

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 23rd February



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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.

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: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (23rd February)

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

Readings next week: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (2nd March)

First: Sirach 27:4-7

Second: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

RECENT DEATHS:

Fr John O'Reilly, Monica Payne

ANNIVERSARIES:

Verna Aldenhoven, Zoltan Bodi, Nicholas Gowans, Agnes Coughlan, Theadora Den Ouden, Gordon Fox, Audrey Gonsalves, Patricia Green, Raymond Grundell, Maureen Heaney, Stanislaw Izydorczyk, Michael Kershaw, Marcus King, Dezse Magyar, Kevin Martin, John McNulty, Christopher Moloney, Kathleen Petrowski, Lorna Quinlan, Francis Ryan, Nora Scanlon, Bryce van der Linden, Monica Voss, Philip Weissenfold, Mecislaus Bauska, Liam Begbie, Delio Borri, Andrew Calleja, Bryan Coffey, Brent Craggs, Catherine Eames, Alan Flynn, Peter Gaylor, John Harman, Katalin Kirsteuer, Doris Lyons, John Devereux, Sr Margaret McCartin, Shannon McKnight, Sarah Moloney, Lynette Simmons, Susan Nielson, Daniel O'Keane, Jacob Pamula, James Petrie, Bogdan Pisieznyk, Lawrence Ryan, Audrey Scarff, Olive Shelton, Thomas Simpson, Cecilia Stevens, Ante Tudorovic, Jacinta Wilson,

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 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

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." 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.

Pope Francis has written a prayer for the Jubilee Year. Prayers cards are available for parishes and schools.

The National Centre for Evangelisation have prepared resources for parishes and individuals for the 36 events that will be acknowledged throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life. These resources can be accessed from the diocesan website.



Hymn for the Jubilee Year

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

Jubilee of Deacons: February 21-23, 2025

The Jubilee of Deacons has a theme: 'Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope', reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of Christ to a world which has lost hope. 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 Deacons

Loving God, St Paul understood his diakonia as the proclamation of the good news of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:12-20). May deacons today help bring awareness of the Good News of Jesus to a world in need of hope. St Paul also wrote that a deacon must have some essential qualities (1 Tim 3:8-13), including that he must be serious, not double-tongued, not a drunkard, not greedy, and must hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. His family life should be exemplary. May deacons today be given the grace of God to hold to these ideals. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Running to God: A Collection of Prayers for Sport

The National Centre for Evangelisation has produced this free book, "Running to God: A Collection of Prayers for Sport", designed to help incorporate faith and prayer into the practice of sport at all levels. It features prayers written for and by athletes, officials, coaches, parents and spectators - as well as short testimonies of faith from Australian athletes. Access the book and a range of resources at

<https://nce.catholic.org.au/culture/sports/prayer>



Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year 2025

During this Jubilee Year, which represents a time of grace and spiritual renewal for the entire Church, is the gift of the plenary indulgence. Among the conditions required to receive a plenary indulgence is prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, a gesture of deep communion with the Successor of Peter and with the universal mission of the Church. To foster and encourage this dimension of prayer, pilgrims are invited to join the Holy Father in prayer through, "Click To Pray", the Vatican's official prayer app. This digital platform is a true spiritual tool that accompanies the faithful with moments of prayer and reflection throughout the day. Furthermore, the app includes the official profile of the Holy Father, where all his prayer intentions are published, allowing the faithful to concretely unite with the intentions the Pope entrusts to the universal Church. Scan or click the QR code or go to www.clicktopray.org to join in prayer with the universal Church.



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.

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 or ph. 5337 7121.



CatholicCare Victoria thanks you for your support of the Bishop's Christmas Appeal

The CatholicCare Victoria team extends its heartfelt gratitude to your parish community for your contribution to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. As the recipient of the \$5,000 donation from the Bishop's Christmas Appeal proceeds, your generosity and compassion will help us to continue supporting families, individuals, children, young people and the elderly, in our community. We are the Catholic Church's mission in action and we empower people to live their life to the full. Our services range from supporting people who need help accessing aged care services, and remaining independent at home, those that are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness; and those that are experiencing challenges with their mental health, or with relationships in their family. When families breakdown, we are there to ensure both parents and children have the support they need for their wellbeing and future. We have many services available in the Ballarat region and across Victoria. If you or someone you know needs support, please call 1800 123 228 or visit our website at www.catholiccarevic.org.au. Without the support of the parish communities like yours, we would not be able to continue our mission to build thriving communities, where everyone belongs. Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of people every day!



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).

**Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Archives & Gallery
5 Lyons Street Ballarat 3350**

You are cordially invited to the opening of the Permanent Exhibition Building a Cathedral: St. Patrick's Ballarat and the Annual Exhibition, featuring Relics and Reliquaries. Please join us at the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Archives and Gallery. 12:30pm onwards on 14 March 2025. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. RSVP by 28 February 2025.

RCIA - RITE of ELECTION

For the Rite of Election, which will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 12.30 on Saturday 1st March, we require singers to enhance the Rite. Our Parish will have nine Catechumens participate in this rite and this is way that we as a community, can further support these people.

If you are available to sing could you let Susan know at: sm.crowe23@gmail.com

We will have a practice from 11.45 on Saturday, as there are a couple of hymns which will not be familiar to some - however they will be easy to learn. Thank you for your support for this event.

Annual Ballarat Diocesan Clergy Retreat

This coming week Bishop Paul and the priests of the diocese will gather at Hall's gap for prayer and reflection. Please pray for their ministry throughout the diocese.

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.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2,403.50

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2,534.15

(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 10.45am)

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

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

5.00pm RCIA Mass of Enrolment

Tuesday

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary
7:30pm RCIA

Thursday

4.30pm Earthcare Meeting