

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B – 21st April



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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

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Fr Alex Valliyamthadathil

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Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

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Bernadette Prestwood

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Readings this week: Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B (21st April)

First: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Second: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Readings next week: Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B (28th April)

First: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Second: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8



RECENT DEATHS:

Bill Gove, Sr Mary Madden rsm

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Birch, Doreen Buckley, Paul Crowe, June De Beer, Patricia Elliott, Edward Fanning, John Foley, Leigh Gillett, Yvonne Greymans, Brendan Hammond, Matthew James, Marie Jens, Shirley Krzempek, Geraldine Lynch, Christopher Lyons, Aline Martin-Goldsmith, Donald Morris, Henry Morris (snr), Dorothy Morrish, Michael Murphy, Andrea Pagliaro, Sr Mary Majella Pierce, Kathy Richie, Sr Monica Scott, Ellen Segrave, Laurence Stevens, Joseph van der Linden, Bill Verdoorn, Ena Watt, Garry Welsh, James Woodruff

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (Edited)

Dear brothers and sisters!

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love wherever we find ourselves.

This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity.

I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. All those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good.

I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. I think those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

At this point in time, then, our common journey is bringing us to the Jubilee Year of 2025. Let us travel as *pilgrims of hope* towards the Holy Year, for by discovering our own vocation and its place amid the different gifts bestowed by the Spirit, we can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation and fraternity.

This Day is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). In this present year, devoted to prayer and preparation for the Jubilee, all of us are called to rediscover the inestimable blessing of our ability to enter into heartfelt dialogue with the Lord and thus become pilgrims of hope. For "prayer is the first strength of hope. Hope is there, but by my prayer I open the door" ([Catechesis](#), 20 May 2020).

The ultimate meaning of our Christian pilgrimage involves a journey to discover the love of God and at the same time to discover ourselves, thanks to an interior journey nourished by our relationships with others. We are *pilgrims because we have been called*: called to love God and to love one another.

This is, in the end, the goal of every vocation: to become men and women of hope. To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love.

Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.

VOCATION SUNDAY Nazareth House Sunday 21st April

Holy Hour and Benediction will be held this Sunday 3.00pm to 4.00pm at Nazareth House to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. Afternoon Tea will follow in the Nazzie Nook.

VOCATION SUNDAY Prayer Wednesday 24th April

All parishioners are invited to a Holy Hour with Benediction for this intention on Wednesday 24th April in the Cathedral at 6.00 pm concluding at 6.45 pm. Sr Sipona Ah Kuoi a Sister of Nazareth here in Ballarat, will give a reflection on God's call. There will be a short time for cuppa afterwards before 'Wisdom in the Cathedral' takes place in the Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend both the Holy Hour and 'Wisdom in the Cathedral'.

Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit of wisdom and divine love, awaken in the hearts of the young, Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel. May they discover the vocation wherein they can best serve God to be of service to their sisters and brothers. In flame all young hearts with courage and grant them your peace. Mary, Mother of our Saviour, and our Mother, pray for us.

Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to hear Dr Patrick Kennedy present "**Victor Hugo's Les Misérables: A Catholic Novel?**" for the next Wisdom at the Cathedral event on Wednesday 24 April at 7pm. Patrick, whose doctoral research centred on the works of the great French author, will explore ways in which we can engage with fiction in light of Catholic Wisdom. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley at fionalouisebradley@gmail.com.



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Eucharistic Sacramental Program

Parent Information Meetings

St Thomas More PS Tuesday April 23rd 9.00am

St Patrick PS/Siena PS Tuesday April 23rd 10:00am

For those unable to attend the school meetings in the morning, the evening meeting will be at Parish (MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms) Tuesday April 23rd 5:30pm

Commitment Weekend	Saturday May 4 th 5:30pm, Sunday May 5 th 10:30am & 5:00pm
Prayer Weekend	Saturday May 11 th 5:30pm, Sunday May 12 th 10:30am & 5:00pm
Presentation Weekend	Saturday May 18 th 5:30pm, Sunday May 19 th 10:30am & 5:00pm
Eucharistic Celebrations	May 25 th /26 th , June 3 rd /4 th and June 10 th /11 th

Sr Mary Madden rsm RIP

The Funeral Mass for Sr Mary Madden rsm will take place on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at St Alipius Church Ballarat East at 10.30am AEST. The live-stream links are:

Funeral <https://youtube.com/live/aeXkdNueREc?feature=share>;

Burial <https://youtube.com/live/xTbxpt2SWpl?feature=share>.

ANZAC Day Mass Thursday 25th April

An opportunity for all parishioners to come and pray for Australian and New Zealand soldiers who gave their lives for our freedom. We also remember the families of those who lost their loved ones during conflict. We continue to pray for peace in our world, which begins with us individually.

Mass will be held at the Cathedral 9.15am.

An Invitation - Are you interested in becoming a Mercy Associate?

This group seeks to "Preserve, Nurture and Reimagine the Mercy charism", established by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy. We offer members a number of social and spiritual activities throughout the year. If you are interested, both women and men, please contact the Parish Office for further information before 30 April 2024.

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 4 begins May 27. There are 30 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Phone 53377121 or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurджа.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Diocesan History Timeline

As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

Bishop Paul will celebrate all Masses at the Cathedral next weekend as we continue to give thanks for all those who have contributed to the life of the diocese in the past. We also pray for the present and future. Catholic Education Week will mark the great work of so many Religious and Lay people who have contributed to the development of our young.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2777.50

Second Collection - \$ 4635.10

Tap & Go - \$ 489.26

MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – Public Holiday (One Mass)
9.15am **ANZAC Day**

Friday - 12.05pm
(Reconciliation at 10.30am until midday)

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

11.20am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday

11.20am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Litany to St Joseph
6.00pm-6.45pm Holy Hour & Benediction

Thursday

11.15am Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday 11.00am to 12.00pm -

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

Sunday

6.00pm Youth Group

Tuesday

5.30pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting
7.00pm Life in the Spirit Prayer

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary
7.00pm Wisdom in the Cathedral