

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B – 21<sup>st</sup> July



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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

Fr Abraham Thomas

**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: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (21<sup>st</sup> July)**

**First:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Second:** Ephesians 2:13-18

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

## **Readings next week: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (28<sup>th</sup> July)**

**First:** 2 Kings 4:42-44

**Second:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15



## **RECENT DEATHS:**

Elizabeth Russo

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Giuseppe Angelini, Dorothy Bowden, Michael Brennan, Kevin Briody, Cornelius John Britt, Marie Burnside, Sr Breda Byrne, IBVM, Florence Calwin, Daniel Cashin, Margaret Coppock, Antoinette De Brauwere, Sheila Auchettl, James Frangos, Michael Flynn, Ron Flynn, Alex Gaitan, Patricia Galea, Gail Ginnane, James Grant, Marjorie Gullifer, Francis Hutt, Maree Hutt, Dorothea James, Doreen Keating, Irene Keating, Stephen Lowry, Maria Martin, Tony McGuinness, Margaret Nolan, Sarah O'Malley, Anna Ozczenko, Kenneth Ryan, Rita Ryan, Maria Sabo, Fletcher Slater, Robert Smith, Margaret Stabernack, Antonius Stoffels, Jess Taranto, Margaret Tonkin, Lou Verberne, Snr, Clara Woof

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

## Reflection for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *Noli me tangere* – Fiona Bradley

As well as being known for their academic prowess and excellence in preaching, the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans) count amongst themselves a number of famous artists. Arguably the most well-known of these is Fra Angelico whose beautiful frescos in the convent of San Marco, Florence, are the most extensive surviving decorative collection for a religious community.

Fra Angelico's frescos were intended not so much to be decorative though as to be aids to meditation and contemplation. As well as the grand frescos in the common areas of the convent there were smaller frescos in each friar's cell, so that every brother would have before his eyes a vivid reminder of one of the events in the life and passion of Christ.



One such fresco, in an upper cell of the convent, shows the scene where St Mary Magdalene encounters the Risen Christ after having mistaken him for a gardener. On her knees before him, she reaches out to touch him, to cling – the person to whom she has been a disciple from the earliest days and with whom she is now overjoyed to be reunited.

The encounter between the two is included in all four Gospels, however, it is most detailed in the Gospel of John (20:11-18). The evangelist tells how Mary addressed Jesus as *Rabbouni*: "my master," and that she reached out to touch him. Both actions are indicators that she wished to reestablish the relationship she once had with him. Jesus, though, rebuked her with the famous *Noli me tangere*: "Don't cling to me!" and explained that the hour was still in progress and he has yet to ascend to the Father (he is no longer, therefore, for this world).

At this point, Mary has not yet fully comprehended the event. She is still in a place of partial belief. This is a common theme in the Gospel of John who tells stories of many people who journey from no faith to partial faith to complete faith. Standing at the door of the empty tomb in tears, Mary was in the darkness of unbelief, unable to understand what might have happened. When she heard Jesus call her by her name her faith ignites but she has yet to completely grasp the significance of what was occurring. She remains in this state until she fulfils Jesus' command that she go and tell the disciples that she has seen the Lord and all that he had told her.

In so doing Mary has not only achieved perfect belief but as the passage closes she has become a messenger announcing the words of Jesus to his disciples. In effect she has become an apostle to the Apostles, which is precisely the title bestowed upon her by another great Dominican and Doctor of the Church, St Thomas Aquinas. He wrote: "Just as a woman had announced the words of death to the first man, so also a woman was the first to announce to the Apostles the words of life."

On her feast day tomorrow (22 July) may we seek the intercession of St Mary Magdalene, and pray that we too may come to perfect faith.

## REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE MERGING OF PARISHES INTO A MINISTRY DISTRICT

This gathering was to begin the process of listening to a way forward in working together to merge parishes into a Ministry District. The process of forming Ministry Districts has taken place in most areas of the Diocese in recent years. Ross Wheatland the Diocesan Business Manager chaired the Meeting.

Meeting began with Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer to the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom; followed by a video with Clara Geoghegan who is the Executive Secretary of the Australian Bishop's Conference presenting: 'Discerning Spiritual Gifts' which was viewed:

[https://youtu.be/9h8doDdfwIY?si=wzqhJ81\\_lbk\\_7Pbo](https://youtu.be/9h8doDdfwIY?si=wzqhJ81_lbk_7Pbo)

### Parish district map (see below)

Represents the 3 current parishes merging into one parish.

Beaufort - larger geographically but fewer people.

Ballarat North - more people in small area.

Cathedral – largest group of people in reasonably small area.

**Time- Line: of future Parish Merge** Parish activity will remain operating independently for the immediate future, but in time the three parishes will come together as one, with a projected date of merger 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025. Through a position of *collaboration*, the parishes will work towards a harmonious grouping. There are many gifts and talents in the communities and many experts in various fields. The Priests want to use the expertise of the Laity as we explore the merging of the parishes.

