

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 2nd March



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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: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (2nd March)

First: Sirach 27:4-7

Second: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Readings next week: First Sunday of Lent Year C (9th March)

First: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

RECENT DEATHS:

Patricia Margaret Briody, Vicky Ezard, Bill McGovern

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mollie Barnett, Norcisco Bomitali, Christine Both, Noreen Brennan, Geoffrey Browne, Oswald Coghlan, Audrey Colbert, Margot Conaughton, Trevor Conlan, James Conway, Imre Csaszar, Patrick Elliott, Margaret Giuliano, Eileen Gray, Kenneth Griffey, Patricia Gunn, Desmond Hemphill, Ludwick Jaskulski, Patricia Kennedy, Elsie Lavery, Francis Lyons, Thomas Martin, Vincent McCartin, Mary Quinn, Rev Henry Nickel, Leslie Pearce, Maree Rantall, Frank Rozycki, John Saitta, Francis Segrave, Ray Simmons, Ann Thomas, Stephen Vaughan, Elena Walker, Cathryn Warhurst

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reflection for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Spirituality in the Catholic Tradition – Fiona Bradley

The Catholic Church has always been a glorious melting pot of different charisms, spiritualities, and worship styles. It's what makes her attractive, triumphant, and true. We often hear of charisms and spirituality in reference to religious orders and the saints, but have you ever given consideration to what your own spirituality is? Spirituality is the way in which we each live out and strengthen our relationship with God. It is the road to holiness, or sanctification. With reflection you will most likely find that one of the Transcendentals moves you to God more so than the others and that by identifying this we can use it as a kind of compass in navigating our spiritual lives.

The Transcendentals, Truth, Beauty, and Goodness, are eternal attributes of God which we, in his image and likeness, possess to some degree. When pursued and cherished, they ensure spiritual strength and discernment; they highlight a path to greater communion with God and his Church. The three form a trinity of values that are interactive and dependent upon each other. You cannot isolate one and take it all on its own because where you find one, you will find the others. In our imperfect state, though, we each have a slight dominance in one of the three that gives a particular orientation to our spirituality.

People who relate most with Beauty feel the presence of God through beautiful things both in nature and created beauty. Beauty is also found in the proper ordering of things. When our lives are centred on Christ, and we live towards that goal of being united with him in Heaven, then we manifest all that is True, Beautiful, and Good. Beauty helps us to see the world as God sees it and the purpose of our senses is to discover and enjoy it. The young Carmelite Saint, Thérèse of Lisieux, was devoted to making her good works fragrant offerings to God and often used the image of showering Our Lord with spiritual rose petals. Following this "Little Way" for which she is so well known, where every small thing we do, if done with love for God, is a means of sanctification, we can promote Beauty in an endless list of day-to-day acts.

Goodness is perhaps the hardest Transcendental to define. It is easy to think of Goodness as being associated with such people as Saint Maximilian Kolbe a Polish priest and Conventual Franciscan friar who volunteered to die in place of a fellow prisoner in the German death camp of Auschwitz during World War II. It is also fitting to associate Goodness with the person who fights for justice. Goodness is virtue and holiness in action. It results in a life characterized by deeds motivated by righteousness and a desire to be a blessing to others. Goodness is the conformity to the divine will.

If you are a Truth person, you probably have a love of informational reading and you approach the Faith intellectually. Truth is defined objectively as the conformity of the mind to reality (what is true as God knows it to be). St Thomas Aquinas devoted his life to the promotion of Truth for the sake of the salvation of souls, and because he knew that it makes for a happy, or flourishing, life. He believed that happiness consists primarily in intellectual contemplation. Since the highest Truth and the greatest Good are of course God, our ultimate happiness must lie there. This happiness is possessed most fully in the life to come, but even in this life Thomas's conception of happiness is strongly intellectualist: "it is clear that people who give themselves to the contemplation of Truth are the happiest a person in this life can be."

Prayer for Pope Francis

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd.

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUPS – beginning this week!!

