masses over the next 4 weekends (not King's Birthday Weekend). Please wait until children have presented to the priest at the start of the Communion procession.

Eucharistic Celebrations:

25th/26th May and June 1st/2nd and June 15th/16th
Contact Tony 53 312933 for registrations and details.

Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians

A new musical setting of the Mass is being introduced at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians, by the late Richard Connolly, was composed following an invitation from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) in response to the Vatican document *Liturgiam Authenticam* (2001). You can hear excerpts from the Mass at the following website - www.canticanova.com/catalog/products/cnp3126-2.htm
If you are a Cathedral musician, or an interested parishioner, and would like to learn the Mass, a practice session is being held on **Wednesday 5 June at 7pm** in the MacKillop/Glowrey room. Any queries email Vincent or ph. 0407310115.

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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National Reconciliation Week

The theme for 2024, "Now More Than Ever", is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will—and must—continue. A resource document has been created that may prove valuable in celebrating this week. Resources and more information is available from the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/national-reconciliation-week-may-27-june-3-including-sorry-day-may-26/

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2585.40

Second Collection - \$ 1864.35

Tap & Go - \$ 598.35

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

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

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Sunday

10.30am Cuppa After Mass

6.00pm Youth Group