

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B – 5th 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: Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B (5th May)

First: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 **Second:** 1 John 4:7-10 **Gospel:** John 15:9-17

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

First: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 **Second:** Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 **Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20



RECENT DEATHS:

Fr Tom Brophy, John Mildren

ANNIVERSARIES:

Theresa Bauer, Kevin Bilston, Richard Blanchfield, Teresa Bongiorno, Pasquale Carbone, John Chandler, George Daniel, Kathleen Dodds, Margaret Engellenner, Santolo Esposito, Thomasena Fischer, Martin Hayes, Brian Keating, Gerard Madden, Margaret Philomena Maher, Barbara Mahony, Norman Malthouse, George Mangan, Kathleen Martin, Vinka Medvac, Thomas Millington, Juri Owczarenko, Francis 'Frank' Sheehan OAM, Thomas James Sullivan, Peter Swan, Mary Todd, Jim Welsh

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reflection on the Gospel-Easter 6B

(John 15:9-17)

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The scriptural offerings for today tap some of the richest veins of Johannine literature. A single phrase in the Gospel sums it up: "Remain in my love."

The same 'chain' of love (presented in the first readings) is central to the exhortation we hear in the **Gospel**. What Jesus is essentially trying to communicate to the disciples as he continues his discourse at the Last Supper is a sense of his own experience of being loved by the Father. He loves them as he has been loved by the Father in order to pass on to them the 'joy' that he experiences in that divine love. There is no joy like that of suddenly discovering we are loved by someone from whom we would very much like to be loved but never dreamed that being loved by that person would ever be a possibility, let alone something that would one day come about. Such love – and the resultant joy in its discovery – is pure gift. Jesus is here insisting that the rationale of his whole life and mission is that human beings should share the joy (of being loved by God) that is his as eternal Son of the Father (cf. John 1:18).

The 'commandments' that the disciples are urged to 'keep' all reduce, in the Fourth Gospel, to the commandment to love the brothers and sisters. Keeping this essential commandment is what is meant by the exhortation: 'Remain in my love.' The Greek word *menein*, translated 'remain,' has wide resonances in this Gospel, embracing the idea of 'dwell' as well as 'remain'. Thus the fullest sense of the command here is 'come to live, and remain living, within my love'. The thought is close to that we have seen in the First Reading: believers are to realise that they are caught up within the 'current' of a divine communion of love. They should 'remain' within that current by allowing divine love to flow through them to one another.

The second half of the reading brings out the sacrificial quality of the love in question. The love that Christ is passing on to the disciples involved laying down his life for them as his 'friends'. Despite the vast difference between ordinary human beings and Christ as Son of God, the disciples can think of themselves as his 'friends' rather than servants for two reasons. First, he has made the supreme gesture of friendship by laying down his life for them. Second, he has shared with them the intimacy he enjoys with the Father. They are 'friends' not through their choice of him but because he has chosen them – all part of a vast divine design to communicate God's love (= 'bear fruit') to the world.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat – Formation

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils/Parish Teams, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions. Further details on the format will follow. Dates are: Swan Hill - June 12; Robinvale - June 13; Horsham - July 28; Colac – July 30; Warrnambool - August 25; Ballarat - October 20.

St Bernard's Church Bacchus Marsh 150th Anniversary

St Bernard's Church Bacchus Marsh will mark the 150th Anniversary of the blessing and opening of the church with a special Mass on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 11.00am. A 300 page history focusing on the priests and people who built the parish has been compiled.

Prepaid orders are essential by May 10. \$75.00 per copy.

Details are available on the church website <https://stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au/>

Fr Tom Brophy Funeral Mass

Requiem Mass to pray for the repose for the soul of Fr Tom Brophy will be celebrated on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Burial will follow at the Ballarat New Cemetery. Rosary will be recited in evening on Sunday, May 5 at 6.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Fr Tom was assistant priest at the Cathedral from 1981 to 1985.

Livestream link for the Funeral Mass is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1XY3pJf9z0>.

Livestream link for the burial is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17ebPR80EK8>

Diocesan History Timeline

As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

Fr Paddy Mugavin Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood Mass

All are welcome to Mass to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr Paddy Mugavin on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Hamilton.

Morning tea / light lunch provided.

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. There are 30 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code for more information or email

djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Damascus College Ballarat Reunions

Damascus College warmly welcomes past students and staff of Sacred Heart College, St Martin's in the Pines and Damascus College to our 2024 Class Reunion's. connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au

This year, we are thrilled to host 'class of' reunions for:

Class of 1984 – 40 Year Reunion Celebration – Saturday, May 18

Class of 1994 – 30 Year Reunion Celebration – Saturday, May 18

Class of 2004 – 20 Year Reunion Celebration – Saturday, May 25

Class of 2014 – 10 Year Reunion Celebration – Saturday, May 25

Please note: An all-years St Paul's Reunion will be held in 2025.

For further details and booking links for each class reunion, please visit

<https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/community/alumni/alumni-reunions-events>. Scroll down to 2024 'CLASS OF' Reunions and click the + to view details and book your ticket. Enquiries:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was chosen by a working group from Burkina Faso, "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27). The National Council of Churches in Australia have provided promotional and worship and reflection resources for this week, available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>



Laudato Si'



Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. (Laudato Si' 25).

reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose

Rosary will be recited for the repose of the soul of Fr Tom Brophy Pastor Emeritus 6:30pm this Sunday at the Cathedral.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word Online Training Programs The ACU Centre for Liturgy, which is endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, offers online training programs for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word. The next Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion program will begin on April 9 and Ministers of the Word program will begin on June 4. Both programs will be available again at various times throughout the year. For registration details and more information go to <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>

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.

Morning Tea today after 10.30am Mass

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass. All welcome. Come along to the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms for a cuppa and some home baking.

Ballarat Diocesan Committee CWL

Keep the date free - Retreat/Reflection Day Thursday May 23rd. 9.15am Registration Mass 12.05pm Crowning of Our Lady on the eve of memorial of Our Lady Help of Christians. Concluding 3.30pm. Registration \$20

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2248.40

(Presbytery - Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1809.05

Tap & Go - \$ 610.53

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday –

10.00am Requiem Mass Fr Tom Brophy
12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm
2.00pm Funeral Nicholas Moore

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

Sunday

6.00pm Youth Group

Tuesday

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

9.30am Playgroup