

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C – 30th March



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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 Coordinators:

Tony Beggs

Lia Andanar Yu

Finance Officer:

Jackie Wrigglesworth

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C (30th March)

First: Joshua 5:9-12

Second: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Readings next week: Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C (6th April)

First: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nikoluois Bauer, Charles Coghlan, Barry Cosier, Joyce Daly,
Fr Meredith Delahenty, Maurice De Deurwaerder, Fr Luke Fay,
Duncan Hartwig, Sr Una Hulme, John Lynch, Tony McDonald,
Owen Menzel, Br Raymond Miller, Doreen Rogers, Ignac Solyom,
Mark Taylor, Luciana Turicchi, John Woof

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



Project Compassion 2025 Week 4: Unite against poverty this Lent

In the fourth week of Lent we meet Irene. Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training



in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family. *Photo credit: Arlette Bashizi/Caritas Australia.* **Please donate today:** You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes and envelopes, or by scanning the QR code, or caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Download the weekly reflection from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/project-compassion-2025/>

Mass of the Oils 2025

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils this year on Monday, April 14, 2025 at Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 1.00pm. Afternoon tea will follow in the Hall. The Mass will also be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/qUVA7OFoZ9c?feature=share>



Australian Pilgrims of Hope website

The ACBC Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry have launched a website for the 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope. This site provides details of cathedrals, shrines, churches and pilgrimages identified by local churches across Australia as fulfilling the requirement for obtaining a plenary indulgence <https://pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au/>

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 Cycle 3 begins April 28. This cycle is e-seminars only over a 3-week duration. There are 19 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurджа.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.



Choir for Mass of the Oils 2025 – updated notice

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 April 6 and April 13 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass) – **please note that the rehearsal date for March 30 has been cancelled.** Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees

This year Ballarat RAR will not be holding a Palm Sunday event at Lake Wendouree, but will be joining the event in Melbourne on Sunday, April 13, 2025, meeting at the Princes Bridge at 1.00pm for the walk and 2.00pm for the program at Tom's Block, St Kilda Road (opposite the Victorian College of the Arts). Some members will be travelling by train to Melbourne to attend this event. Click or scan the QR code for more information.



Gregorian chant Mass - Saturday 5 April Vigil Mass

On Saturday 5th April, at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, Ronan Reilly, Director of the Jubilate Deo program ("sing joyfully to God") will lead us in a sung Mass of Gregorian chant. The Vatican II document Sacrosanctum Concilium called for Gregorian chant to be given pride of place in liturgical services. There will be an opportunity 15 minutes before the start of Mass for the congregation to learn the chant responses.

First Reconciliation Ceremonies This week Tuesday to Thursday, a number of students will make their First Reconciliation at the Cathedral and at St Columba's Church. Please pray for these young children making their Sacraments.

Forty days and forty nights (Processional hymn)

- Verse 1 Forty days and forty nights, you were fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights, tempted and yet undefiled.
- Verse 2 Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain.
- Verse 3 Then if Satan on us press flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint nor fail.
- Verse 4 Keep, o keep us, Saviour dear, ever constant by your side,
That with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

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Pilgrimage with St Paul - Missionary of Hope

In this Jubilee year, dedicated to becoming Pilgrims of Hope, pilgrims are invited to experience the world of the early Christian communities. The Acts of the Apostles will come alive as we go out with St Paul and his companions to rediscover the faith and struggles of the early Christian communities. The proposed itinerary departs Melbourne on Sunday, September 21st 2025 with the pilgrims arriving in Istanbul and proceeding to Adana, Tarsus, Antioch, Ephesus, Troas, Kavala, Philippi, Thessalonica and Athens with the possibility of an extension to Rome. For further information please contact Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong Street North (PO Box 740), Ballarat, 3350, ph. 03 5331 8077, email info@lifestyletravel.com.au or Fr Justin Driscoll justin.driscoll@ballarat.catholic.org.au



 <p>CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE</p>  <p>UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY</p>	<p>Catholic Theological College</p> <p>Invites you to our Engaging Your Faith online presentations</p> <p>From \$25 per session.</p> <p>For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/</p>
Day	Title and Presenter
Monday 12 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Can a Scientist Believe in God? Rev. Dr Christopher Mulherin
Tuesday 13 May 7pm - 8.30pm	60 Years Since Vatican II: Pope Francis, Synodality, and the Jubilee Year of Hope Rev. Dr Max Vodola
Wednesday 14 May 7.30pm - 9pm	Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church Rev. Dr Simon Wayte MGL
Thursday 15 May 7pm - 8pm	The Torah and Its Afterlives Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP
Monday 19 May 7pm - 8.30pm	An Introduction to AI and Transhumanism ... for Christians Rev. Dr Christopher Mulherin
Tuesday 20 May 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Integrity in Our Common Mission (National Code of Conduct for Safeguarding): Context, Theology, and Promotion Rev. Dr Jake Mudge
Wednesday 21 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Religion and Ethics: Exploring Some Connections Dr Frances Baker RSM
Thursday 22 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Pope Francis: Church Reformer and Prophetic Voice for the Human Community Rev. Dr Bernard Teo CSsR
Monday 26 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Prayer in Luke's Gospel in this Jubilee Year Dr Rosemary Canavan
Tuesday 27 May 7pm - 8.30pm	The Originality and Purpose of the Burial, Empty Tomb, and Appearance Narratives in John (19:38-20:29) Br Dr Paul Creevey FMS
Wednesday 28 May 7pm - 8.30pm	The Meaning and Purpose of Life: How Does the Next Generation of Parents and Teachers See It? Dr Paul Sharkey

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.

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.

"Journey Through the Gospels with Bishop David"

Emeritus Bishop David Walker offers a free programme, "Journey Through the Gospels with Bishop David". It will involve a weekly video access to the Gospel, accompanied by a live online discussion every Saturday from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. These will be recorded for those that are unable to attend the live sessions. This gives participants a chance to ask questions, share reflections and seek further clarification about the Gospel. Register for this programme at <https://lectiodivina.com.au/?p=27610>

Jubilee Year 2025:

Pilgrims of Hope: Bishop Paul has designated St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat as a place of pilgrimage for this Jubilee Year. Pilgrims are invited to take a self-guided tour of the Cathedral. A booklet is available for pilgrims to follow. This includes suggestions on how to be a pilgrim, a brief history of St Patrick's Cathedral and information about the beautiful stained-glass windows. As well as visiting the Cathedral for the self-guided tour, pilgrims are welcome to spend some time in the Cathedral in prayer.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2551.33

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1177.15

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

Tap n go \$ 699.95

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

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11.00am St John of God Hospital

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

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Litany of 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

6.00pm Mass & Stations of the Cross (Lent)

Saturday

10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday 30th March

2.30pm VOX Handel's Messiah

6.00pm Lenten Group

Tuesday

7.00pm PPC Team meeting

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

10.00am/5.30pm Centralised Baptism Meetings

6.00pm Lenten Group

Sunday 6th April

11.30am Cuppa after Mass