

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 15<sup>th</sup> September



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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.

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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: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (15<sup>th</sup> September)**

**First:** Isaiah 50:5-9

**Second:** James 2:14-18

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

## **Readings next week: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (22<sup>nd</sup> September)**

**First:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**Second:** James 3:16-4:3

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

## **RECENT DEATHS:**

Pat O'Sullivan, James Pierce. Helen Pierce

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ernest Auchetl, Paul Barrett, Therese Booth, Bride Family, John Cleary, Christina Cook, Michael Corrigan, Catherine Cullen, Robert Elliott, Jeanette Emery, Mollie Flynn, William Fogarty, Ellen Franklin, Gauci Family, Brian Greene, Sr John the Baptist Hennessy IBVM, Cynthia Hucker, Mark Leonard, Sheila Lourey, Margaret Mahar, Isobel McArthur, Steven Molloy, Noel Pidgeon, Ruth Rush, Christine Rylance, Brian Scarff, Schembri Family, Frances Sloan, Stanislaw Stodolny, Patrick Toohey, Paul Watson, Kenneth Wilson

**Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

## Reflection for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### To Be a Pilgrim – Fiona Bradley

Later this week a young Melbourne priest, who belongs to a congregation in Chartres in France, will be presenting a talk at the Ballarat Cathedral on pilgrimage. Each year at Pentecost, Fr Murphy is one of the chaplains to some ten thousand pilgrims as they make their way on foot from Notre Dame de Paris to Notre Dame de Chartres. The cathedral of Chartres is one of the greatest examples of Gothic architecture in the world and is particularly celebrated for its extensive collection of original stained-glass windows and wonderfully preserved exterior reliefs. It has been a place of pilgrimage for over a thousand years, predominantly because of the treasured relic of the Veil of the Virgin, said to have been worn by Mary during the birth of Jesus.

The pilgrim's experience today is a far cry from pilgrimages in much earlier centuries which were very long, costly, and perilous. The spiritual journey, however, is the same. Pilgrimages allow us to step out of ourselves to encounter God where he has revealed himself. The fruit of this grace is conversion and holiness.

I have had the good fortune to visit a number of important pilgrimage sites around the world, it has, however, almost always been as a visitor and not as a pilgrim. The difference between the two comes down to intention and the spiritual journey, or lack thereof.

My two pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela were undertaken after months of preparation and consisted of weeks of walking and a lot of tears shed along the way. They have left me with a constant yearning to undertake more pilgrimages. Of course, every pilgrim has a unique experience, and no two pilgrimages are the same. Reading the stories of previous wayfarers who had also walked to Santiago de Compostela proved to be a negative distraction. I felt pressured to have the same experiences as they did, and I felt disappointment and a sense of failure when they did not eventuate. By my second pilgrimage I had dispelled those distractions and was able to focus on being completely open to whatever, and whomever, came across my path on each day's walking. Eventually I had the empowering realisation that the pilgrimage I was undertaking mirrored every Christian's earthly pilgrimage to heaven. In this condensed version of pilgrimage, the trials experienced were significant but short lived, and the encounters with others were profound even if fleeting. Importantly though, the moments of complete abandonment to the Will of God were life changing. I learnt that no matter how much I thought I knew about the road ahead, that the path (God) had other things in store for me, for better and for worse. And where I felt let down, I learnt that I needed only have had faith that such hardships exist so that I might experience an even greater joy.

St Augustine recognised this when he wrote that "our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial. We progress by means of trial. No-one knows himself except through trial, or receives a crown, except after victory, or strives, except against an enemy or temptations." The outward journey of pilgrimage and the arrival at a sacred destination may be what spurs us pilgrims on, but it is the journey mirrored within us spiritually where the true reward is found.

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### 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.

## 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 which includes suggestions for each week of the season;

Resources are also provided by Caritas Australia and include PowerPoint Slides, Facebook tile, posters, Season of Creation prayer (download and print versions) and a Season of Creation Prayer Service <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/season-of-creation-1-sept-4-oct/>;

Emmaus Productions provides free video and music resources.

