

dNews

a newsletter for the Diocese of Ballarat

20 November 2024

From the Vicar General

Ordination

The ordination to the diaconate is now set for 11am on Saturday 7th November, the Feast of Saint Ambrose, at [Saint Peter's Ballarat](#). Bishop Garry will be the ordaining bishop. The ordination retreat will be conducted by Fr Matthew Jones and be held at St Mark's Abbey, Camperdown.

Please keep in your prayers Keith Romanis, Jannie Ryan and Andrew Sexton who will be ordained deacon, and their families in your prayers. I am grateful to the Archdeacon of Ballarat Fr Michael O'Brien and the community at St Peter's for welcoming the Diocese for the ordination.

Clergy are asked to be vested and in the chapel by 10.45am. Please wear either an alb and stole or cassock, surplice and stole. The liturgical colour is white.

Advent Reflections & Quiet Day

The Ministry Development Committee have produced an Advent resource for our use either as individuals or in small groups. The booklet is available through the Registry or available online.

<https://ballaratanglican.org.au/advent2024/>

The **Advent Quiet Day** at St Mark's Abbey this year is being conducted by the Reverend Catie Inches-Ogden. The day will include time for prayer, reflection and material offered by the Reverend Catie. These quiet days are an opportunity to 'still the mind' and 'lean into God' in prayer and thanksgiving. I encourage you to 'make the time' to attend what I am sure will be an enriching day.

If you do join us on the day, make sure you go in pilgrimage to see the new dry-stone wall that has recently been completed near the Abbey Cemetery.

The dNews is now coming out weekly until further notice. Contributions must be made to:

dnews@ballaratanglican.org.au

by 5pm Tuesday each week.

The Diocese reserves the right to edit content to meet space requirements.

Dates for your Diary

Property & Finance Committee

10 Dec.

Ballarat MU Deanery - 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

28 November @ 10am

St Peter's Anglican Church, Sturt St

MDC Quiet Day

30 November 2024

Camperdown Abbey

Conductor Rev'd Catie Inches-Ogden

Ordinations

7 December 2024

St Peter's Ballarat @ 11am

Parish Celebration

St Paul's Bakery Hill

The 170th celebrations at St Paul's Bakery Hill on Sunday included a wonderful Sung Eucharist, a lovely morning tea and a delightful lunch. People travelled from both near and far to be part of the weekend events.

The descendants of William Dalton, the first sexton at St Pauls, who died suddenly after a seizure at Lake Wendouree on 15th December 1864, travelled from Canberra to join in the festivities. The story has been told down the decades and generations of the generosity of the community at St Paul's towards the widow and her family, that the family wanted to honour that memory some 160 year later. What a wonderful connection to sacred space and community.

The faith community at St Paul's genuinely care for each other and their parish priest. They will miss each other when Sr Elisa retires after Christmas. They clearly enjoy their connections with God in their beautiful and sacred space.

Portland 190th Anniversary of Anglican Worship

This Sunday on the feast of Christ the King I will be with the people of the Parish of Lower Glenelg as they celebrate the 190th anniversary of Anglican Worship in Portland. The faithful proclamation of the Gospel in Word and Sacrament in the Portland District for 190 years is indeed worth celebrating.

Feast of Title

The Cathedral Church of Christ the King will celebrate its feast of title this Sunday. If you find yourself in Ballarat the Sung Eucharist will have fine music and preaching. The diocese has a large number of churches titled Christ Church. These include Birregurra, Warracknabeal, Skipton, Great Western, Casterton, Hamilton, Macarthur (sold), Navarre, Carlisle River (Christ the King), and Warrnambool. These respective centres of worship provide an opportunity for people to connect with God and each other, in faith and hope.

Also a quick reminder the Registrar is still away on annual leave until 1 December.

Fr Scott

From the MDC

Advent Quiet Day

Saturday 30th November 9.30am-3pm

Please BYO lunch, a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent!

Tea and coffee provided.

Come and prepare yourself for your Advent journey in the quiet surrounds of St Mark's Abbey, Camperdown. Our day will be led by the Revd. Catie Inches Ogden. There will also be time for quiet reflections, and walks in the garden.

Advent Reflection Material

To help in your journey towards Christmas the MDC has prepared some Advent reflections, consisting of a weekly reflection on the theme for the week, followed by a prayer for each day of the week. There are also some craft activities and some suggestions for music. The Advent booklets can be downloaded from the Diocesan website or hard copies are available from the Bishop's Registry.

<https://ballaratanglican.org.au/advent2024/>

Hope25 - Hope – in an uncertain world

An initiative of the Mission and Ministry Commission of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia

Hope 25 seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities in an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025. They provide training resources and materials to help your parish take part in this initiative.

Contact: www.hope25.com.au
info@hope25.com.au

Hope 25 Collect

God of hope
you call us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;
by your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions
the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. **AMEN**

Thank You Jesus

Thank you Jesus is a small booklet of prayers for children. It can be used with church groups, given at baptisms or used as a gift for children and grandchildren. Hard copies are available from the Diocesan office or it can be downloaded from the diocesan website.

<https://ballaratanglican.org.au/thankyoujesus/>

On purchasing a Bible to nurture the faith of a young person.

A little while ago a member of the Diocese reached out to the Ministry Development Committee for recommendations for a Bible suitable for a 10 year old as a gift to support their growing faith, a Bible that could be accessed as a young person but also age with them as they got older. The answer given is reproduced below:

It can be challenging to find the right edition for younger people. But what a gift to give!

There are a number of Children's Bibles for younger children, but for an edition that can

grow with a teenager you would want to look for an NRSVA (or the latest version, the NRSVUE) or an NIV translation that are true to the text but accessible.

