

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

The Presentation of the Lord Year C – 2nd February



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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 Presentation of the Lord (2nd February)

First: Malachi 3:1-4

Second: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Readings next week: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (9th February)

First: Isaiah 6:1-8

Second: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

RECENT DEATHS:

Sr Lesley Dickinson, Tony Jones (brother of Frank Jones & Marie Barrett),

Kathleen Jones-Robotham

ANNIVERSARIES:

Judith Bates, Ian Bicknall, Noreen Brennan, James Brophy, Iris Buczkowsky, Patrick Conway, Edwin Coulter, Stanley Dean, John Dixon, Grilo delos Reyes, Miguel (Michael) Fernandes, Stella Fryar, Hedwig Harasimowicz, Alwyn Hayes, Robert 'Rocky' Hazlett, James Little, Rosemary McGee, Helen Roberts, Marjorie Sargeant, Nora Walsh, Win Westenberger, Audrey Williamson

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Appointments of Priests

Hello Everyone,

Greetings from the bishop's office. I hope the new year has begun well for you.

Earlier this month, I announced that from March 1, 2025, Fr George Kuruvila Koorumullumpurayidam MST, currently Co-Pastor of the Western Border Parish, will become Parish Priest of Camperdown, Timboon and Hampden.

I am now pleased to announce that from March 1, 2025, Fr Cay Xuan Trinh will become Assistant Priest in the Western Border Parish.

I am also happy to announce several other appointments that will take effect from May 1, 2025.

From May 1, Fr Matthew Thomas, currently Parish Priest of the Sunraysia Parish, will also be Parish Priest of the Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes.

From May 1, Fr William Lowry, currently Assistant Priest in the South West Coast Parish, will become Assistant Priest in the Sunraysia, Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes.

At the same time, Fr Matthew Restall, currently Assistant Priest in the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes, will become Assistant Priest in the South West Coast Parish.

Also from May 1, Fr Shaiju Mathew MST, currently Administrator of the Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes, will be appointed to the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes.

In line with canon 517.1, Fr Shaiju Mathew will be Co-Pastor of these parishes, in collaboration with Fr Justin Driscoll, who will be Co-Pastor and Moderator of these parishes.

I thank all these priests for their willingness to take up these new assignments. I pray that these appointments will bring blessings on them as well as on the parishioners they will be serving.

May this Jubilee Year be truly a Jubilee of Hope for all the communities throughout our diocese.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

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Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel: February 8-9, 2025

The Church recognises that military personnel can contribute enormously to the stability of our world and to the establishment of peace. This Jubilee will celebrate the efforts all members of the armed forces and police, municipal police, security operators, veterans, military associations, military academies, chaplaincies and military ordinariates provide for peace. Further resources on the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

BAPTISM SPONSORS

The Cathedral Community is seeking members who would like to take on ministry as a Parish Baptism Sponsor. The responsibilities of this role could include attending Baptism information sessions, journeying with a family presenting their child for Baptism, attending the Baptism rite with the family in order to assist them at the ceremony, and maintaining contact with the family if desired. If you are interested in taking on such a special role please leave your name at the Cathedral Office or contact Susan on 0419887274,

LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUPS



To gather at a designated agreed place and time each week, to pray with and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel's for each Sunday of Lent. Booklets will be provided at a small cost to guide the prayer, meditation and reflection.



This is an ideal way to fulfill the call to Prayer during Lent which is a time for repentance, spiritual growth and reflection. It is a time when we need not walk alone, but in company with others in our Community. Any member of the Cathedral Parish who is interested in forming a Lenten Reflection Group, or being part of such a group, is invited to submit your name and contact details to the Cathedral Office, where the co-ordinator of the Lenten Reflection Groups will be in touch to help you prepare for gatherings.

ASHES/PALMS

Members of the St Patrick's Community are invited to bring back their palms from Palm Sunday 2024, so that they can be burned and become the ashes for Ash Wednesday 2025. A box will be placed in the south transept to collect the palms before February 23rd.

Catholic Mission thanks the parish community of St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat for your generous contribution of \$790.00 to last year's World Mission Day Appeal. Your support empowers Cardinal Giorgio Marengo and Brother Andrew in Mongolia to deliver life-saving care, vital resources, and education to those in need. Your generosity strengthens the Church's mission in 1047 mission dioceses worldwide, transforming lives and uplifting entire communities. Through your support, Christ's love reaches those most in need, bringing hope and renewal. Thank you for answering His call.

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. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins March 10. There are 37 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code for more information or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurджа.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

Position Vacant: CDF Relationship Manager

Full time, permanent position based in Ballarat, leading customer support across Ballarat and Melbourne's West. Scan or click the QR code for more information and to apply.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a Catholic and Orthodox Christian feast day that celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the purification of Mary. It's celebrated on February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

What does the feast celebrate?

- The meeting of the Old and New Testaments
- The fulfillment of the Law and the beginning of salvation
- Jesus' coming to bring light, hope, and salvation

What happens during the feast?

- Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple
- Simeon and Anna notice the Holy Family
- Simeon blesses Mary and Joseph
- Anna speaks about the child to those awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem

Cathedral Cleaning: Volunteers Required:

We have four teams of very committed Parishioners who clean our Cathedral each week. In recent times our numbers in some teams have become somewhat depleted due to illness and availability of time.

It would be wonderful if there are some members of our Parish community who could assist with this ministry. The commitment is approximately two to three hours each month.

Team 1 meets on the First Friday of the month from 8.30 am to 10.30 am; Team 2 meets on a Wednesday at 1.00 pm; Team 3 and Team 4 work on Friday afternoons from 1.30 pm until cleaning is completed.

If any of these times are suitable for you, your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to assist or would like further details, you could phone the Cathedral Office during office hours 53312933 or Kay on 0411 866 532.

Fr. Robert Mc Culloch's visit to Ballarat

Thank you to all those who supported and attended the recent presentation of Father Robert McCulloch and Eric Siraj. Their ongoing work in the poorest parts of Pakistan in running St. Elizabeth's Hospital and commencing hospital based Palliative care is in great need of support. The 2024 Annual Report is now in all the Churches along with donation options and envelopes. Inquiries - Carmel 0401175045

Mass for You at Home

Australia's longest-running religious television program *Mass for You at Home* will continue its beloved ministry in 2025. *Mass for You at Home* will be broadcast every Sunday at 6.00am on the Ten Network and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

Smart Loving – Celebrating Marriage Week

February 7th to 14th – <https://smartloving.org>

This year's theme "Pursuing a Lasting Love"

Below are four ideas to encourage 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](#)

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2760.05

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1256.70

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

Tap n go \$ 593.25

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm
11.00am St John of God Hospital

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 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 PPC Meeting
7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

12.00pm Vinny's Training
1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

10.00am/5.30pm Centralised Baptism
Preparation