St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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May 13th 2018 Ascension of the Lord (B)

St. Particks Parish, Ballar

Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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Cathedral Parish Pastoral Carer at Ballarat Health Services Tracy Sillekens

Cathedral Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Jess Salazar who may be contacted through the Cathedral Office

Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

St Patrick's Primary Cathy Whelan, St Thomas More Rosa Tocchet, Siena Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses May 19th/20th Smythesdale Skipton Rokewood

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

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

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30am

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

Sung Responsorial Psalm Ascension of the Lord

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy

Recent Death: Gary Browning, Pat Carbone, John Chandler, Margaret Maher,

Anniversaries: Ken Boland, Bill Gorgan, Peter Hammond, Bernie Hogan, Peter Lavery, Dorothy Nolan, Jacob Ozlins, Kevin Ratcliffe, Terrance Ratcliffe, Bernie Segrave,

Next week's readings: Sunday May 20th2018 Pentecost Sunday (B)
Acts 2:1-11 Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Cooper Thomas Liversage son of Adam & Courtney
Harvey Joseph & Hudson Alexander Coutts



sons of Lucas & Sarah

May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

To be held in the week leading up to Pentecost. As in previous years, there will be Evening Prayer in each of our Churches. St Patrick's Cathedral will host the Evening Prayer on Wednesday May 16th at 5.30 pm with cuppa in MacKillop/Glowrey rooms following.

Other services are:

Monday 14th May 5.30 pm - St Matthews Anglican, Wendouree:

Tuesday 15th May 5.30pm - Ballarat Central Uniting Church

Thursday 17th May 5.30pm Christ the King Anglican Cathedral

Friday 18th May 5.30pm St John's Lutheran

All members of St Patrick's community are invited to attend each of these services.

Alpha - Adult Faith formation opportunity

May 16th from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Cathedral Presbytery. Session topic: "Who is Jesus" Contact Parish Office – 5331 2933

Nazareth House Auxiliary

Fundraising concert, featuring Regina Caeli Choir & Kerin and Kyle. Sunday 20th May at 1.45pm. Nazareth House Mill St. \$20 Adults \$25 family (afternoon tea included) Tickets at the door or call Margaret on 5332 4454 or Pat on 5332 4543

Mass Count starts on weekend 12-13 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May/June. It will start on 12-13 May (Week 2 of May) with the Count being done on Weeks 2, 3 and 4 of May and then Week 1 of June

Joy Spreading! New social gathering for young adults

New from Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry. **Joy Spreading** is a regular social gathering for young adults 18-30yo. With a short presentation from guest speaker, Q&A, informal conversation and socialising, meal available if you wish. Come along Friday May 25th 6.00pm onwards, Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. Free entry. More information www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7160. This is a Year of Youth initiative, 'Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy'.

St Alipius Parish Coordinator Position

St Alipius Parish Ballarat East invites applications for the part-time position (16 hours per week) of Parish Coordinator. A Position Description and Application Form can be accessed on the Parish website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/employment.

Collections Envelopes \$1906.00 Parish Loose \$313.55 Presbytery \$2,289.75 If you would like to join the Stewardship by making a regular financial contribution to the Cathedral Parish, you can do so by either direct debit or the envelopes. Please contact Jess Salazar in the Parish Office.

Counters May 13th Team 1 Next week team 2.

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;

May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and

themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Gospel Reflection

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In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be open handed as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.