

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B – 23rd June



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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: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (23rd June)

First: Job 38:1, 8-11

Second: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Readings next week: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (30th June)

First: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Second: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43



RECENT DEATHS:

John Cushing, Alan David Mason, Mick Nolan, Noreen O'Connor
Sr Louise Ritchard

ANNIVERSARIES:

Angel Brown, John Collins, Maria Copi, Veronica Curran, Bill Dowler,
Sr M Emilian, IBVM, Mary Hall, Istvan Kirsteuer, James Martin,
Cecylia Mlynarczyk, Hilda O'Brien, Josie Hall, Bridget Price, Br Bernard Scott,
Catherine Singh, Tanya Tobin, Frank Valbusa, James Walker, Henry Werner,
Anthony White, Beryl Woof

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.



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Venue: MacKillop/Glowrey Hall, Cathedral Precinct

Address: 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat

Date: Tuesday 9th July 2024

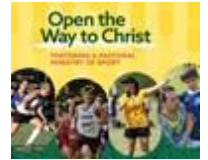
Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Palms: 0422 472 567 palms@palms.org.au



Sport can lead the way to Christ

Like many other countries, Australia is passionate about sport. But how are the Church, faith and sport connected and why should they be? Whether competing, supporting or encouraging play for health, sport is part of our family and social life. In sport we experience community and teamwork, sacrifice and dedication, the benefits of rules and fair play, the highs of success and the learnings that come with defeat. We learn from coaches, parents and friends as we put in the extra effort to train or to attend games. Sport forms us not only in the skills of play or competition, but in life experiences that form our personal human development. The Church and sport can learn from each other in many ways. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a new document that explains how sport is a gift that can draw people closer to Christ. More information available from the diocesan website



<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/sport-can-lead-the-way-to-christ/>

Reflection on the Gospel- Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 4:35-41)

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In 2020, Pope Francis stood alone in St Peter's Square in Rome and reflected on this Gospel passage. 'We find ourselves afraid and lost,' he said. 'Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm.'

At the time, while a pandemic raged, the Pope spoke of the need for joint action for the good of all. 'We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented,' he said, before adding that this meant we are 'all of us called to row together.'

Moreover, as the Pope reminds us, we never need to row alone. Jesus is always there for us when we call.

For the apostles, Jesus was in the boat. He was present, even as his disciples flailed about, worrying what would become of them. In fact, as the Pope notes, Jesus was 'in the stern, in the part of the boat that sinks first.' Whatever our trials, we should always know that Jesus is there with us.

And, the Pope adds, we can trust that Jesus understands. Tellingly, Jesus does not only calm the wind. As the Pope puts it, 'once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement.'

Laudato Si': Everything is connected

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action. The Diocesan Social Justice Commission, in collaboration with Caritas (Diocese of Ballarat), Earthcare Ballarat and the Pastoral Ministry Office, will provide monthly *Laudato Si'* banners for use on your parish bulletins and correspondence to your community (see June banners attached - choose one that suits your bulletin). The banners include a quote taken directly from the encyclical with the reference number provided for parishioners to look up and read more deeply about that area. You are encouraged to promote the Pope's message by using these banners as they are designed to help reflect and respond to the encyclical and foster faith and action. Also provided along with the banners will be a monthly idea we encourage you to include on your bulletins to help your parish/community to change the world!:

"Use Cloth Bags" Did you know? Plastic bags can take hundreds of years to break down. They can also be deadly for our wildlife. Take an earth-friendly reusable bag with you everywhere you go!

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/>

A promotional banner for the Alpha program. It features a photograph of a man and a woman smiling. The word "Alpha" is written in large white letters across the image. A red circular logo with the word "Alpha" is in the top right corner. Below the photo, on a red background, is the following text:

Every Thursday
6:30pm to 8pm
11 July to 5 Sept 2024
St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery
3 Lyons St Sth, Ballarat

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

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Petition to Retain the Lord's Prayer in Parliament

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/>

Council of Priests Meeting

This coming Tuesday Bishop Paul and all priests of the Ballarat Diocese gather in the MacKillop Glowrey room for their 6-monthly meeting to discuss the mission of the church in the Diocese. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The parish Parent Information Meeting for children undertaking Confirmation will be held on

Thursday 18th 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 or call 131812.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Store

Saint Vincent de Paul Piety store is open after Masses on week-ends. Cards and gifts for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation are available.

Annual Collection for the Pope: June 29-30

The annual collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on the weekend near the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (June 29). Bishop Paul noted the many demands on people of the Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals, but emphasised the importance of support for the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

Sr Louise Ritchard ibvm

Sr Louise was principal at St Joseph's PS 1978 - 1987 and was responsible for the amalgamation of St Joseph's and St Patrick's Drummond St. She was also responsible for the building of St Thomas More School Alfredton.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2277.40

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 5661.35

Tap & Go - \$ 723.99

(Red bag Parish – buildings, office, admin, grounds and maintenance)

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

Sunday

10.00am Ignatian Spirituality Reflection Day

Tuesday

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

4.30pm Earthcare