

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*  
*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015*



## **Reflection**

Today's gospel story looks back to the parables that comprise the first part of the chapter and to the crowds that heard these parables: it is the evening of that same day. This story also looks forward as it marks the beginning of the second major section of Mark's gospel (4:35-8:21), a section that seems to be structured around a number of crossings of the lake, or Sea of Galilee. Jesus' decision to move with his disciples out of familiar territory is deliberate: "Let us go across...." The crossing itself is difficult, as is the challenge that confronts them on the other side of the lake. From the disciples' perspective, the seeming indifference of the sleeping Jesus is even more disturbing than the storm that threatens their safe crossing: "Do you not care...?" Jesus demonstrates that he does indeed care. From his perspective, the problem is with the fear in their hearts, a fear that is grounded in their lack of faith: "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" In the context of this Markan story, Jesus is like the sower in the parable (4:27-28) who goes to sleep and trusts that the seed will sprout and grow and bear fruit-which it does. Within a first-century Jewish context, Jesus' ability to "rebuke" the storm is a sign of divine power: in the Psalms, for instance, the God of Israel is the one who stills the roaring of the seas (Psalm 65:5) and controls the creatures that inhabit the waters (Psalm 89:9). We read Mark's little story against the backdrop of the Hebrew Scriptures. We might also read it in light of contemporary science and so find within it a call to consider how our species respects or fails to respect and to nurture the fruit of God's womb, the cosmos. This story of the storm at sea is not an invitation to be complacent about the extreme weather events on our planet, trusting in God that all will be well. Such terrifying events can derive from the movement of tectonic plates over which we have no control. They can also derive from or be exacerbated by excessive carbon emissions. We pollute the atmosphere and make the seas to rise at our peril. Trust in God may involve relinquishing vested interests and engaging the processes that are designed to reverse the effects of human-induced climate change. - Veronica Lawson rsm

### This is My Body

This is my Body, given for you  
Go now and serve in my name  
This is my Body, Given for you  
I have no hands but yours.

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### Lord we Come to your Table

Lord we come to your table  
Lord we hear your Word  
Lord, you are our bread of life  
And we, the Body of Christ.

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**Recent Deaths:** Rosalie Barry,

**Anniversaries:** Aymon Atkinson, Eileen Besemeres, Carmen Bier, Julie Bolte, Graham Cluning,  
Michael Francis Conroy, Joe Madden, Helen Roberts, Sylvester Michael Shorten.

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday 28th June*

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15 Mark 5:21-43

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;**

Jackson Maxwell Knight	son of Jahn & Rachel
Xander Raymond Ferguson	son of Tom & Emma
Hugh William Irvin	son of Mark & Paige
Jack Benjamin Stott	son of Benjamin & Anna



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

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

The winter appeal is on again, please place your donations in the envelopes provided.

Last year St V de Paul conferences throughout Victoria provided over \$10 million in assistance

**Ordination**

Parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of Francis Denton at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

23 June 2015

BBI-ACBC • 11<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL eCONFERENCE

**RELIGION**  
CATALYST FOR  
**VIOLENCE OR PEACE?**  
PROBING THE ABRAHAMIC TRADITIONS FOR ANSWERS

**E Conference** to be held in St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9.30 am for 10.00 am start, BYO lunch, tea & coffee provided. RSVP: 5331 2933, [ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Meet Mary Doogan**

Mary Doogan, a midwife in the UK, who was sacked from her job for exercising her conscience. Mary will speak at ACU Ballarat on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7.30pm.

### **Damascus College Performing Arts presents Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps**

Performances run from July 22 to 25 in the Valda Ward Auditorium at Damascus College. Adults \$15, students/children \$10, family of four \$40. Tickets can be purchased online through the Damascus website [www.damascus.vic.edu.au](http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au)

### ***Welcome Film Fest –Saturday, June 20 & Sunday June 21, 2015***

Nicky Tindale-Biscoe, Director of Mohammed Ali's "Happy Day Feast" will introduce her film, "Welcome" on Saturday and followed by "Happy Feast Day" and "War Dance" will screen on Sunday. Both days two films for the low cost of \$10.00. All ticket proceeds will go to the Ballarat Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Network for direct assistance. Information and online bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/Australia/ballarat/ballarat-welcome> or phone BRMC on 5332 5941.

### **Mental Health First Aid Training free for Parents of Teenagers (TPOT)**

Free training in Ballarat for parents to help the mental and physical health of teenagers is being conducted by The Centre for Mental Health at The University of Melbourne. Contact Julie Fischer, Trial Manager, Centre for Mental Health, The University of Melbourne, [jfischer@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:jfischer@unimelb.edu.au), 9035 6770 or mobile: 0401 772 648.

### **The Australian Family Association presents Mary Doogan**

A midwife in the UK, who was sacked from her job for exercising her conscience objecting to being involved in abortions. Mary will speak at ACU Ballarat on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm.

### **Encountering Jesus in our Busy Lives - Archdiocese of Canberra Retreat: 11-13 September**

This retreat is an opportunity for those who are always 'giving', to get away, unwind and relax amidst the beautiful surrounds of St Clement's Monastery, Galong. Within this haven, there will be beautiful times of prayer, inspiring talks and opportunities for silence.

**Retreat Director:** Archbishop Christopher Prowse, **Spiritual Directors:** Shane Dwyer and Eileen Glass, **Venue:** St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre, Galong,

**Accommodation Options:** Retreat House: \$280 or Monastery Rooms: \$320 (Includes meal Friday night, Saturday, Sunday - breakfast and lunch plus all materials.)

### ***Pope Francis' Ecological Encyclical***

Pope Francis' Encyclical on humanity and relationship with their environment is released For further information and follow up action prepared by Catholic Earthcare Australia (CEA) please refer to <http://catholicearthcare.org.au/ecological-encyclical/>

### **Proposed new Catholic Primary School in Lucas**

We encourage parents and the local community to attend our Community Consultation Evening where information will be provided for the proposed new Catholic primary school in Lucas. We welcome an open dialogue and invite questions in order to help create a nurturing school for our future students. Tuesday, July 21, 2015 from 7.00pm - 8.00pm at the Ballarat Golf Club. To register expressions of interest please visit our website: [www.ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au) or contact the Catholic Education Office Ballarat, ph. 03 5337 7135, or email [cklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au).

**Stewardship** – to receive your quarterly receipt via email please contact Jacinta in the office.

**Collections** Envelopes \$3,354.00 Parish Loose \$450.00 Presbytery \$1,914.25

**Counters** 21<sup>st</sup> June Team 2 Next week team 3

### **St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Alfredton, Ballarat, Cardigan, Lake Wendouree, Lucas, Newington...**

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Parish office hours Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Clergy Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu, George Areeckal

Parish Office Jacinta Westbrook

Finance Officer Philip Westbrook

Family Ministry Anita Houlihan

Hospital Pastoral Care Kerrie Gunsser

St Patrick's Primary Mark Hogbin, Principal

St Thomas More Alfredton Rosa Tocchet, Principal



<b>Cathedral Parish Masses</b>	<b>June 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Snake Valley</b>	<b>Beaufort</b>	<b>Skipton</b>		
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm	8.30am	10.30 am

### **Masses during the coming week**

Monday	12.05pm Cathedral			
Tuesday	9.30am Mass Redan	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Wednesday	No Mass Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Thursday	9.30am Redan	12.05pm Cathedral		
Friday	9.30am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral	1.30 pm Benediction	
Saturday	10.00am Cathedral			

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am

