

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

First Sunday of Lent Year C – 9th March



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

First: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Readings next 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

RECENT DEATHS:

Helen Johnson, Therese Margaret Hill, Bernadette Payne

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nancy Adamson, Carmel Ainley, Graeme Beaston, June Blaby, Lina Bomitali, Annie Burke, Kevin Clinton, Edward Drohan, Dmytro Dziuba, Jack Flynn, Sheila Forster, Gloria Gallagher, Barbara Gleeson, Jim Goodwin, Patricia Grant, Anne Hellyar, Charlotte Holmes, Kaylene Jarvis, Isaac Lund, Tom Meich, Richard Mooney, Kathleen Noy, Kathleen O'Donnell, Maimie O'Sullivan, Helen Powell, James Ryan, John Saitta, Vojko Skontra, Maria Vamos, Gertrude Verberne, Doreen White, Margaret White

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

United in Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers,
hear our prayers for your servant, Pope Francis, who is sick:
Grant him, we implore you, your merciful help,
so that, with his health restored,
He may give you thanks in the midst of your Church.
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Pope Francis' message for Lent

"Let Us Journey Together in Hope" is Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025. He reminds us that we cannot stay where it is comfortable, that we must always accompany others, and that we must always do everything with the hope that never disappoints. The Dicastery for Integral Human Development have provided resources for Lent. To read the Pope's message and access the recourses, scan or click the QR code.

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering: March 8-9, 2025

The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering. Further resources for the Jubilee of the World of Volunteering 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 the World of Volunteering

Loving God, may we be inspired by the great witness to mercy provided by those who volunteer their time, skills and resources in the service of others.

In doing so, these generous individuals make the love of Christ visible in the world.

May we imitate their example, as we ask to be humble instruments

in your hands in order to alleviate the world's sufferings,

and to share the joy and hope of the resurrection. Amen.

St Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of volunteers, pray for us!

Project Compassion 2025 Week 1: Unite against poverty this Lent

We have begun our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey. This year, we are going to learn about three incredible people from three different corners of the world, facing vastly different challenges. Watch the Introduction to Project

Compassion video <https://vimeo.com/1034878113>

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/>



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. This position will include the requirement to participate in an on-call roster. The Pastoral Practitioner works as an integral member of the multidisciplinary team for the provision of holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. The role will be responsible for the provision of emotional and spiritual support, theological reflection, ritual facilitation, faith/belief integration, establishing pastoral therapeutic relationships, trauma and grief counselling and emotional intelligence. 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.

Forty days and forty nights (Offertory 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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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 or ph. 5337 7159.

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.



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](mailto:djurджа.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. The day will begin with a free welcome reception from 2.00pm – 4:00pm (doors open at 1.30pm for registration). Enjoy light refreshments, drinks, a campus tour, and some simple formalities during this shared gathering, followed by a group photo. The after party for each cohort will continue at their own private individual locations from 7:00pm onwards. Full event details and tickets at

<https://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.



Parish Mass with Anointing March 19th, 2025

On Wednesday, March 19th, our Mass with Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at midday. 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.

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](#)

St Patrick's Cathedral Youth Group Music & Dance Celebration 2025

Unfortunately been postponed until further notice

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.

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 - \$ 2190.60

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 2289.60

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

Tap n go \$ 630.85

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

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

Saturday

2.15pm Interfaith Visit