

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 25th August



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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am – 3.00pm

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.

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: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (25th August)

First: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Readings next week: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (1st September)

First: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Second: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

RECENT DEATHS:

Marita Barnes, Clare Davison, Therese Doherty, Kevin Ryan, Leo Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bruno Bulich, Elizabeth Caligari, Stephen Callahan, Kathleen Callinan, Georgia & Gemma Charlwood, Patricia Cummins, Padraic D'Arcy, Ryan Engel, Catherine Garvey, Carmel Gibson, Margory Godfrey, Patricia Grace, Jack Greig, Margaret Grimwood, Sarah Theresa Hayes, Robert Hovey, Matthia Joore, Thomas Laffey, Lilian Rose Lewis, Rhonda Lilian Lewis, William George Lewis, Bonnie McDermott, Catherine McLenehan, Josie Micich, Mark Milne, Elizabeth Minogue, Brian Murdoch, Stjepan Nikolic, Mark Noy, William O'Leary, Brock Phelps, Sr Teresa Reid, Kathleen Stapleton, Ivy Tough, James Trainor, Margaret Trevenen, Cheryl Twomey, Johannus (John) Vanderkley, Mary White, Christopher Yates

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

...a reflection on adoration...

by Adrian Pervan member of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God

At Saint Patrick's Cathedral there are special times set aside for prayer and adoration of the Lord (see the newsletter). Prayer is an essential part in the life of a Christian for here is developed the way and means to seek the Lord in adoration. Adorations can be rightfully termed as contemplation, for it seeks only a relationship with God seen in all of His creation.

Saint Bonaventure describes it as, where 'all discursive use of the intellect is set aside' making it different from prayer, for Saint Thomas Aquinas says that prayer is "of reason, that is the thinking mind." Prayer however is needed to guide the ramblings of the intellect from its reasoning powers to live in the silence adoration desires; for in silence, there is "engaged the highest form of communication with God, even though words are not exchanged (Fr Glen Commandi)." It's like two people who love each other, no words are exchanged just a desire to be embraced in the warmth of another. This 'no words' condition, is acquired, Aquinas tells us by the "desiring power of the will."

Prayer though is important, but God told Saint Catherine of Siena its usefulness should wane as prayer's intention is to lead a soul to just sit and desire Him. Like two people who love each other, they arrive at a point, there to just sit and desire each other. In adoring God, the same is true. Here is expressed an outpouring of a heart and soul to another where no words are spoken. It is where a person who seeks the way of God reaches out, to He who loved first, whose love dwells in all humans, as all humans are made in the image and likeness of God. In this image is to be found all answers. Being true to what is discovered there, a person sees the 'who' they are made in, not the what.

Thus pray, as Isaiah exhorts, 'that God may teach us his ways so that we walk in his paths.'" No words are spoken in what Isaiah writes, for a person arrives at a point where the Lord leads the mind to an inner realisation in love of what is unseen. The question of silence therefore is important in adoration, for what is achieved is '*a connection to God beyond what words can express*'. The Mother of Jesus was such a person as her intellect was entwined to that of His found in her image. She lived in that state our First parents enjoyed before their fall. She believed and 'pondered on all these things in her heart.' Her mind assimilated first, but always in the way her image desired for her. Mary lived this and adoration attains this pondering as the soul wishes only to be the true reflection of the image it is created in. As Bonaventure reminds us that all discursive aspects of the intellect need to be put aside, so the will which only desires what is good is able to guide the soul '*in His paths*'.

Wisdom at the Cathedral From Paris to Chartres to Eternity

Father Murphy, an experienced pilgrim of the famous Paris - Chartres pilgrimage, will share his experiences and reflections on pilgrimage as an enriching journey not only for the body but for the mind and soul. 7pm, Thursday 19th September 2024 Talk and discussion followed by light refreshments in the Mackillop/Glowrey rooms. All welcome! Entry by donation.

Safeguarding Check with all Parish Volunteers

The Parish Pastoral Council is doing a checking exercise in relation to matching all people involved in Parish ministries and the Parish records in relation to the Diocesan and Parish Safeguarding policies and procedures.

It is essential that all volunteers in various Parish ministries should have a volunteer Working With Children Check that is recorded in the Parish Office safeguarding Register.

If you have a WWCC for another organization, please login to the Services Victoria website and update your details to include volunteering at St Patrick's Cathedral Lyons Street South Ballarat.

If you are a teacher with the Victorian Institute of Teaching, please ensure that the Parish Office has a copy of your 2024/25 VIT card when the August-September 2024 renewal period has been completed.

It is essential that the parish maintain accurate records with regard to the participation of parishioners in safety and safeguarding requirements that we must adhere to.

With thanks

Leo Styles

Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

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 the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2024/>. There is a Catholic Liturgical Guide for each week of the season.

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/

Position Vacant: Pastoral Care at Mercy Place Ballarat Aged Care

A permanent part-time position is available for a Pastoral Carer at Ballarat Mercy Place Aged Care. Scan or click the QR code for application details on Seek.com. For any further information or interest in formation regarding pastoral care. Contact Bernadette Wurlod, email BWurlod@mercy.com.au

VICTORIA WELSH CHOIR

A Coral Extravaganza Directed by Rushan Hewawasam featuring the De Lallarolle Brothers
7th September 24 at 2.30 pm.

Sacred Heart Cathedral 80 Wattle St Bendigo Vic 3550

\$25 per head- Ticket Enquires Keva Llyod keva7@bigpond.com 041857998

Stephen Pepper pepper.stephen@gmail.com 0415821481

Social Justice Sunday Today

Today is Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Bishops' have launched the 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World." Every year, the bishops seek to make a substantive comment on a key social issue and this year the focus is on the promotion of peace and the need for truth in public life. Bishop Paul has released a video message in relation to the current Social Justice Statement. To watch Bishop Paul's video and to access the statement and liturgy resources, go to the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/

You can also download a text copy of Bishop Paul's message from this webpage.

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. Registration will be required to attend.

A flyer is available from the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/

Advance Notice Cathedral Closure

Lights in the Cathedral will be replaced on Tuesday 3rd September. The Cathedral will be closed all day. The 12.05 pm Mass will be Celebrated at St Columbas Ballarat North.

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

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2,964.55

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 3,345.30

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

Tap & Go - \$ 439.83

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Friday

10.00am Requiem Mass Kevin Ryan
12.05pm

(NO Reconciliation today)

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

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

7.30pm RCIA

Thursday

6.00pm ALPHA Meeting

Sunday

6pm Youth Group