

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 17th November



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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 in a timely manner.

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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:

Jackie Wrigglesworth

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (17th November)

First: Daniel 12:1-3

Second: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Readings next week: Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (24th November)

First: Daniel 7:13-14

Second: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

RECENT DEATHS:

Laurie Lenehan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gladys Barton, Mollie Benson, Bernadette Black, Marlene Bombardieri, John Carruthers, Sr M Celine, Bruce Clifton, Lesley Driscoll, Michael Elliott, Joyce Erickson, Len Fan, G. D. Francis, John F Kennedy, Mary Mahar, Kitty McNamara, John McDowell, Irene Menzel, Reginald Monagle, William Morris, Francis Murphy, Andrew O'Brien, June O'Brien, Andrew Patterson, Jacob Stephen Pillay, John Raul, Nancy Rozycki, Patricia Selvatino, James Shanahan, William Simmons, Christopher Storey, Walter Sztozko, Margaret Urch, Johannes van de Braak, Anna Vander Heyden, Ted Walker, Lorna Warsthorn, Rebecca Weston, Mattea Zelencich

Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Brendan Byrne SJ

As we approach the close of the Church's liturgical year, the Lectionary takes as Gospel the climactic scene from the long instruction Jesus gives his disciples on the future (Mark 13). Texts focused upon the future (eschatology), filled as they are with vivid imagery and symbol, pose more than ordinary difficulty for preachers. How are we to make sense of them today? More particularly, how are we to avoid the pitfalls that flow from interpreting the symbolic and mythological language too literally? The Gospel for today, Mark 13:24-32, features the climactic moment in the discourse when Jesus describes the arrival of the Son of Man. The vivid apocalyptic imagery is there to portray the truth that the One who was crucified and seemingly overcome by evil, is now about to extend the triumph of his resurrection over the entire universe. The events described have their forbidding aspects but it is important to stress that the message for the faithful remains one of assurance and vindication. Things may be dismaying and tough now but the future belongs to God and to the values demonstrated in the life of Jesus, rather than with human forces of death and exploitation. What we do not know is how much longer the struggle must go on. That remains wrapped in God's mystery – even, in Mark's view, for the earthly Jesus ('the Son') himself.

Understood in this way, the Gospel, for all its outward strangeness, addresses very fittingly the present uncertain situation of our world and the dismay many experience as a result of it. Jesus knows and has taken into account the way we feel.

Anniversary of Dedication of Cathedral – 1891

Tuesday November 19th marks the 133rd year anniversary of Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. The parish of Ballarat was established in 1853 when Fr. Matthew Downing was appointed first resident parish priest and he selected the two-acre site for the church, which was granted under a Crown Grant in 1855. The style of the Church is early Gothic from the era of Edward the 1st in the 13th Century. On February 7th, 1858, Bishop James Alipius Gould OSA laid the foundation stone for the church, which commenced being used on a regular basis for Mass in 1863.

When St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat was finally consecrated in 1891 by Cardinal Moran of Sydney, it was the first Catholic Cathedral consecrated in the Victorian Colony, with St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne consecrated six years later.

Immaculata Mission School January 2025

What is it? A wonderful opportunity to go deeper in faith through fantastic Catholic speakers, daily Mass and times of prayer, share groups, fellowship and friendship and lots more. The theme is "Mercy" - join us and go deeper in God's love!

When is it? 1-10 Jan for youth and young adults (14 years and up and); 8-10 Jan for families & married couples (including children's ministry)

Where is it? Armidale, NSW For more information or to register visit www.immaculata.org.au/ims

Catholic Women's League.

Dates to remember,

Wednesday November 20th - Wisdom at the Cathedral - Guest Speaker - Fiona Power - presenting the life story of Servant of God Dr Sr Mary Glowrey, born in Birregurra near Colac and founder of the Catholic Women's League.

Friday November 29th - 12.05 Mass will be celebrated for deceased members of the League.

Monday December 9th - Cathedral Branch Christmas Lunch

Sunday December 15th - Christmas Stall after the morning Masses, Decorated Christmas Cake Competition. Donations of cakes, sweets needed. Funds raised will support our Seminarians. Tickets sold in advance - Inquiries. Carmel 0401175045

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ciara Ashleigh Allen child of John and Emma

Jude Blachon child of Eric and Kylie

William James Inglis child of Darren and Angela

Eloise Maree McKay child of Anthony and Natarsha



"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." Pope Francis.

