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**Advance Notice: Ordination to the Priesthood Mass & Thanksgiving Mass: Cay Trinh**

- Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow in the Hall. For those not able to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed. People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass (further details to come).
- Cay will celebrate his **Mass of Thanksgiving** on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall.

**Tea and Coffee after Mass every first Sunday of the month at St. Columba's** Our next tea and coffee is on **November 3, 2024**. Until then, keep well and God bless!



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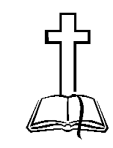
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**MASS TIMES (This week)**

**St Columba's**  
Sunday 10.00 am  
Wednesday 10.00 am  
[Reconciliation 10.30am]

**Beaufort**  
2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30 am

**Readings for Next Weekend**  
Jeremiah 31: 7-9  
Ps 125 R. v. 3  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10: 46-52



**20th October 2024 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

**No Place for Dominating Others** In the kin-dom of God movement established by Jesus of Nazareth, there is no place for domination or for any exercise of power over others. In today's gospel story, this is a lesson that James and John, the sons of Zebedee, clearly need to learn. They seem to think that the structures of power operating in the Roman world are going to be replicated when Jesus conquers the forces of opposition and comes into his "glory". The two brothers, James and John, put in a bid for shared deputy leadership positions. They seem to be blind and deaf to what Jesus has been trying to tell them throughout their journey from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. They seek his patronage without reference to the rest of the leadership group who, incidentally, are not well pleased with their presumptuous companions.

James and John do not yet realise that Jesus' way is not the way of status or entitlement and that their call as disciples and as leaders of the emerging movement has nothing to do with privilege. They need to understand that it has more to do with enduring the suffering associated with commitment to one's mission and with setting others free to be their best selves. To demonstrate this, Jesus offers them an unpalatable alternative: to be "slave of all". He sustains the slavery metaphor and goes on to summarise his own mission with an image that comes out of the world of his time: "not to be served but to serve and give life as a ransom for many". A ransom was the payment made to free someone from slavery. To substitute oneself for a slave was to give one's life as a ransom for that slave. Reading the gospel from beginning to end helps us to understand the ultimate self-giving of Jesus in death as the climax of a lifetime's outpouring of love, a love that draws forth loving and liberating action in others.

There are multiple ways of enslaving others, of dominating and of trying to control them in order to achieve one's own personal or corporate ends, good or bad. The request of James and John reminds us that we can all lose sight of the liberating vision of the gospel and get caught up in destructive power struggles. As 21st century disciples, we hear the words of the Markan Jesus, "It is not to happen with you". We might turn our attention to those in our world who are literally enslaved. We might join with ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against the Trafficking in Humans) and with others working to obtain freedom and justice for those trapped into sexual and other forms of slavery in our own cities, a situation that was exacerbated by the recent pandemic. We might hear today's gospel as a call to serve the cause of freedom and justice by joining the struggle against this tragic phenomenon.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** all who have died recently  
**Anniversaries: We remember:** Chris Haintz, Fr. Bill Melican, Eileen Gercovich, Carmel Hanrahan, June Auchettl, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Joe Van der Linden, Pam Orchard, Kevin Bawden, Harold Keys, Eileen Ferguson, Sr. Therese Lynch RSM, Francis Curran, Peter Crowe, Graham Staley, Leo McGoldrick, Valma Shanahan  
**We pray:** for all in areas of conflict, natural disasters, for those who are sick and all in need of our prayers.

**Next Centralised Baptism Preparation Session** Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next sessions are at the MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms, St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, **Thursday, November 7, 2024**. You may attend either the 10.00 am or the 5.30 pm session.

**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 a shared mission:** Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity. Lord, hear us.

**Synod on Synodality – Second Session** The Second Session of the XVI General Assembly of the Synod is currently underway in Rome. This session runs from October 2-27, 2024. Keep updated with the Synod at the diocesan website-<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

**Prayer for the Synod:**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.  
 With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
 teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.  
 We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
 nor partiality influence our actions.  
 Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
 All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
 in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

St Columba's Oct 27	(next week) Sunday 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG	Mark Lacey
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**Today is Mission Sunday** Catholic Mission invites us to celebrate World Mission Month: "Together, we have the power to create change and build a more just world for people everywhere. By supporting missionaries in their work, we can create life-changing opportunities for countless children, families, and communities worldwide. Join us in making a difference for our sisters and brothers." Pope Francis has recently published his messages for World Mission Month and World Mission Sunday, which is celebrated today. Read both of these messages at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/worldmissionmonth>

**Focus for this week:** You are invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require. The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia.

You can support this work by using the appeal envelope or going online at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/mongolia>. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

**National Children's Week: October 19-27, 2024** Children's Week is a national celebration which recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. The theme for Children's Week 2024 is "Children have the right to a clean and safe environment". The Victorian Government is supporting more than 200 free Children's Week events and activities for Victorian families with children aged up to 12 years. This gives families the opportunity to enjoy fun, engaging and educational experiences. More information is available at <https://www.vic.gov.au/childrens-week>

**Prayer for children in our parishes** That we may all work collaboratively to ensure the happiness and confidence of every child and foster an environment of safety and protection where children flourish. Let us pray to the Lord.



**Communion from the Chalice** Bishop Paul has informed parishes of the option of reintroducing communion from the chalice in parishes in the Diocese of Ballarat.

Dear People of the Diocese,

In the early days of the Covid pandemic, one of the adjustments made was suspending the practice of sharing communion from the chalice. As Covid restrictions have been lifted, some have asked me about reintroducing the option of communion from the chalice in our diocese of Ballarat.

When I wrote about this in April this year, we were actually facing a surge in Covid cases in hospitals in our diocese and medical advisors were concerned because of the greater risk of various infections in winter. So, even though some other dioceses in Australia had reintroduced communion from the chalice by then, I indicated that we would wait a while longer. However, now that we are looking towards the warmer months of the year, I consider that it is time to reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice.

In the diocese of Ballarat, communities may reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice from November 1 this year. From All Saints Day, local communities will be free to offer communion from the chalice to any of the faithful who wish to take this option. I leave it to the judgment of the Parish Priest or Administrator in each place to arrange when and how communion is offered from the chalice. The practices may vary from place to place. However, the common aim is to allow the faithful to receive Christ under the appearance of wine as well as under the appearance of bread, following the words of Jesus "Take and eat" and "Take and drink". In this way, communion is more clearly a sign of sharing in Christ's heavenly banquet.

In making the chalice available, care should be taken to follow good hygiene practices. The person ministering the chalice should wipe the rim of the chalice inside and out with a purifier before offering the chalice to the next communicant. Anyone who is feeling unwell should refrain from taking the chalice. After Mass, it is good to wash chalices in hot water.

From All Saints Day, communicants in our diocese will again have the option of communion from the chalice. May the revival of this practice enrich our celebration of communion with Christ and with one another.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



**Reflections on Communion from the Chalice** Bishop Paul has prepared some reflections on the communion with Christ that we celebrate in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine. This document is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/reflections-on-communion-from-the-chalice/>

**Clergy Jubilarians Mass 2024** Choir Mass to celebrate the Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. The 2024 clergy Jubilarians are: 50 years- Frs Erc Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, 25 years- Fr Ed Moliney. All welcome to attend. Members of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to join the choir for this Mass. Choir practice will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass) in the Cathedral.