

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 22<sup>nd</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-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

## **Readings next week: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (29<sup>th</sup> September)**

**First:** Numbers 11:25-29

**Second:** James 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## **RECENT DEATHS:**

Anna Cosgrave, Richard Farrow (UK), Allan Mold, Elsie Priest

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

John Baron, Mark Bourke, Sue Briody, Tasman Bruce, Francis Carroll, Sydney Connors, Judith Conroy, Daniel Cosgriff, Maurice Cowie, Francis Curran, Ida Faulkner, Margaret Frawley, Marie Foley, William E Foley, Brian Frawley, Helen Griffin, John Raymond Harman, Herbert Hayes, Jean Hayes, Wally Jones, Ann Julian, Leonie Kelly, Angela Lazzo, Marie Linane, Jamie Marek, Geoffrey Moncrieff, Kerry Mullane, Flora O'Connell, Luigi Palanca, Eileen Quinlan, Elsy Robberechts, Kenneth Russell, John Ryan, Soka Saric, Kathleen Sims, Wilma Tagliabue, Frances Wilson

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.**

## ***Welcoming the Defenceless is Welcoming the Christ***

### **Reflection on the Gospel-25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**(Mark 9:30-37)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of us have to admit to being like the disciples whom Jesus was trying to bring from blindness and ignorance to insight and understanding. Like them, we are often afraid to ask for explanations when we fear that we may not be able to deal with the responses we receive. We so often choose to live in denial. No matter how strongly Jesus insists that the way of the gospel will lead to his violent death, his closest followers persist in their refusal to accept the inevitability of suffering in the life of one who so openly challenges abuses of power.

More focussed on personal recognition and status, the "twelve" engage in a childish argument about who is the greatest among them. They are inside "the house" in Capernaum, the home of Jesus. They are understandably silent when Jesus questions them about the discussion they had "on the way". They have much to learn and he needs their attention if they are to understand who he is and what it means to be his disciple. They need to learn that being first has nothing to do with seeking the limelight, that it has nothing to do with hierarchy or status, with power or adulation. It has everything to do with engaging in ministry without distinction or discrimination, with being "servant of all". Like us, they have much to learn from "the way" itself, the path they tread through the land.

An engaging scene follows this discussion. They are "inside the house", an open house where all are welcome. Jesus places a child in their midst. The child is unnamed. We might give this child a name so that she or he is a real person for us. Jesus seemingly gathers the twelve in a circle around him. Taking the child in his arms, he tries to show them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege, but in the welcome offered to those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs are frequently ignored.

Jesus, the suffering Messiah or Christ, actually identifies with a defenceless child, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me". His identification with the defenceless is as intimate as his identification with God, "the one who sent me". As a church, we might well hear today's gospel story as a call to respond with compassion and justice to those who have suffered the indignity and injustice of abuse in their childhood. We might also hear it as an invitation to listen to the cry of those who seek the dignity and justice that belong to all of God's people, including those who seek refuge from war and persecution. It is time for us to remember that whoever welcomes even one of these into our homeland in the name of the Christ is truly welcoming the suffering Christ. I am forever grateful that my Syrian and Irish ancestors received a welcome in this land.

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### ***World Day of Migrants & Refugees – Sunday, September 29, 2024***

The Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office have provided resources for the 110<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024. Resources are available from the diocesan website and includes prayer cards, music, a liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes and prayers of the faithful [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/110th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-29-2024/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/110th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-29-2024/)

### ***Certificates for RCIA / RCIC Candidates and Catechumens***

Certificates are available from the Pastoral Ministry Office for candidates and catechumens who are initiated into the Church following the RCIA / RCIC programs. There is also a template for these certificates. Contact Julie Boyd for more information [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## 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.

### **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 September 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!

### **2024 Season of Creation Prayer**

*Triune God, Creator of all, we praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home.*

*Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.*

*We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator.*

*Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.*

*We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.*

*May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him.*

*May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.*

*Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord.*

*Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.*

*In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Water security** - access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. The quality of available safe water is constantly diminishing. In some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatise this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market (*Laudato Si'* 30). Consider your water usage even though here in Australia we are lucky to have access to this precious resource!

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*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*

## Earthcare Meeting

Parish Earthcare Meeting Thursday 26 September  
@ 4.30 pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room.

## Praying with Pope Francis

**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.*

## 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.

More information available at

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/aboriginal-catholic-ministry-of-victoria-acmv-coordinator-2>

## Upcoming events at Catholic Theological College

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

For more information go to

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/> or  
<https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/>

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

**First Collection** - \$ 2061.75

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 3087.20

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

**Tap & Go** - \$ 763.98

## 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)

**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

### **Thursday**

4.30pm Earthcare Meeting

### **Sunday**

1.30pm RCIC Meeting