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 and also a clipboard available in the south transept of the Cathedral., 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

Encounter Tour with Palms International Volunteering

Palms International Volunteering (formerly known as Palms Australia) invites you to join an intimate group of just 8-12 travellers for an extraordinary journey that goes far beyond typical tourism. The Encounter programs are Timor-Leste from July 8-19, 2025 and Samoa from September 27 - October 4, 2025. The Encounter includes accommodation, meals, activities, expert guides, visas, and in-country transportation for \$3,500.00 per person. Spaces are limited to ensure an intimate experience. Reserve your place today at <https://palms.org.au/encounters/> or ph. (02) 9560 5333.

St Patrick-s Cathedral - Youth Group

Music & Dance Celebration 2025

An evening of performances and celebrating the life of Saint Patrick in March

****Featuring the Australian Irish Dance Company - Ballarat.**

When: Friday 28th March

BYO: Supper (tea/coffee provided)

Doors Open: 6.30 (Performances from 7 - 9 pm)

Tickets at the door: \$5 per adult / \$20 per family (Individuals under 18 - free)

Please call or email the parish office to indicate numbers and book

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St Patrick's Cathedral Choral Scholarships

St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat provides Choral Scholarships for Years 3–6 students with musical interest and aptitude. The Scholarships provide \$1,000 per annum towards students' education and/or musical tuition. Choral Scholars sing and rehearse regularly at St Patrick's Cathedral and occasionally at community events. The Choral Scholarships are modelled on the Melbourne, Sydney and Perth Cathedrals, with children being taught an exciting range of repertoire, including traditional styles of sacred music and contemporary church hymns. There are opportunities for musical, vocal and personal development in a safe, fun environment. Children audition for a place in the choir. If they are successful, they join the Cathedral's Cantate Domino Choir, which is currently made up of 25 adults and children. Auditions are held by arrangement with applicants. For more information and to request an application form, please contact the Choir Director, Mr Vincent Sully, at cantatedomino@ballarat.catholic.org.au or on 0407 310 115.

Letter to Parishioners on Thanksgiving from Jackie Wigglesworth

Parishioners will receive a letter sent dated Friday 28th February on behalf of Fr Ed regarding declined or expired credit card thanksgivings. Note that this is not a scam. The letter is a return prepaid envelope and Direct Debit authorisation forms for completion (if required).

Credit card payments are now **not available**, with the only other options being **CDF pay** (that you set up yourself via the Diocesan website) or the use of **Thanksgiving Envelopes**.

Catholic Women's League - Cathedral Branch

- will meet for the first time this year at Nazareth House - Nazee Nook - on Monday 3rd March at 1.30pm. New members and friends are welcome. Inquiries 0401175045

Ash Wednesday - 5th March

Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 7.00 am, 12.05pm and 6.00 pm. There will be no devotions before the 12.05pm Mass due to the choir practicing for the Ash Wednesday Mass. Due to the celebration of Mass at 6.00 pm there will be no Holy Hour on that day.

Caritas Project Compassion 2025

Project Compassion 2025 Unite Against Poverty will be launched on the 2nd March 2025 at 5pm Mass. A guest speaker from Caritas will be in attendance. Bishop Paul will commission Project Compassion Ambassadors from our Parish Schools during the mass. All are welcome.

Hope in Action: CSSA National Conference

Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) invites CSSA members and supporters to attend the CSSA National Conference on March 19 & 20, 2025 in Sydney. The Conference theme, "Hope in Action", draws inspiration from the Jubilee 2025 theme, Pilgrims of Hope, echoing Pope Francis' call for peace, respect for the dignity of life and support for the marginalised. Scan or click the QR code for more information. [CSSA National Conference: Hope in Action, 19-20 March 2025](#)

Mass for You at Home

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 (Ch 173).

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2475.80

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1278.50

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

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Shrove Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Ash Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm, 6pm

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

Friday – 12.05pm
(Reconciliation at 10.45am)
2.00pm Requiem Funeral Eric Dare

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

**NO Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Litany to St Joseph
NO Holy Hour at 6pm**

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

Sunday

11.30am Cuppa after Mass

Tuesday

7.00pm Life in the Spirit
7.00pm PPC Meeting

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary
7:30pm RCIA

Thursday

10.00am/5.30pm Baptism Preparation
5.30pm Reconciliation Meeting