

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 16<sup>th</sup> February



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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: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (16<sup>th</sup> February)**

**First:** Jeremiah 17:5-8    **Second:** 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20    **Gospel:** Luke 6:17, 20-26

## **Readings next week: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (23<sup>rd</sup> February)**

**First:** 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23    **Second:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49    **Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

## **RECENT DEATHS:**

Eric Dare, Lorraine Thomas

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Abigail Ballinger, Frank Benson, Norah Best, Therese Black, Janina Borecki, Kiah Buckle, Sr Lua (Byrne), Teresa Martina Duffy, Theodora Finke, Mary Hennesy, Filip Hetrich, Helena Izydorczyk, Eileen Kelly, Mary Kennedy, Johannus Kors, Margaret LeMarshall, John (Frank) Leonard, Christopher Mahar, Malcolm McLean, Robert McMahan, Aileen Moore, Ben Murphy, Ellen (Nell) Nunn, Roderick O'Keefe, Lorna Quinlan, Raphael A.R., Thomas Riley, John Ronan, Jeffrey Rowe, Isabel Schepis, Eileen Stout, Ken Stout, Eunice Twomey, Strecko Uljanic, Brenda Woodruff

**Responsorial Psalm:    Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

## 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.

**Please contact the parish office this week so we can determine numbers and booklets 53312933**

### The Jubilee Prayer (Pope Francis)

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.

### Hymn for the Jubilee Year

An official hymn has also been written for the Jubilee Year and can be accessed from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/) or the Jubilee Year website [//www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html)

### Jubilee of Artists: February 15-18, 2025

The Jubilee of Artists rejoices with gratitude at the creative insights artists bring to human life. The service of beauty is a pathway into the divine and helps us dream of new horizons for the common good. The Jubilee invites artists to contribute to the work of the Church in bringing about a New Creation where people can live in peace and justice. Further resources for the Jubilee of Artists is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

### Prayer for the Jubilee of Artists

Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder: thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

We praise you, Creator God, and thank you for the marvels of the universe which stir us to wonder.

Bless artists by whose gifts we see the beauty which is truth, the key to the mystery and the call to transcendence.

May the work of their hands lead Christian communities to that infinite Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### An invitation to Artists

The National Liturgical Architecture and Art Council has released a statement, in relation to the Jubilee of Artists, to encourage parishes and other Catholic entities to collaborate with artists in projects large and small. Click or scan the QR code for more information.



## Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413.



## 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:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.



## St Patrick Cathedral Parish Reconciliation 2025

### Reconciliation Parent Meetings in two weeks' time.

Parents of Confirmed Catholics now in year 4 are asked to attend meetings at their child's school:  
St Columba's Primary School at 9am Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (completed)  
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School at 9am Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Siena Catholic Primary School at 9am Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
St Patrick's Parish Primary School at 9am Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Parents of children at non-Catholic schools are to attend Mackillop Glowrey Room at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.30pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February (This meeting is open to all)

Children are required to complete their first Reconciliation before receiving their First Communion.

Enrolment QR and Google link to register online <https://forms.gle/NLSD9VUGeubBkqp77>

Any queries, please contact Tony at the Parish Office 53312933.



## Saint Mary MacKillop's 30th Anniversary of Beatification

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St Mary MacKillop's beatification with a free commemorative prayer book, "Flourish with Mary's Heart", written by the Sisters of St Joseph. The book is available at <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/for-churches/prayer-book>

## 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.



*Laudato Si'*



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217).

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### **Cathedral Cleaning: Volunteers Required:**

A number of new volunteers have offered their services to the parish with the call for cleaners at the Cathedral. 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.

### **Parish Hall Cleaning Position**

Cleaner for St Patrick's Parish Halls is needed. The applicant would need flexibility to be able to clean the halls after the various functions as they occur.

For more information contact: Ross Wheatland  
Diocesan Business Manager:

[ross.wheatland@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ross.wheatland@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Acutis Youth Group**

The Acutis Youth Group is meeting this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February in the Mackillop Hall at 6pm. All Secondary School students are welcome for some prayer, games and food. Activities are finished by 7.30pm. God bless.

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **THANK YOU**

St Pat's Conference of St Vincent de Paul express thanks for your support of the Piety Stall and for your generous donations made through the Poor Box in the Cathedral.

### **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).

### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

**First Collection** - \$ 2,572.75

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

**Second Collection** - \$ 1692.92

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

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## **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 Life in the Spirit

### **Wednesday**

1.00pm Legion of Mary  
7:30pm RCIA

### **Thursday**

5.30pm Parent Information Session  
First Reconciliation

### **Sunday**

5.00pm RCIA Mass of Enrolment