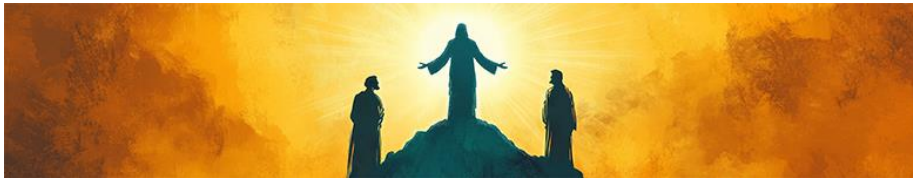


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Second Sunday of Lent Year C – 16th March



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<https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/>

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: Second Sunday of Lent Year C (16th March)

First: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Readings next week: Third Sunday of Lent Year C (23rd March)

First: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Second: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

RECENT DEATHS:

Donna Rousch, Cheryl Strybosch, Jennifer Verberne

ANNIVERSARIES:

Christine Austin, Olivia Banks, Peter Burke, John Callahan, Edward Campion,
Leo Canny, Basil Dawson, Ivan Dean, Ronald Digman, Marie Fitzpatrick,
John Hayden, William Holmes, Nola Jones, Boleslaw Kasek, Eileen Kennedy,
James Kenney, Anne Morrison, Lucille O'Brien, Leanne Mary Payne,
Lawrence Purcell, Brian Joseph Rice, Shirley Robertson, Patricia Scanlon,
Carmelo Sgro, Michael Spiers, Harry Strik, Margaret Wake,
Bernie Wilkie, Albert Windray

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Resources for the Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

There are 36 events throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life. For each event, the National Centre for Evangelisation has prepared a brief resource that parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection. The resources include:

- Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer;
- Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes;
- Reflection: Testimony – a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; image/artwork – a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation;
- Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes;
- Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme.

These resources 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/>.

Project Compassion 2025 Week 2: Unite against poverty this Lent

This week through Project Compassion, we learn about Toefuata'iga from Samoa. Toefuata'iga, a 13-year-old student in Samoa, faced severe challenges and disruptions to her learning due to water scarcity. After Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Samoa installed a 10,000 litre water tank at her school, Toefuata'iga and her classmates saw improved health and more consistent class attendance. "I would like to become a good teacher. To teach the children so they will have a brighter future," Toefuata'iga said.



- Watch Toefuata'iga's story here: <https://vimeo.com/1051027125>
- Support Project Compassion www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion
- Download the weekly reflection from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/project-compassion-2025/>

Safeguarding Wellbeing: Strategies for Resilience and Support Webinar

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd are hosting a webinar on "Safeguarding Wellbeing: Strategies for Resilience and Support" on Thursday, March 20, 2025 from 11.00am - 12.00pm (AEDT). The guest speaker is Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's highest profile psychologists working in all forms of media. A successful author, speaker, broadcaster and mental health advocate, Michael works in private practice in Melbourne. Cost is ACSL Subscribers: \$32.50 and non-subscribers: \$65.00. Register to attend the webinar at https://acsltd.acornlms.com/user_login

Pastoral Practitioner vacancy at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat

St John of God Hospital Ballarat are seeking applications for a Pastoral Practitioner to join the hospital on a permanent part-time basis. Position description and application details are available at https://wd105.myworkdaysite.com/recruiting/sjog/SJGHC_External_Career_Site/job/Ballarat-Victoria/Pastoral-Practitioner_JR-9778-2. Applications close March 17, 2025.

Diocesan Archives Annual Exhibition: Relics & Reliquaries

This year's annual exhibition "Relics and Reliquaries" at the Diocesan Archives and Gallery (5 Lyons Street, Ballarat), will showcase the collection and trace the history of the religious devotional objects. The collection documents the introduction and use at St Patrick's Cathedral and the Diocese from the consecration of the first altar to contemporary thecas and monstrances. The exhibition will run from February 1, 2025 – February 1, 2026 and will be open Tuesdays – Fridays from 8.00am – 4.30pm. For more information click or scan the QR code.



