

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 9th 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.

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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: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (9th February)

First: Isaiah 6:1-8

Second: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Readings next week: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (16th February)

First: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

RECENT DEATHS:

Sr Leslie Dickinson RSM, Clemente Murillo

ANNIVERSARIES:

Abigail Ballinger, Frank Benson, Norah Best, Therese Black, Janina Borecki, Kiah Buckle, Sr Lua (Byrne), Theodora Finke, Mary Hennessy, 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: Who is this king of glory? It is 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.

The priests of the our parish will be attending some of these group meetings, not to lead but to support and journey together with the parishioners.

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,

Praying with Pope Francis

Pope Francis' prayer intention for February is for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Pope Francis' prayer video is promoted by the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](https://www.popesprayer.va/), which raises awareness of monthly papal prayer intentions. <https://www.popesprayer.va/>

"When I was 17 years old, I was a student and was working. I had my own plans. I wasn't thinking at all of being a priest. But one day, I went into the church and God was there, waiting for me," the Holy Father recalled in a video released Feb. 4.

He reminded the faithful that "God still calls young people even today, sometimes in ways we can't imagine." "Sometimes we don't hear because we're too busy with our own things, our own plans, even with our own things in the Church," the pope added. "But the Holy Spirit also speaks to us through dreams and speaks to us through the concerns young people feel in their hearts."

"If we accompany their journeys, we'll see how God is doing new things with them. And we'll be able to welcome his call in ways that better serve the Church and the world today," he said.

"Let's trust young people! And, above all, let's trust God, for he calls everyone!"

Prayer for February - for vocations to the priesthood and religious life:

He concluded with a prayer: "Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel called to live Jesus' mission in life: either through the priestly life or religious life."

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Ballarat as Priests and Religious
Inspire in them a generous response.

Grant them courage and vision to serve your people
May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may:

announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.

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 14th February
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School at 9am Tuesday 18th February
Siena Catholic Primary School at 9am Wednesday 19th February
St Patrick's Parish Primary School at 9am Thursday 20th February
Parents of children at non-Catholic schools are to attend Mackillop Glowrey Room at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.30pm Thursday 20th 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/NLSD9VUGeubBkkp77>



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.

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.



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.

Quote below and banners for February attached

This year is a moment of profound significance, as we celebrate two extraordinary milestones: the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and 800 years since Saint Francis of Assisi composed "The Canticle of the Creatures," his timeless hymn of praise for creation. As we step into this hopeful new chapter, let us reflect with joy on seven reasons to be hopeful, each rooted in the transformative spirit of the *Laudato Si'* Goals (taken from

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/welcoming-2025-with-joy-and-hope/>.)



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

Word of God Sunday: February 9, 2025

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9 in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit resources at www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President urges all to work against "violent and senseless" anti-Semitism

A rise in anti-Semitic attacks in the country means Jewish Australians have a "particular claim on the support and protection" of all, particularly Christians in their local contexts, writes ACBC President and Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe.

<https://catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-costelloe-on-rise-of-anti-semitism/>

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 - \$ 2,353.50

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1714.35

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

Tap n go \$ 613.21

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

10.00am Requiem Mass Antonio De Lorenzo

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

10.00am Bereavement Team Meeting

1.00pm Legion of Mary

7:30pm RCIA

Sunday

6.00pm Youth Group