

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C – 6th April



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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 Coordinators:

Tony Beggs

Lia Andanar Yu

Finance Officer:

Jackie Wrigglesworth

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

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

First: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second: Philipians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Readings next week: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C (13th April)

First: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second: Philipians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

RECENT DEATHS:

Maree Fenton, Louise Glennen, Michael Lourey, Valma McCallum,
Stephen Paull, Ava Rafalski

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vittorio Bernardeschi, Christina Cummins, Marcus Duffy, Brian Edwards,
David Elkins, Shaun Kelly, Francis Klein, Jean Lakey, Mary Louise Legg,
Dale Lumsden, Molly Martin, Jill Briody McCaig, Anne Meich, James Mevey,
Desmond Naylor, Kathleen O'Brien, Dominga Rodriques, Valda Stevens,
Dorothy Strybosch, Pauline Stuart, Mary- Andrew Sherry,
Stefania Slivinsky, Alojz Tos, Joy van Gaans, Roma Vaughan

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Forming of a New Parish

In recent years, the Ballarat Diocese has created new Ministry Districts under the direction of Bishop Paul and the Pastoral Planning Office to help meet the needs of the current situation of the Diocese. We are now in the process of coming together as one parish which will happen on 1st July 2025. Our new parish will be comprised of St Columba's Ballarat North, St John the Baptist Beaufort and St Patrick's Ballarat and (Streatham if it continues). Under the direction of Bishop Paul, the Council shall be called "Cathedral Parish."

The Parish is the basic unit of the Universal Catholic Church with its responsibility of evangelization, expression of faith and administration of Sacraments. It exists to improve the quality of the life of its members; spiritual, religious, and social. It is a community of love, based on a Communion of Faith. Its function is beyond that of a corporate entity.

Election Process of the new Cathedral Parish Council

As has been suggested by the previous separate Parish Councils, we now call for Election of 9 members 2 Beaufort, 3 North Ballarat, 4 Cathedral, (1 if Streatham continues).

Ex-officio Members

1 Representative from Primary School Principals

1 Representative from Finance Council

Priests

Timeline for elections:

- Information on newsletter 26th/27th April
- Nominations called for from 3rd/4th May (Parish Administrator will discern initial nominees before informing the parish).
- Parish informed of final nominees 17th/18th May.
- Discernment time for parishioners who wish to vote from 19 – 23 May
- Voting 24th /25th May if needed.
- Announced 1st June

A new Parish Finance Charter for Cathedral Parish is currently with Bishop Paul for his scrutiny and ratification.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Election Statement, "Called to Bring Hope in the Year of Jubilee"

As Australians prepare to vote in the federal election, Catholics have a vital role in shaping our nation's future. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have provided an Election Statement and resources for parishes and schools available at [//www.catholic.au/s/article/Election-Statement-2025#resources](https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Election-Statement-2025#resources)

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, April 18, 2025

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18. Over the last five years the people of the Holy Land have had so much turmoil in their lives. We pray that the ceasefire in Palestine, Gaza and Israel will be honoured by all the leaders. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows care for the Holy Places (which also gives work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless and more. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land through the generosity of the Australian Church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds.

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/>

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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Easter Prayer in St Patrick's College Chapel

You are invited to prayerfully participate in a Holy Week Vigil, to be held at the St Patrick's College Chapel. The Vigil will commence with Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 16 April and conclude with Stations of the Cross commencing 6.30am Thursday 17 April.

One goal is to have the Chapel prayerfully occupied the entire night. You can register your attendance via <https://www.trybooking.com/DALEY>, or simply come along when you can, whether for 5 minutes or 30 minutes. May God bless our prayer.

Palm Sunday – Ecumenical Gathering

The Ecumenical Palm Sunday Gathering will be held at the Sturt Street Bandstand between Dawson and Doveton Streets, on Sunday 13th April 2025 at 9.00 a.m. Members of the St Patrick's Cathedral community are invited and encouraged, to attend this special gathering to mark the beginning of our journey in Holy Week.

Palm Sunday - Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees

You are invited to join members of Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees in Melbourne this year to show your kindness and solidarity with refugees and people seeking asylum. We will be travelling by train from Ballarat. 1 pm meeting on Princes Bridge, walking with many others to Tom's Block St Kilda Road opposite Victorian College of the Arts. 2pm Speakers, music and more
Program details on Refugee Advocacy Network website [//refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au/?p=4730](https://refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au/?p=4730)
For other details contact Margaret our Convenor via rarballarat@gmail.com

Liturgies and Easter Mass Times at St Columba's church:

13th April, 10:00am, Palm Sunday

17th April, 7:00pm, Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

18th April, 10:00am Way of the Cross starts at St Columba's Church

3:00pm, Good Friday: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Good Friday Mass at St Columba's - all parishes are very welcome to attend.

20th April, 10:00am, Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

Project Compassion 2025 Week 4: Unite against poverty this Lent



Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's annual Project Compassion Appeal this Lent. The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of their local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. This year's featured partners include Caritas Samoa in Samoa, Catholic Relief Services in Vietnam and Caritas Kongolo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Please donate today: You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes and envelopes, or by scanning or clicking on the QR code, or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling. 1800 024 413. Download the weekly reflection from the diocesan website [//www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/project-compassion-2025/](https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/project-compassion-2025/)

Catholic Theological College

CTC invites you to "Engaging Your Faith" online presentations from \$25.00 per session.

For more information and to register go to [//ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/](https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/)

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 contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 5337 7159.

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 [//youtube.com/live/qUVA7OFoZ9c?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/qUVA7OFoZ9c?feature=share)

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.

Prayer for the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers - April 5-6:

Lord our God, through the power of the Holy Spirit your Son healed our infirmities and diseases. We pray for all health care professionals - doctors and nurses, chaplains, researchers and technicians, aides, caregivers, and emergency personnel, and all who support them. Strengthen them with your grace, so that, as they serve the sick with tender charity, they may serve Christ himself. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Taken from the National Association of Catholic Chaplains USA Liturgy Notes for the Jubilee Mass for the Sick and Health Care Professionals).*

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2515

(Blue bag Presbytery – Priest support)

Second Collection - \$ 1960

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

Tap n go \$ 769

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, 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

11.15am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Litany of St Joseph

6.00pm-7.00pm Holy Hour & Benediction

Thursday

11.15am Divine Mercy Devotion

5.30pm Reconciliation (preEaster)

Friday

10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Prayer

6.00pm Mass & Stations of the Cross (Lent)

6.30pm Reconciliation(preEaster)

Saturday

10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events*

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday 6th April

11.30am Cuppa after Mass

Tuesday

5.15pm Liturgy Team meeting

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

7.30pm RCIA

Thursday

6.00pm Lenten Group