Parish Office Staff and Parish Office Hours

As part of our move towards amalgamation as one Ministry District which covers Cathedral, Ballarat North and Beaufort, the St Columba's Ballarat North Office will remain open on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Lia Andanar Yu who works at St Columba's' Ballarat North will move to the St Patrick's Cathedral Office on Thursday and Fridays from 10 am until 2.00 pm. Tony Beggs will continue to work in the Cathedral Office from 10 am-3 pm from Tuesday to Thursday.

The Opening Office Hours for the Cathedral Parish Office will take effect next week. Office hours will now be reduced by one hour on Fridays.

New Cathedral Office Hours

10-3 Tuesday to Thursday

10-2 Friday

We take this opportunity to thank Ross Wheatland and Jackie Wigglesworth from the Diocesan Finance Office for their work in helping co-ordinate this change and Tony and Lia for their great work and commitment to the Parish.

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 or click the QR code for more information or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.



Damascus College Ballarat 2025 Reunions

Damascus College warmly welcomes the Classes of 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2015 to celebrate the 2025 Reunion Day! Join us as we reconnect, reminisce, and honour these milestone anniversaries on Saturday, March 29 at Damascus College, 1412 Geelong Road, Mt Clear Full event details and tickets at www.damascus.vic.edu.au/community/alumni/alumni-reunions-events



CSSV Mission Inspired Leadership Program 2025

Mission Inspired Leadership is a Professional Development Program of four online evening workshops for leaders, board directors, expert practitioners and emerging leaders in Catholic social services: The program will be held over four sessions: May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28. Cost of the program is: CSSV Members \$340.00; non-members \$430.00. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

Garrett Publishing Lent Calendar 2025

This year, the Garratt Publishing Lent Calendar is taking inspiration from the Year of Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope. Created for Jubilee 2025 are four Jubilee Journeys that take pilgrims on a tour of Rome's Basilicas and Churches from the comfort of your home. Each day also includes a brief reflection selected from one of our popular Lenten titles. To download this free calendar, scan or click the QR code.



Catholic Earthcare Easter Anti-Slavery Campaign

As consumers we are able to play a part in combating slavery in chocolate supply chains. By choosing to buy from companies with transparent and ethical sourcing practices, and supporting advocacy efforts to hold the industry accountable, we can help.



* Download the chocolate scoreboard to see which brands are working to eliminate child labour from their products <https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/>

125th Anniversary celebrations at Springbank

St Michael's Church, Springbank, will celebrate its 125th Anniversary with Bishop Paul Bird at a Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 29 commencing at 6.30pm with a light supper to follow. All welcome.

Parish Mass with Anointing March 19th, 2025 including Feast of St Joseph

On Wednesday, March 19th, our Mass with Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. We join with the Catholic Women's League in celebrating St Joseph's Feast Day. It has been the custom to serve a light lunch following the Mass. All Parishioners are invited to join us for Mass with Anointing and stay for lunch.

Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the Hall before Mass and assistance to help serve the lunch would be gratefully accepted. It would be appreciated if you could assist with the setting up at 10.00 am on March 19th.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing and catch up with fellow Parishioners. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone the Parish Office 53312933.

Singers Wanted for 10:30 Morning Mass

There are many people involved within the music ministry of the Church. We are always pleased to welcome singers interested in joining us. The '10:30am Mass singers' who sing 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays are looking for some additional singers and particularly alto and bass. Contact the office to leave your contact details: 53312933.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2025

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 14, 2025. Practice times are Sundays, March 30, April 6 and April 13 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph 5337 7159

MOVIE SCREENING I AM PATRICK - PG

[I Am Patrick: The Patron Saint of Ireland now available in 4K streaming](#) - GLOWRY ROOM

Friday 28th March 7pm (Doors open @ 6.30pm)
Cost: \$5 pp. / Youth U18 – FREE
Music with Tea/Coffee & Supper to follow

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 1642.00

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1118.60

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

Tap n go \$ 795.44

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

10.00am St Patrick's Day Mass (School)

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am

12.05pm Anointing Mass in the Hall

NO Devotions in Cathedral before Mass

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

11.00am St John of God Hospital

2.00pm Requiem Mass Cheryl Strybosch

Friday – 12.05pm, 6.00pm

(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

6.00pm-7.00pm Holy Hour

Thursday

11.15am Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday

10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Prayer

6.00pm Mass & Stations of the Cross (Lent)

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 Reconciliation Meeting

6.00pm Lenten Group

7.00pm