



# Catholic Parish of St Patrick

Wellington – Stuart Town – Yeoval  
Established 1856

Pastor: Rev Fr Carl Mackander  
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Parish Schools: St Mary's Wellington  
St Columba's Yeoval



## Welcome

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
**19th September 2021**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 53

*Let us praise God as we pray the Psalm together.*

**The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth.
2. For proud men have risen against me;  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.
3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good.

**The Lord upholds my life.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel to share  
in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!**

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

**This week's Readings:** Wisdom 2:12.17-20;  
James 3:16 – 4:3; Mark 9:30-37

**Next week:** Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;  
Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray that we all will make courageous choices  
for a simple and environmentally sustainable  
lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are  
resolutely committed to this.

We gather to worship God of all time and all  
people and we acknowledge the Wiradjuri people as the  
traditional Custodians of this land and their cultural and  
spiritual connections to it.

### MISSION STATEMENT OF PARISH

To foster an **Outreaching Community**  
by developing **Relationships**  
which manifest **Christ's Love-In-Action.**

### This YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH – we pray -

“St Joseph, Deeply Loved – pray for us.  
St Joseph, Tender and Loving – pray for us.  
St Joseph, the Obedient One – pray for us.  
St Joseph, the Accepting One – pray for us.  
St Joseph, the Creative and Courageous Believer  
and Guide – pray for us.”

### ONLINE MASSES ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Mass from the **Cathedral**, with Bishop Michael on  
Sunday at 10.00am via **Facebook** and **YouTube**  
**Dubbo Parish:** Thursday at 5.45pm and Sunday at  
9.00am via **Facebook.**

**Mudgee Parish:** Sunday at 10.00am via **Facebook**  
**Cowra Parish:** Sunday at 9.00am via **Facebook.**

**CENTACARE SUNDAY.** This weekend we celebrate  
the works of Centacare, the social service arm of our  
Diocese. Centacare assists thousand of people across  
our region through nearly 20 different programs and  
services. To make a tax deductible donation, please  
call 6331 8944.

### DIOCESAN QUIZ NIGHT

**7pm this Sunday 18th September.** Join us via zoom:  
bthcatholic.zoom.us/j/4582615130

We will be using Zoom online to meet as a group and  
then using Kahoot to run the quiz.

Recommend people have two devices, one for the  
Zoom and one for Kahoot eg a phone and a computer.  
No prior Zoom or Kahoot experience is necessary but  
if people want to test their technology before we  
begin they can join the Zoom meeting from 6pm.  
There will be prizes!

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Parish Office hours: Tuesday: 9.00am – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 5.00pm Wed: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Diocesan website: [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au) Diocesan Youth website: [www.youth.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.youth.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

## NO WEEKEND OR WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE PARISH DUE TO LOCKDOWN

### GOSPEL PASSAGES for your personal daily prayer at home this week

Monday: Luke 8:16-18 *Korean Martyrs*  
Tuesday: Matthew 9:9-13 *St Matthew*  
Wednesday: Luke 9:1-6  
Thursday: Luke 9:7-9  
Friday: Luke 9:18-22  
Saturday: Luke 9:43b-45  
**Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Paul Mills and for all who have died from Covid-19 this week in many countries, including Australia.

**Sick:** Especially for Sr Joanna Healey, Sr Marjorie Fitzgerald and all those on our sick list

**Masses:** All those for whom Masses have been requested.

### PARISH FINANCES

**Parishioners are asked to Direct Debit or drop your Planned Giving offering to the Parish Office each week. \*\* (If the office is unattended push the envelope under the front door)!!**

*Thanks....*

**Direct Debit Details: BSB: 066 781**

**Account No: 10000 5106 C'wealth Bank**

**Use your name as reference.**

**Our regular accounts for running costs in the parish remain the same as usual.**

### PRAYING IN THE MIDST OF THE OPPRESSION OF TEDIUM

**Pray that the Spirit meets us in the swings and roundabouts of the mood changes and then welcome the calm of God's peace when it arrives.**

By Fr Michael Kelly SJ – Australia

The tedious life inflicted by trying to prevent the spread of the coronavirus is also an opportunity for many other things than just being bored. Yes, we can spend a lot of time just waiting for a change and lamenting the containment, restriction and boredom that come with trying to prevent the spread of the virus to us and through us.

But there are also benefits coming our way if we choose to look for them. They include increased time for being with those we are closest to (even if virtually), reading, exercising, losing weight and also something not often considered – renewing a prayer life as a contemplative person.

Contemplation may not be something we've considered much in the time poor lives we've led at a frenetic pace in our pre-pandemic lives. But actually, I have discovered we can start an attempt to be more contemplative from the moment we open our eyes in the morning.

My mother taught me that as a small child. She encouraged me to make a prayer when I first become conscious in the morning. She suggested that I pray "**Thanks Lord for bringing me to this new day**". That then allows a conscious focus on finding and engaging with God as we await God's still small voice to respond to my prayer of gratitude and appreciation. God does not leave us to ourselves when we ask for divine assistance. That's how I learnt even as a small child to discern what the presence of God in my life might be and feel like. I developed a taste for God's presence and learnt to know when I could be confident that I was actually in God's presence.

Being in God's presence is not really difficult to discover. The aim of all prayer is to be and live ever more deeply in God's presence. Later in life I then learnt that welcoming the enriching, nourishing presence of God in my conscious life was allowing the experience of "**consolation**" to take hold of me. And it was a major encouragement for me to learn that the main person in whose tradition of prayer I was being trained as a Jesuit – that of St Ignatius Loyola – prized **consolation above all else as the means of spiritual growth.**

Consolation, St Ignatius taught, is the aim of prayer. But that's not something we can just press a button and find ourselves blessed with after pressing the button. **What we need to do is ask the Spirit to bring us there and then open ourselves and patiently wait till God grants us our petition or request.** It can come to us quickly or very slowly. It's not up to us and it does not roll out to our timing. But God does not leave us to ourselves when we ask for divine assistance. And in **prayer, that comes as consolation – joy, peace, forgiveness, spiritual transformation.**

But that's not all we can feel and my happy discovery early in my learning to pray was that the spirituality I was learning about is a very smart – if also simple – spirituality of mood swings. Each mood swing can overpower us, distract us, take us into trouble. However, if we don't let it control us, pray that the Spirit meets us in the swings and roundabouts of the mood changes and then welcomes the calm of God's peace when it arrives. Then we have a **whole new opportunity to meet God, let the Spirit take hold of us and find our way to the joy, peace, forgiveness and spiritual transformation that comes with authentic conversion.**

This transformation is as healing and renewing in times of deep turmoil, conflict, hurt and unwelcome surprise as it is in the sort of times we have now – tedious, repetitious and apparently endlessly so.

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