

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B – 24th 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 Wigglesworth
Safeguarding Officers:
Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B (24th November)

First: Daniel 7:13-14

Second: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Readings next week: First Sunday of Advent Year C (1st December)

First: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Allport, Donald Anderson, Pat Blood, Sheila Bruhn, Dila Bulic, Domenica Casella, James Casella, Elizabeth Clark, Peter Clarksen, Val Crameri, Jennifer Devlin, Terence Dickson, Anne Duck, Marie Fitzgerald, Leslie Frawley, Ivy Goodwin, Catherine Grant, Maria Kerr, Helen McGoldrick, John McLeod, Patrick McVeigh, Toni McVeigh, Hazel Muriel Moloney, Chako Moonyamadeal, Thomas Moore, Ellen Moynihan, Michael & Nora Moynihan, Bess Newton, Patrick O'Driscoll, Eilin O'Siochain, Pdraig O'Siochain, Sean J & Bridgid O'Siochain, Michael O'Sullivan, Margaret Roberts, Ronald Rosser, James Simpson, Mary Smith, Margaret Studd, Barbara Tobin, Roslyn Tobin, Ronald Twomey, Daisy Watson, Kevin Woof, Ludovicus Wynen

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Commentary on Gospel John 18:33-37

The Book of Revelation (Apocalypse), the beginning of which provides the **Second Reading**, 1:5-8, is rather much a re-writing of Daniel in the light of Jesus Christ. Replete with biblical allusions, it assures the Christian community, oppressed by the power of the Roman empire, of the triumph of Christ, who himself once stood before the power of Rome (Pilate) as a faithful witness and whose sufferings brought them into being as a royal and priestly people, like Israel of old (Exod 19:6). Though they are now oppressed and suffering, they will soon share in the triumph of Christ, who is the beginning (Alpha) and end (Omega) of all human history.

The centrepiece of the Passion story in the Fourth Gospel is the long confrontation between Jesus and the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, before whom he is on trial. Jesus' adversaries are trying to make out that Jesus is a king ('King of the Jews') in the sense of a messianic pretender to the throne of David and hence a threat to the rule of Rome. In the extract that forms today's **Gospel**, John 18:33-37, Jesus owns his kingship but radically redefines it away from the kind of worldly rule that could rival that of Rome. All kingship requires allegiance. The allegiance that Jesus has as king is an allegiance from all those who are 'on the side of' truth, an allegiance fundamentally of love in that, 'lifted up' (on the cross), he will draw all people to himself (12:32).

Later (v 38), Pilate will ask, 'What is truth?' and not wait for an answer. 'Truth' in the sense of this Gospel basically means the revelation of God, as Jesus reveals God to be, and the view of human life that flows from that vision. Jesus' whole life has been a revelation, defence and witness to 'truth' in this sense. Now he is on trial for it – as countless others, down to and including our time, will be on trial in the same cause. Pilate may have the physical power of Rome behind him. Jesus has the allegiance of all who seek the truth. They will suffer for bearing witness to it, as he did. Today's feast asserts that they who have shared his witness will share his victory as well.

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Advent Parish Mass with Anointing, December 6th, 2024:

On Friday, December 6th, our Advent Mass with Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. It has been our custom to serve lunch to the Parishioners following Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the hall before Mass. Assistance in preparing lunch at 10.00 am and helping with the serving would be very much appreciated. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of our Parish Community. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone the Parish Office on 53312933.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 3, 2024

The final edition of ODC for 2024 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

Anniversaries at St Alipius' Ballarat East

2024 is a significant year for St Alipius' Church in Ballarat East. With the broader community we are remembering the 170th anniversary of the Eureka rebellion including the involvement of Fr Patrick Smyth and the Catholics of the Ballarat Goldfields. 2024 is also the 150th anniversary of the opening of the existing St Alipius' Church in Victoria Street. Mass was first celebrated on the Ballarat Goldfields at Brown Hill in 1851 before relocating to the existing Victoria Street site in 1853, where the tent-church-school (as captured by artist Eugene Von Gerrard) was erected. These anniversaries are providing parishioners with opportunities to acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of our history as well the opportunity to look to the future with hope and healing. All are welcome to gather at St Alipius Church for 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Following the Mass we will gather for a BYO picnic tea in the Church grounds with a bbq available. Hot and cold drinks will be available. Photographic displays from across the years are being collated as well as 'people of St Alipius' being recorded. For more information, please contact the parish office, ph. 5332 6611. For catering purposes, we would ask that you RSVP to the parish office no later than December 7.

Simbang Gabi Christmas Mass Times for 2024

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition and it is also the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a series of nine Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, which will be held at St James' Parish Church Sebastopol. Mass times are: Sunday, December 15 at 7.00pm; Monday, December 16 at 7.00pm; Tuesday, December 17 at 7.00pm; Wednesday, December 18 at 7.00pm; Thursday, December 19 at 7.00pm; Friday, December 20 at 7.00pm; Saturday, December 21 at 7.00pm; Sunday, December 22 at 7.00pm; Monday, December 23 at 7.00pm & dinner. Please bring a plate to share. If you have any questions/need further information, please contact Fr Eladio, ph. 0450 017 007 or Dion, ph. 0427 876 553. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Commemorative Mass for Michael Joseph Bourke & Family

A Mass to commemorate Michael Joseph Bourke and family will be held on Sunday, November 30, 2024 at Infant Jesus Church, Koroit at 2.00pm. All welcome to attend.

Making a Scene at Christmas

Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat from Wednesday, December 4 - Friday, December 20, 2024. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Entry is a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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 honours 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. Click or scan the QR code for more information. Applications close November 30, 2024.



Caritas Australia: Free Advent 2024 resources for parishes and Individuals

This free Advent resource invites parish prayer groups and individuals to journey through the four weeks of Advent, reflecting on the Gospel and sharing in the stories of our sisters and brothers around the world. Each week, one of the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love is explored. Click or scan the QR to access the resources.



Congratulations to Fr Cay Trinh on his Ordination to the Priesthood

We as parish and diocese offer our heartfelt congratulations and prayers to Fr Cay Trinh who received the sacred vows of priesthood on Saturday 23rd November 2024.

We wish Fr Cay all the best in his vocation and ask the Holy Spirit to guide and care for him in his journey within the priesthood and our diocese.

Prayer for November: For those who have lost a child: Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. Lord, hear us.

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.

Morning tea after 10.30am Mass next Sunday

The monthly post-Mass morning tea will be held following the 10.30am Mass next Sunday. All welcome! Come along to the Glowrey and Mackillop rooms (behind the hall) for a cuppa and some home baking.

St Vincent de Paul Society Donations

St Vincent's de Paul are asking for donations of non-perishable food and toiletries to distribute throughout Ballarat during Christmas and the New Year. Goods can be left beneath the Jesse Tree. Once again, we thank you for your generous support which enables us to continue our mission.

Advance Notice of dates 2025

- Rite of Election – Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 12.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.
- Mass of the Oils – Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1.00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2596.00

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 3170.65

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

Tap & Go - \$ 148.66

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

7.30pm RCIA Meeting

Thursday

4.30pm Earthcare Meeting

Sunday

10.30am Cuppa after Mass