### Parish Council and Finance Committee

There are two crucial areas of consideration: Pastoral and Financial.

There has already been some communication between the priests, parish council members and finance committee members of each parish.

Finance Committees of all 3 parishes will formally come together by September 2024 and begin the discernment of a combined finance council. Independent finance council operations will continue at the same time.

A meeting, no later than September 2024, will be held with 2 nominated representatives of each parish council and one representative from a parish school to reflect on the make- up of a future Combined Parish Council.

### Sacramental Programs

As the Sacramental life of the Church is paramount, affirmation was heard about what is emerging and being done in this area. The Sacramental Programs are all aligned to the Diocesan directions for Initiation into faith life. Collaboration will continue and deepen between the five parish schools, staff, families, and parishioners.

### Current Mass Times

Currently, priests are appointed to service Masses in all parishes.

Cathedral 5.30pm Saturday

Cathedral 8.00am Sunday

Ballarat North 10.00am Sunday

Cathedral 10.30am Sunday

Cathedral 5.00pm Sunday

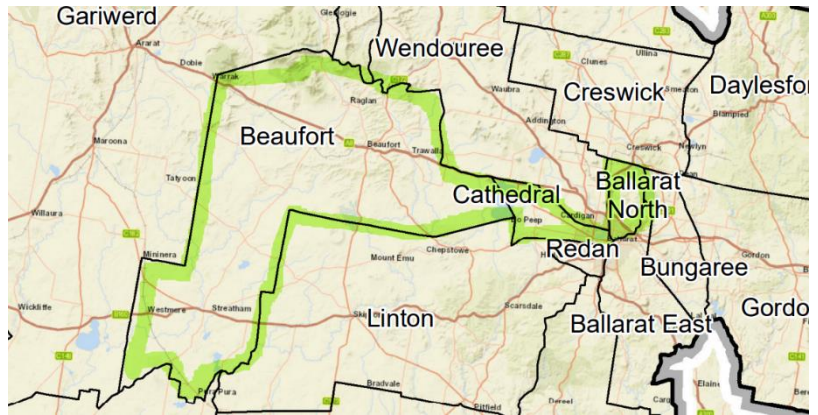
Beaufort 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 8.30 am. A Lay- led Assembly is held on other Sundays of the month at 10.00 am.

The Cathedral has weekday Masses and many Prayer opportunities throughout the day.

St Columba's currently has 10 am Mass on Wednesdays.

### Naming of New Parish

There needs to be a naming of the New Ministry District – a working party will be formed to receive suggestions before any decision is discerned. Nominations for 2 representatives from each parish will be sought for the naming working party. With the first meeting of the working party to be conducted by September 2024. Each community will retain the name of their parish Church/Cathedral, e.g. St John the Baptist, St Columba's and St Patricks.



### **Prevention of domestic violence**

Catholic Social Services Victoria has published a brochure, "Let's build respectful communities" for parishes across Victoria that provides information about recognising, responding to, and preventing domestic violence, as well as further resources for those seeking help. The brochure forms part of CSSV's ongoing work within the Catholic community to build capacity for the prevention of family and domestic violence. For more information and to download the brochure, go to the diocesan website

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/prevention-of-domestic-violence-against-women/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/prevention-of-domestic-violence-against-women/)

### **Catholic Diocese of Ballarat – employment opportunity**

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat requires a qualified accountant to assist the Business Manager in the day-to-day financial operations of the diocese and its associated entities. This is a part-time position. For more information and to apply go to the diocesan website

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/)

### **Catholic Earthcare to host Season of Creation workshop in September**

Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare team is inviting the Catholic community – including schools, parishes, diocese, organisations and religious orders – to join its 2024 Season of Creation convocation. Taking place from Thursday, September 12 to Saturday, September 14, the convocation will call participants to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' together. Attendees will enjoy keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences, before gathering to transform learnings into action. Keynote speakers include Sr Anne-Maree O'Beirne RSM, Pedro Walpole and Sally Neaves. More information is available from the diocesan website

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-earthcare-to-host-season-of-creation-workshop-in-september/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-earthcare-to-host-season-of-creation-workshop-in-september/)

### **Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: Visionary Scientist**

Caritas Australia, Catholic Earthcare and Being with God in Nature invites you to an online screening of "Teilhard Visionary Scientist" by filmmakers Frank and Mary Frost on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6.00pm (AEST). More information available at [www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/](http://www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/)

### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

**First Collection** - \$ 2608.95

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 4135.95

(Red bag Parish – buildings, office, admin etc)

**Tap & Go** - \$ 734.88

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday** – 12.05pm

10.00am Requiem Mass Elizabeth Russo

**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 Confirmation Preparation Meeting  
7.00pm Life in the Spirit

**Wednesday**

1.00pm Legion of Mary  
6.30pm Combined Parishes Meeting

**Thursday**

4.30pm Earthcare Meeting  
6.00pm ALPHA Meeting

**Sunday**

Ballarat Choral Festival