## CASPA's - National Week of Prayer and Action: September 16 – 20, 2024

Each year, the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) holds a National Week of Prayer and Action and celebrates World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This National Week of Prayer and Action will focus on "Journeying together with Refugees and People Seeking Asylum." There will be an online webinar on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 from 7.00pm – 8.30pm with a panel of speakers to explore further what "Journeying together with refugees and people seeking asylum" entails. Panel speakers will provide different perspectives and expertise within the sector: David Manne (Human rights lawyer and Executive Director, Refugee Legal) and Sharon Sherwood (Chief of Mental Health and Cabrini Outreach). Chair of CAPSA and Jesuit Social Services CEO, Julie Edwards, will chair the discussion. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/capsa-webinar-national-week-of-prayer-and-action-journeying-together-with-refugees-and-people-seeking-asylum>

## "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" – Fr Greg Boyle SJ

The October 2024 visit to Australia of Father Greg Boyle SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles for "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" will be a wonderful opportunity for the Church and beyond the Church. HomeBoy Industries from Los Angeles is the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. The Melbourne program is: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 "Boundless Compassion: A Mission to Serve" Secondary Students Leadership Festival; Wednesday, October 9, "Courageous Encounter" School Executive Leadership Teams and Thursday, October 10, 2024 "On the Margins" an evening with Fr Greg. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.gpbs.com.au/workshops-courses-events/>

## Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria – Coordinator Recruitment

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) Victoria is seeking a passionate and dedicated Coordinator to lead initiatives that support the spiritual needs of Indigenous Catholics across Victoria. This role honors and integrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and culture with Catholic beliefs and traditions. It fosters shared understanding, promotes reconciliation and provides pastoral care to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in living out their faith. The ACMV Coordinator, supported by two direct reports (the Office Administrator and Engagement Officer), will represent the challenges of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and act as an advocate on their behalf working in collaboration with the Victorian Catholic Bishops and the Office of the Archbishop, in communicating advocacy for Indigenous related policy and campaigns. This position is available as either a full-time role or part-time at 0.8 or 0.6 FTE (Full-Time Equivalent). This is an integral role to the future of ACMV and to ensuring the support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Catholics.

Information available at [//melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/aboriginal-catholic-ministry-of-victoria-acmv-coordinator-2](https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/aboriginal-catholic-ministry-of-victoria-acmv-coordinator-2)



*Laudato Si'*



A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. (Laudato Si' 91)

*reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose*

## **Catholic Theological College – Engaging your Faith Online Series**

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Topics include the following: Scripture, Synodal Church, Lay and Ordained Ministry, Spirituality, Religion and Ethics, Science and faith issues. Cost is \$25.00 per session or \$40.00 if seeking teacher accreditation. For more information and to register go to [//ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/)

### **Upcoming events at Catholic Theological College**

- Information Session for Educators
- Information Session for Prospective Students
- Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions

For more information

[//ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/](http://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/) or  
[//ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/](http://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)

### **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. [mediablog.catholic.org.au/help-for-those-accompanying-catholics-facing-end-of-life-decisions/#more-9889](http://mediablog.catholic.org.au/help-for-those-accompanying-catholics-facing-end-of-life-decisions/#more-9889)

### **Praying with Pope Francis**

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**For the cry of the earth:** *Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. Lord, hear us.*

### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

**First Collection** - \$ 2513.20

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 3757.40

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

**Tap & Go** - \$ 599.04

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday** – 12.05pm

**Tuesday** – 7.00am, 12.05pm

**Wednesday** – 7.00am, 12.05pm  
10.00am Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of James & Helen Pierce

**Thursday** – 7.00am, 12.05pm

**Friday** – 12.05pm  
(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

**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**

1.30pm RCIC

6pm Youth Group

### **Tuesday**

5.15pm Liturgy Team Meeting

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

### **Wednesday**

1.00pm Legion of Mary

7.30pm RCIA

### **Thursday**

7.00pm Wisdom of the Cathedral