If cost is an issue then I would look at an *NRSVA Children's Bible*: https://koorong.com/product/nrsvue-children-s-bible-black-letter-edition-ages_9781496472014 It is the same translation that we use in the Anglican Church of Australia and has some engaging illustrations and costs \$25 from Koorong.

If the budget can be stretched then the Catholic Church has produced a really excellent edition in an NIV translation (which is the translation that when I was eleven, I found accessible) with a lot of background information and links in their *Adventure Bible*. There is a Kids version and an Adults "Great Adventure" version. But I think this one https://koorong.com/product/niv-adventure-bible-gray-black-letter-edition-9780310759164?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwqre1BhAqEiwA7g9QhnLUjl9VhDu6EloEVHkdinX8t-7Yx1dyE5zHeg_tRBNmaNtlabYO8RoCR50QAvD_BwE (which is \$75 from Koorong) has a cover that won't embarrass as they get older but also has really engaging elements on the inside. In its favour, it doesn't say "Children's Bible" which is nice for a 10 year old who will see themselves as soon outgrowing that.

A beautiful option for use by families is *The Book of Belonging: Bible Stories for Kind and Contemplative Kids* by Mariko Clark illustrated by Rachel Eleanor, It is beautifully presented and can be read to very young children and read by all ages. <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/720477/the-book-of-belonging-by-mariko-clark-illustrated-by-rachel-eleanor/>

An amazing and dynamic graphic novel that outlines the Gospel of Mark through the miracles of Jesus by talented artist and storyteller John Hendrix is another option for readers of all ages 10 and up. The custom fonts and dramatic images match the exciting re-telling of Jesus' ministry for all of us!

https://www.amazon.com.au/Miracle-Man-Story-John-Hendrix/dp/1419718991/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

What editions of the Bible have nurtured your faith journey?

MU Thought for the Week

16 Days of Activism

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others. It is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs' (1 Corinthians 13:4-5).

Love should inspire love. One of the most powerful ways in which love works is when we discover that despite our failings and weaknesses, God loves us. A true understanding of this wonderful grace will work to make us more loving to those around us. Abuse and violence, especially domestic abuse and violence shows that the perpetrator knows nothing of the love of God. All such behaviours is abominable; when it occurs amongst professing Christians, it is worse. We do not talk about it enough and hence the value of the 16 days of activism. As a society and especially as Christians we need to make it perfectly clear that this behaviour is unacceptable. And we need to provide help for those who are its victims.

Question for thought: How can I love a victim of abuse or violence?

Vale - Margaret Dart

Margaret joined MU in 1954 and was Ballarat Diocesan President between 1978 - 1982, and for many years was president of Warracknabeal MU.

Her funeral will be held at Christ Church Warracknabeal on Monday 2nd December at 10am.

We give thanks for her many years of faithful service to MU and the wider Church.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Jill Gale, Diocesan MU President.

16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

Ballarat MU deanery will recognise 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence at a service at St Peter's Anglican Church Sturt St on Thursday 28th November commencing at 10.00 am. Refreshment will be available after the service. All are welcome. This will be followed by our Christmas Luncheon at the Western Hotel at 12 noon. Please feel free to bring along a spouse or friend. RSVP by November 25th to Jan 0412 467 875

Townsend News

Christmas Lunch

Monday November 25th at the Bunch of Grapes Hotel in Pleasant street South. RSVP asap (the deadline was 18 Nov). Everyone to take a \$5 gift to exchange.

Townsend dates for 2025

February 12th - Our World President will be visiting Ballarat. We raised \$770 at our coffee morning towards the World Travel Fund. Many thanks to all attended and made this effort possible.

March 1 - St. John's Parish Fair

March 31st, June 30th, September 30th (World Day of Prayer)

30th November - Christmas lunch.

Donations

We have donated \$1000 to ABM Myanmar project as well as smaller donations to other organisations, not to mention all the knitted items made and donated to various hospitals, nursing homes, Anglicare and Mission to Seamen, also other essential items to Anglicare.

New members always welcome.

THIS SATURDAY

"THE CONTEMPLATIVE WAY"

*(Seeing the Gospel of Jesus
Through a Different Lens)*

SESSION 3

*"Living the Good Life – Benedict and the
Beginnings of Monasticism"*

Saturday, November 23, 2024

1.30pm – 3.30pm
Cathedral Hall

Presenter: Fr. Grant Bullen

This third session traces the continuing development of the Christian contemplative tradition, from the Desert Elders to the beginnings of monasticism, with particular attention to the Rule of Benedict.

We continue our focus on *contemplative spiritual practice*, looking at the place of a *prayerful reading of Scripture (Lectio)*, *community*, and having a *rule of life*.

As always, we'll keep an eye on what emerges when we view the Gospel of Christ Jesus through this different lens? Where does this way of seeing, living and praying fit in the 21st century Christian Church?

*Please note that this is a **SATURDAY** session, beginning an hour earlier than usual.*

*It is not necessary to come to all the sessions.
It's fine to attend this one
without having been previously.*

No need to register – just turn up on the day.

If you have a question, please email Fr. Grant at bullengrantley@gmail.com.

(For information, dates and times on the whole series of "The Contemplative Way", please go to the Cathedral Website <https://www.ballaratcathedral.org.au> and click on the tab labelled "Exploring Faith".)



*Please join us in celebrating
190 years of
Anglican Worship
on our St Stephen's site*

Beginning with a Sung Eucharist on
The Feast of Christ the King Sunday
10.30am Sunday 24 November 2024
At St Stephen's 57 Julia Street, Portland
Followed by lunch in the hall



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