

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B – 16<sup>th</sup> June



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*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: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (16<sup>th</sup> June)**

**First:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

**Second:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

## **Readings next week: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (23<sup>rd</sup> June)**

**First:** Job 38:1, 8-11

**Second:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41



## **RECENT DEATHS:**

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Nancy Atkinson, Catherine Barnes, June Bertalli, Margrette Bouchier, Marlene Broadbent, Maurice Carroll, John Cleary, Graham Cluning, Robert Digman, James Donnelly, Martin (Frank) Dowling, Margot Driscoll, Patricia Ann Duffy, Catherine Dynon, Mary Franc, Barbara Goodwin, Moya Hartigan, Winifred Humphries, Sharon Hunt, Kevin Linane, Abigail Liversage, John Madigan, Fr Thomas Mahony CSsR, Dawn Mathews, Mary McLean, Thomas Minogue, Thurza Moore, Eileen Polglase, Helen Roberts, Mary Ryan, Evan Stevens, Gerhard Zehner

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**



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**Venue:** MacKillop/Glowrey Hall, Cathedral Precinct

**Address:** 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat

**Date:** Tuesday 9th July 2024

**Time:** 5:30pm to 6:30pm

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## Reflection on the Gospel- Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 4:26-34)

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Jesus had been addressing the crowds from a boat moored at the edge of the lake. In this incident, the disciples and Jesus moved away from the shoreline, and put out over the water. To the Jew generally, the water was a symbol that touched powerfully into their sense of the unfamiliar and the fearful.

With this story Mark presented something quite different from exorcisms and healings. He was indeed making a new statement about Jesus. It was as if he were seeking to remind his readers, before outlining a further significant development in the unfolding drama, just who and what this Jesus was. He would present the listener with the Jesus who *rebuked the wind and calmed the sea*.

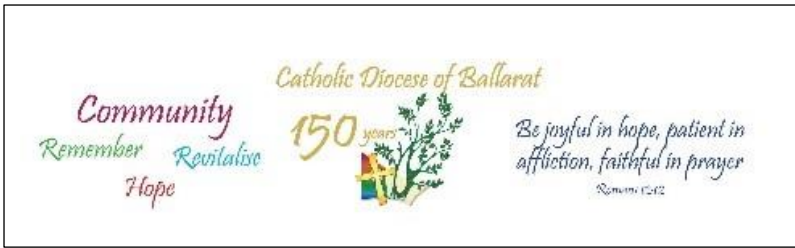
The Jews were familiar with the story of Moses who led the Hebrew people from their captivity in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. On that journey through unfamiliar regions of the Sinai Peninsula, Moses had formed the unorganised rabble into a unified people, the People of God. God made the escape possible by means of a strong wind that blew all night and dried the seabed, so enabling the Hebrew people to cross dry-shod and safe.

Mark may have wished to make a statement about Jesus. He may also have wished to indicate that the unfolding story would chart the definition of the new community of disciples soon to exercise the mind of Jesus.

One theme would be the disciples' continuing struggle to faith, their inner journey from initial fascination and response to deeper insight and commitment. **"He said to them "Why were you so frightened? How is it you have no faith?" They were terrified, and said to each other, "Who is this, that the wind and the sea obey him?"** The other theme would be the intriguing question about the identity of Jesus: Who then is this? The question would arise and be answered from a variety of sources.

Jesus and the disciples crossed to the *other shore*. This *other shore* was unknown territory, pagan territory. Jesus' prime focus of mission had been his own Jewish compatriots. He did not consider that he had a specific mission to non-Jews. Yet Mark would be insistent that Jesus did on occasion enter their territory and did engage with them. The issue was significant for many Christian communities that came into existence after Jesus' death. Were non-Jews fit to become members, and, if so, under what conditions?

The crossing to the other side was dangerous – a *very strong wind squall* on an inhospitable sea. In the Christian communities the opening to Gentiles caused many a storm, and led some Jewish Christians to fear that they would be swamped and consequently perish.



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat**

**Formation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024**

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. There is a flyer attached that you could display in your parish or add to your bulletin. The flyer is also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

**REFUGEE WEEK AFTERNOON TEA/GARAGE SALE**

Stalls/Competitions  
**Saturday June 22nd** 1.30pm onwards  
30 Waller Avenue, Newington  
Entry \$20 - All welcome  
Inquiries - Carmel 0401 175045 [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com)

**Timor Leste Encounter Tour**

Join our small group Encounter tour to Timor-Leste from August 30 to September 11, 2024. You will engage directly with the people and projects that are making a positive difference within their communities as well as a unique opportunity to experience the profound impact of the Pope's visit and message first-hand. To find out more information and register go to <https://palms.org.au/encounters/>



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You are invited to sign a petition to retain the saying of the Lord's Prayer at the start of sittings of the Victorian Parliament. You can find the petition at <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/retain-the-lords-prayer-in-legislative-council-proceedings/>

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June** 10am to 3pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey room. RSVP by 16/6/2024. Lunch provided and free to participants. Doreen Roache 0417117382

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## Sacrament of Confirmation

The parish Parent Information Meeting for children undertaking Confirmation will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** in the MacKillop Hall at 5:30pm. This is specially held for parents of children that are not attending Catholic schools but is open to all parents. Our parish Catholic schools will hold additional meetings. The full parish Sacramental journey will be outlined at these meetings.

## St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

The theme of the appeal this year is the "Working Homeless", focussing on the emerging trend of people who are experiencing housing hardship and disadvantage despite being in employment. For the period between May 2023 – May 2024, St Vincent de Paul provided material household assistance to the value of \$730,000 across greater Ballarat. Envelopes are available in churches for donations and can be placed on the collection plate. Please write your name and address if you require a receipt. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. To donate online, go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or call 131812.

## National Refugee Week: June 17-23, 2024

In a world marked by displacement and the search for refuge, this year's Refugee Week theme "Finding Freedom" – with a focus on family – encapsulates the profound journey of resilience, strength, and unity that defines the refugee experience. This Refugee Week, we aim to shed light on the transformative power of familial bonds as well as chosen bonds in the face of adversity and emphasise the crucial role families play in providing solace, support, and a sense of belonging to those forced to flee their homelands. More information is available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/national-refugee-week-june-17-23-2024/>

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

**First Collection (Blue bag Priests) - \$ TBC**

**Second Collection (Red bag Parish) - \$ TBC**

**Tap & Go - \$ TBC**

## 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**

11.15am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

### **Wednesday**

11.15am 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**

5.30pm Liturgy Team Meeting  
7.00pm Life in the Spirit

### **Wednesday**

1.00pm Legion of Mary

### **Sunday**

10.00am Ignatian Spirituality Reflection Day