Choir for the Ordination to the Priesthood Mass

People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass. The choir will be conducted by Roger Hillman and the Organist is Geoff Martin. Choir rehearsal times are Tuesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 21 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Parishioners from all parishes in the diocese are encouraged to attend to celebrate this special occasion for Deacon Cay.

Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to hear Fiona Power, Curator of the Mary Glowrey Museum in Melbourne present *Mary Glowrey: Force of Love* for the next Wisdom at the Cathedral event on Wednesday 20th November at 7pm. Fiona will share the inspiring life story and legacy of Servant of God Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ, who was born and raised in the Diocese of Ballarat. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. Entry by donation. For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley at fionalouisebradley@gmail.com

St Patrick's Primary School Centenary

St Patrick's Primary School Community invites you to celebrate our Centenary by booking a school tour on Friday the 22nd of November. Ben Shields (Principal) and Thea Hubble (Deputy Principal) will lead morning tours for up to 20 people in each time slot.

Please use the QR code below to book for a tour as numbers are limited.

Tour times - 9:00- 9:30 9:30 - 10:00 10:00- 10:30 10:30 - 11:00

Come and see how our school has changed and hear about the programs and learning opportunities we provide.

All are welcome to join us at St Patrick's Cathedral as we continue to celebrate in Mass at 12:05.



OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

· OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting a free lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482A Gillies Street North, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Bookings are essential as seating is limited, ph. 0491 029217.

· Thank you to all the very wonderful volunteers for all their work in making the Christmas Day lunch at OLHC so special over all the years it has been held. We welcome all those who would like to be with us as a guest or a volunteer on the day, and we are especially looking for a few fit people who might commit to two hours of their time between 2.00pm – 4.00pm to clean up/pack up. To volunteer, please phone 0467 683504.

Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. Donate today at

www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

Mission Leaders formation event

If you want to improve your facilitation skills, this is for you. Friday, November 22, 2024 from 10.00am – 1.00pm at 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Cost is \$190.00 per person. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1298635>

Advent Study Group

Parishioners are invited to join an Advent Study Group that will utilise the program from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Beth Pennington will direct the program and you can express your interest to her on 0400 139233. Meetings will occur on Tuesdays at 7pm 26/11, 3/12, 10/12 and 17/12.

World Day of the Poor – Sunday, November 17, 2024

The 8th celebration of World Day of the Poor will be marked this Sunday. Pope Francis has chosen a particularly meaningful theme this year dedicated to prayer, as we approach the beginning of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (cf. Sir 21:5). The Dicastery for Evangelisation website has resources Liturgical and Pastoral Handbook, "The Prayer of the Poor Rises Up" www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/gmdp/2024.html

Ordination to the Priesthood & Thanksgiving Mass:

Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 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 at

[youtube.com/live/mbXDPuGpoYg?feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/live/mbXDPuGpoYg?feature=share)

Fr Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall.

Holy Hour and Benediction to pray for Deacon Cay and Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life will be held on Friday, November 22 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 6.00pm. All are welcome. Please pray for Cay this week as he begins his vocation as a priest in the Diocese of Ballarat.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, Bless our families and educators. We thank you for calling women and men to serve in your Son's vineyard as married couples, those living the single vocation, priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help each one know and respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Mary Help of Christians, St Patrick, St Mary Mackillop of the Cross. Pray for us.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

The parish congratulate and give thanks for Kath and Graeme Trethowan as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 21st November. They have planned to join Fr Dan Arundell in a Mass at Nazareth House on that day. They also will be joined by their family at the 10.00am Mass on Saturday 30th November with Fr Dan and Fr Adrian McInerney giving them a blessing for their life together.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2295.25 Presbytery

Second Collection - \$ 3301.85 Parish

Tap & Go - \$ 421.95

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Friday – 12.05pm

St Patrick's PS 150 Year Celebration Mass
(There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

Saturday - 10.00am

**Ordination to the Priesthood of
Rev Cay Trinh**

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 12.05pm

St Patrick's PS 150 Year Celebration Mass
(There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

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

5.30pm Parish Liturgy Team meeting

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

7.00pm Wisdom of the Cathedral

Friday

6.00pm Adoration & Benediction for
Deacon Cay