

St Patrick's Cathedral

Communities of Alfredton, Ballarat, Cardigan, Lake Gardens, Lake Wendouree, Lucas, Newington

Sunday May 5th 3rd Sunday of Easter

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll (Administrator)

Sajan Mathew, Vincent Pham CSsR

Visiting: Frs Dan Arundell, Barry Ryan

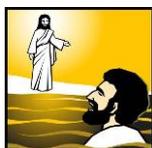
BHS Pastoral Care - Tracy Sillekens,

Admin, Family Ministry & Safeguarding -

Anita Houlihan

Finance Officer - Kerrie McTigue,

Grounds - Tony McVeigh



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.



Masses May 11th – 12th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale Beaufort Snake Valley

6.30pm Vigil 8.30am 10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 7.30am Damascus College 12.05pm Cathedral 7.00pm Loreto

Wednesday 12 Noon ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30am Redan 11.30am St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral 1.30pm Benediction

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday 10.00am – 11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday - Saturday 8.00am

Next week's readings:

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3 Rev 7:9, 14-17 John 10:27-30

Responsorial Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord;
Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord!

Recent Deaths: Betty Kirkpatrick, Peter Lakey, Carolyn O'Malley, Joe Wuestewald

Anniversaries: Gary Browning, Pat Carbone, John Chandler, Gerard Madden, Margaret Maher, Kathleen Martin, Donald Morris, Henry Morris Snr, Alma Norden, Mark Ryan, Michael Ryan, Bernie Segrave

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$2,429.00 Parish Loose \$430.40 Presbytery \$1,849.95

Counters: This week: Team 3 Next Week: Team 4

Youth Every Second Sunday (YESS)

YESS is for young people aged 13-18yrs, to come together to share their faith and connect with other youth. A warm invitation to join YESS in 2019 is extended to all young people. Sessions commence Sunday, May 5th at 6pm with a BBQ and information session (parents are welcome) at the Cathedral Hall, continuing fortnightly, during school terms. Email the youth leaders yessballarat@gmail.com

At the 5.00 pm Mass the 2019 Youth Leaders – Felicity Liston, Ceceila Streckfus and Emily Walker will be commissioned on behalf of the Cathedral Parish to lead our Youth Ministry. We pray for our Youth Leaders and thank them for their ministry.

Alpha – adult faith formation opportunity

Alpha @ St Patrick's Cathedral has commenced, continuing each Wednesday (6pm-8pm), at the MacKillop and Glowrey rooms. Come and explore Alpha - a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian Faith over Food, Input and Dialogue.

(Alpha.org.au) Please contact alpha.jess@icloud.com. *“Alpha is an opportunity for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.”* This week's session (Wednesday May 8th) is “Who Is Jesus?”

Catholic Mission Appeal launched for Sri Lanka

All funds raised will support critical repairs for the two churches targeted in the bombings – the 175-year-old St Anthony's Shrine in Colombo and St Sebastian's in Negombo. Contributions can be made through Catholic Mission's website at www.catholicmission.org.au The focus of the appeal is to assist in the rebuilding of Church infrastructure and parish communities through other pastoral needs needed

Parish 1st Eucharist Preparation

Dismissals for the current Parish Eucharist Program commence this weekend at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, 10.30am and 5.00pm. Sunday Masses, and will also take place on 11th-12th May, 18th-19th May and 1st-2nd June. If you have not registered, please contact Anita at the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday, 53312 933. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their first Eucharist.

Respected leaders named to conduct Church governance review

A panel of experts has been convened to conduct a national review of the governance and management structures of Catholic dioceses and parishes, including in relation to issues of transparency, accountability, consultation and lay participation. The review was a recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse after the Commission concluded that the governance and management of some dioceses and parishes contributed to the child sexual abuse crisis. Among other organisations, the review will consider the approaches to governance of Catholic health, community services and education agencies – as suggested by the Royal Commission. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC), said the review of governance will examine how Church structures – some of which were devised centuries ago – can be improved. *“We cannot ignore the wisdom that the Church has handed down through the years, but we must also be mindful that some of our practices fail to acknowledge and draw upon the best practice of other large, contemporary organisations.”* Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, president of Catholic Religious Australia (CRA), added: *“The Royal Commission uncovered some practices that could have exacerbated the abuse of children and hampered the response to that tragic reality. *“The establishment of this panel is another step in our serious response to the Royal Commission and will help establish a way forward for the Church into the future.”** For further information follow this [link](#) to the ACBC website.

Springdallah hand carved (length 12ft) Church Pews for Sale

For information and pricing phone 0407 056 795

Ballarat Diocese Annual Mass Count – over each of the Sundays in May at all Masses including those in the Cathedral Parish (Cathedral, Nazareth House & St Pat’s College)

Gospel Reflection *by Veronica Lawson RSM*

March 25 this year saw the publication of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. The Pope addresses his words to "young people and to the entire people of God". Quite early in the document, there is a call for the church to be a "living church", a church that is "attentive to the legitimate claims of those women who seek greater justice and equality" (par. 42). For Johannine scholar, Elizabeth Dowling RSM, this would entail a return to the spirit of the early chapters of John's gospel. John's final chapter marks an unfortunate shift in the portrayal of gender roles, a shift that would seem to reflect struggles in the early church to accept women in leadership roles. The focus is clearly on Peter, on his role as leader and his relationship with Jesus. In John 20, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is she who receives the first resurrection appearance and she who is commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection to the other disciples. In Chapter 21, Peter goes fishing and several of the other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see the figure of Jesus on the shore. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter, already foreshadowed in his decision to clothe his naked body. In the wake of his three-fold denial, Peter makes a three-fold profession of love of Jesus. This brings with it the responsibility of tending not only his "sheep" but also his "lambs". This command has particular resonance for a church that has failed so many of its children. While the passage is filled with symbolism, we might pause to appreciate the materiality underlying the symbols. Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) probably denotes the universality of the mission. The 30% decline in large fish species in my country provides a sober reminder that the mission must include the natural world as never before. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb "to draw" has several layers of meaning in this fishing context: the disciples were not able "to draw in the net....so Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore". These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, particularly his words on the cross, "And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw all to myself" (12:32). The "all" allows for the whole Earth community, human and more-than-human, to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One, despite the failures of the past.