

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

The Baptism of the Lord Year C – 12<sup>th</sup> January



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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 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: The Baptism of the Lord Year C (12<sup>th</sup> January)**

**First:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7    **Second:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38    **Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## **Readings next week: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (19<sup>th</sup> January)**

**First:** Isaiah 62:1-5    **Second:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11    **Gospel:** John 2:1-11

### **RECENT DEATHS:**

Bill McNulty, Nancy Rodoni

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Cecil Beggs, Lelio (Leo) Buczkowsky, David Chandler, Maria Cox, John Duffy, Ivor Fisher, Mabel Gillett, Patrick Harrington, Jillian Kors, Elizabeth Lench, Filepe Mascarenhas, Mary McGuinness, Alice Mooney, Mary Murnane, Anne Packer, Zofia Pamula, Cardinal George Pell, Guy Planel, Jacques Planel, Bert Pollard, Raymond Rogers, Leslie Shine, Sr Bernarda Stenson IBVM, David Torpy, Joseph Troy, Aubrey Wilson, Sr Paula Ziesing IBVM

**Responsorial Psalm:    The Lord will bless his people with his peace.**

## ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL HOLY DOOR

(Opened daily, 6.30 am until 5.30 pm). All are welcome to enter.

St Patrick's Cathedral Ballart Front Entrance has been named a Holy Door in 2025 to mark the Jubilee Year of the Universal Church. People of the Diocese and beyond are invited to enter through the Holy Door of the Cathedral throughout the coming year to receive spiritual renewal. Bishop Paul Bird Celebrated this gift of grace to the Diocese during Mass on Sunday 29th of January.

Please pray that this coming year will be a time of grace, renewal and hope for our St Patrick's Parish and our Diocese and the Universal Church.

### What is a Jubilee?

A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

The word "jubilee" is derived from the Hebrew word *jobel*, which means "ram's horn"; since it was precisely that horn which was used as a trumpet, whose sound indicated to everybody the beginning of the jubilee year. The book of Leviticus, in the code of holiness, is the source which tells us of the significance of the jubilee year, a year of liberation "par excellence," which is at the end of seven weeks of years, the fiftieth year.

### Papal Bull

Pope Francis declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025. The Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican was opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee. On the following Sunday, 29 December 2024, the Holy Door of the Pope's Cathedral, Saint John Lateran, was opened. Then, on 1 January 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major was opened. Finally, Sunday, 5 January 2025, will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. These last three Holy Doors will be closed on Sunday, 28 December 2025.

Pope Francis decreed that on Sunday, 29 December 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year, using the ritual indications that will be provided for that occasion. The Holy Year will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025. The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

In the course of the year, every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to its efficacy.

### The Jubilee Logo

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.

The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.

At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.



### **The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

### **Year of Prayer - Jubilee**

There are copies of the Carmelite Monastery Melbourne booklet "Year of Prayer" that parishioners are invited to take from the entrances to the Cathedral. It includes a summary of religious celebrations for the year as an adjunct to the Jubilee Year.

## **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study**

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. These online studies begin a first Cycle for 2025 January 20. There are 28 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Information ph. 5337 7121 or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Father Robert McCulloch in Ballarat**

Father Robert will give a presentation on Thursday January 23rd at Nazareth House, beginning with Mass. This event will support his work in Pakistan. Inquiries 0401 175 045

### **Pope's Prayer for January – For the right to an education:**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. Lord, hear us.

**Magi Pilgrimages Australia** is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025. 1. Streams of Mercy (May), 2. Italy & Poland (May), 3. Marian Shrines (June), 4. Shrines of our Lady (August), 5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October). The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For itineraries and bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

**"Pursuing a Lasting Love."** Marriage Week (7th-14th of Feb) SmartLoving offers the following courses for couples to invest in their relationship.

**Intentional Couple's Micro-Course (FREE)**

**St Valentine's Day Handout (FREE)**

**Marriage Enrichment**

**Support for Spouses in Troubled Marriages**

<https://pmrc.ontraport.com/c/s/2Q9/6Bj6C/6/H06n/s6Y/64QioL/sLH8mlStAE/P/P/L8>

### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

**First Collection** - \$ 2551.70

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 2086.50

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

Tap n go \$ 695.04

Bishops Christmas Appeal \$ 3173.70

## **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** 10.30am to 12.05pm

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**

**Organs of the Gold Fields**

**Performances in the Cathedral**

8pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

7:30pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Bookings: [ballaratorgans.com.au](http://ballaratorgans.com.au)