

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Second Sunday of Advent Year C – 8th December



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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: Second Sunday of Advent Year C (8th December)

First: Baruch 5:1-9

Second: Philipians 1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Readings next week: Third Sunday of Advent Year C (15th December)

First: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second: Philipians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

RECENT DEATHS:

Fr Terry Bowman msc, Barry Mullane, Dulcie Sullivan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Laurence Brennan, Raymond Button, Brenda Copi, Anthony Crimmons, Denis Davey, Bryan Everard, Elizabeth Geyle, Violet Hazlett, Leslie Keating, Leon Kelly, Joan Martin, Samantha McArthur, Stephen McDonald, Brian McKinley, Ronald Moss, Czeslaw Mytyk, Eugenia Piazzolla, Lorna Reid, Wilma Ring, Jamie Rogers, Eileen Segrave, David Sim, Boris Skontra, Francis Tagliabue, Graham Thomson, Mary Wilkie, Thomas Williams, Wieslaw Wozniak

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.



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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.

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.

“Holding the Light” Remembering Victims and Survivors of Family Violence

This ecumenical service offers an opportunity to remember and mourn those who have been killed as a result of domestic violence, to stand in solidarity with victim survivors and to reflect and commit ourselves to addressing the causes of violence in our communities. The service will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East at 5.00pm. December 10th is the UN Human Rights Day, concluding the 16 days of Activism against gender-based violence campaign from November 25th (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women). This ecumenical service will name the dimensions and dynamics of the serious problem of violence in our society. We will name the God present in and through all our efforts to create lives free from violence. We will seek to hold the light for those who are in dark places and for those whose lives are emerging from darkness. Joce Bignold, CEO of McAuley Community Services for Women will be the guest speaker. All members of the community are invited to gather for this service.

Final Document of the XVI Assembly

A working English translation of the Final Document of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, approved by the Members of the Second Assembly on October 26, 2024, is available to read on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/

High Court Judgement

Dear People of the Diocese,

You may have seen media coverage following a recent judgement of the High Court of Australia that involved the Diocese of Ballarat. This judgement has prompted renewed discussion about liability. I appreciate people's concern for those who have suffered abuse and people's questions about organisations accepting responsibility. I offer the following notes in response to people's concern and questions.

In cases where there is evidence that the Diocese of Ballarat has been negligent in the duty of safeguarding children, the Diocese accepts liability and provides compensation to victims.

In the case considered by the High Court, Victorian courts had found that the Diocese of Ballarat was not negligent but still held that the Diocese was liable – vicariously. The High Court set aside this decision of the Victorian courts.

I would like to make it clear that the Diocese of Ballarat will continue to accept liability and provide compensation in cases where there is evidence that the Diocese has been negligent in safeguarding. In addition, the Diocese will continue to provide compensation through the Federal Government's Redress Scheme and through the state-wide Church process called Pathways Victoria. As well as providing compensation in these ways, the Diocese will continue to provide assistance to those who have suffered abuse by funding counselling and other pastoral help.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Calling for nominations to join a DOBCEL Consultative Committee

The Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL) is a company limited by guarantee, created to govern 57 schools across the Diocese. DOBCEL, alongside its operational arm, Catholic Education Ballarat (CEB), work together to support the leadership of all Catholic Primary and Secondary schools. The DOBCEL Board of Directors is currently seeking applications from individuals interested in joining one of six Consultative Committees: Catholic Faith Community & Culture; Children & Young People Safeguarding & Wellbeing; Family & Community Engagement; Learning & Teaching; Assurance & Risk; Finance. As a committee member you will have the opportunity to: Provide oversight and advice to the Board; Collaborate with diverse stakeholders; Enhance your professional skills; Shape educational outcomes. Committees typically meet once per term (in-person or virtually) for 90-120 minutes. Click or scan the QR code for more information, including the Terms of Reference for each Committee and information on how to apply. Applications close January 19, 2025. For more information email execassistant@dobcel.catholic.edu.au



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Children in your local community need a place to stay, if you can offer a safe, nurturing home, become a foster carer with Anglicare Victoria. www.anglicarevic.org.au

Central Highlands 03 9396 7400 carer.west@anglicarevic.org.au

9 Day Novena for Christmas

This 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 and 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.

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.

Adult Faith Formation: The Eucharist (Communion)

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat is offering a day of Adult Faith Formation on the importance of the Eucharist (Communion) on Sunday, December 8, 2024 from 2.00pm – 4.30pm at the MacKillop – Glowrey Rooms Cathedral precinct. This day is aimed at all members of the Church lay community: Congregation; Ministers; Sacristans. The day will Focus on the Eucharist, enhancing understanding of the Eucharist and highlighting our need for reverence for the Eucharist. There will also be time to review the role of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass and when taking Communion to the sick and housebound. Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please note that this formation day will fulfil your requirement to undertake formation tri-annually.

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.

Prayer for December - For Christians in areas of conflict: *Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. Lord, hear us.*

Advent Resources

Resources to assist with the celebration of Advent 2024 are available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2419.70

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1468.65

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

Tap & Go - \$ 743.26

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

Sunday 8th

2pm Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion

Tuesday

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

7.30pm RCIA Meeting