

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B – 11th August



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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

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: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (11th August)

First: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Second: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Readings next week: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (18th August)

First: Proverbs 9:1-6

Second: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58



RECENT DEATHS:

Dora Caceres

ANNIVERSARIES:

Leonard Basham, Sr Marina Bastian IBVM, Margaret Bromley, John Byrne, John Calistro, James Campbell, Philip Chatham, Herbert Cluff, Thomas Coffey, Joanne Duke, Trent Elkins, Joan Fanning, Dorothy Gibson, Nancy Gilham, Elizabeth Goodwin, Rosalie Henseleit, Mary Hutchinson, Margaret Hyland, Philip Kennedy, Julianne Krusche, Natale Liubicich, Donald Mahony, Ray Malthouse, John McCunnie, Bryan McEntee, Cornelius McDermott, Kevin Nester, Joy Nichols, Frank Nicol, Mary (Molly) Nunn, Jack Nuttall, Mary O'Brien, Bill O'Donnell, Raymond O'Leary, Maureen Parker, Lorraine Parker, Terry Scanlon, Colin Sherritt, Valerie Smith, Francis Torpey, Evelyn Vila, Wanda Westenberger

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

To mark 150 years of the Ballarat Diocese, St John of God Hospital have provided a Water Fountain for the St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds. The Fountain has been situated beside the driveway off Lyons Street next to the Presbytery. On August 15th following the 12.05 pm Mass which is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, the Fountain will be blessed. St John of God health care give thanks for the opportunity to be part of the healing mission of caring for those in need in the Ballarat community. We ask God's continued blessing on their mission and the caregivers who continue to provide care for the patients in the Hospital. We also take this opportunity to remember and give thanks for the Sisters of St John of God under the guidance of Irish Bishop, Matthew Gibney of Perth who in 1895, invited the Sisters to come from Ireland. Their Mother Superior was Brigid Clancy. They lived out beautifully one of the Corporal Works of Mercy which is to care for the sick. All are welcome to attend the Mass and Blessing.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Brendan Byrne SJ

The people with whom Jesus is in dialogue and dispute in the section of the discourse appearing as the Gospel for today (John 6:41-51) are now described as 'the Jews'. This standard designation for the adversaries of Jesus in the Fourth Gospel is problematic in reading and proclamation today. Jesus is a Jew; his disciples are Jews; it is bizarre that he should be set over against his own people in the way that use of this designation suggests. Its use in the Gospel reflects the situation of the Johannine community, now definitively separated from the Jewish Synagogue and engaging in dispute with Jews of their own time because of their claims for Jesus as the author of eternal life over against Jewish claims for the Law of Moses.

A greater problem, however, than that of the Law concerns the claims believers are making in regard to the person and status of Jesus himself. Behind the complaint we hear about Jesus' claim to be 'the bread come down from heaven' lies the whole 'offence' of the Incarnation. 'The Jews' claim to be well acquainted with Jesus' human origins ('We know his father and mother'). How then can one so clearly human claim divine origin in this sense?

Jesus' response in the Gospel is to point to Scripture, specifically a text from Isa 54:13, 'They will all be taught by God' (v. 45). He draws a great deal out of this brief text in the sense of seeing it indicating a divine intent to communicate life to the world through a mode of instruction involving divine-human engagement of unimagined closeness. The Father has sent the Son into the world (3:16) and drawn people to him so that in hearing him and believing in him, they are really being 'taught by God' as the prophetic text foretold. In this intensely personal way they can hear the teaching of the Father, which is essentially teaching *about* the Father given by the only One who has truly seen the Father, namely the Son (cf. 1:18).

To hear this teaching and respond to it in faith is to 'have' (beginning here and now) 'eternal life'. Hence the rightness of Jesus' claim to be 'the Bread of Life' come down from heaven. Whereas the Manna that the ancestors ('your fathers') ate in the desert sustained them only for their physical life, after which they died, this 'Bread' is 'living Bread', that is, 'life-giving' sustenance for eternal life.

A eucharistic overtone seems to creep in at the very end when Jesus 'defines' the bread as 'my flesh for the life of the world'. But the primary reference at this point is to his death upon the cross. It is in giving his own life ('his flesh') for the life of the world that Jesus will most truly be for the world the life-giving revelation of the Father.

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

Next Thursday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation** which means we are required to attend Mass.

Masses:

St Columba's Ballarat:
10 am.

St Patrick's Cathedral:
14th August 7.00 pm
15th August 7 am, 12.05 pm, 6.00 pm.

Formation in preparation 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 available from the diocesan website [//www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/)

Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2024 (August 19 – 25) promotes an alternative, healthy option to family planning compared with chemical and other contraceptive devices.

The theme this year is: *"Trust your body's natural signs of fertility: Forget about drugs and devices."*

You are invited to join the Billings LIFE free webinar on Monday 19th August 2024 at 7:30pm AEST where you can listen to the conversation about the basics of the Billings Ovulation Method® and its application, including during times of breastfeeding.

<https://events.humanitix.com/trust-your-body-s-natural-signals-of-fertility-free-webinar>

Further info @ ph: 1800 335 860 or website: www.billings.life/en/

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions.

The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive.

No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day – Saturday, September 7, 2024

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Further details to come. Registration will be required to attend.



ACU Big Sing for a Big Cause - August 25, 2024

The Australian Catholic University, in partnership with St Patrick's Cathedral (Melbourne) and St Patrick's College (Ballarat) is hosting "Big Sing for a Big Cause", which will see singers, choirs and instrumentalists combine for a special performance, raising funds for those affected by homelessness. The concerts will be in Ballarat and Melbourne, performing Street Requiem, a piece co-composed by Dr Kathleen McGuire, a renowned composer and ACU senior lecturer in Music Education. Donations will be raised for Peplow House (a ministry of CatholicCare Victoria) and ACU's Urgent Financial Hardship Grant. For more information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/acus-big-sing-for-a-big-cause/

Presentation Weekend for Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please come up to the sanctuary where you will be given a set of Rosary beads to help you in your prayer life.

Dear Candidate, today you will receive the offering of Rosary beads from the parish to support you in your prayer life. Praying to God through the Rosary (a special prayer involving 5 sets of the Our Father and 10 Hail Mary's) allows us to speak to Jesus and his Mother Mary to help us in our life.

The praying of the Rosary and especially asking Our Mother Mary for help has a long history in the Catholic Church. The Rosary has been a focus for the Church in times of trouble and is a common family and church group prayer. Saying the Rosary brings us personal comfort and helps us to be open to God's grace in our daily lives.

Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass HELP needed

The monthly cuppa after the 10.30am Mass needs some more volunteers on the roster. If you are free on either the first or second Sundays in the month, please contact the coordinator, Fiona Bradley, 0402 474 074 fionalouisebradley@gmail.com

Help for those accompanying Catholics facing end-of-life decisions

Australia's Catholic bishops have released a new document to guide priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering accessing the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) scheme. Access the document from mediablog.catholic.org.au/help-for-those-accompanying-catholics-facing-end-of-life-decisions/#more-9889

Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To hope and act with Creation". Resources are available from <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ TBC

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ TBC

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

Tap & Go - \$ TBC

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm, 7.00pm
(Vigil of the Assumption)

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm, 6.00pm
Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

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

5.00pm Formation Session OLHC

5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

5.30pm St Patrick's Primary School Disco

6.00pm ALPHA Meeting (Presbytery)

Weekend

Confirmation Ceremonies