St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 12th July 2015



Reflection

To be a disciple of Jesus is to experience a call. It is also to be sent on a mission in partnership with others, a mission invariably expressed in terms of preaching, teaching, healing, and/or driving out of demons or unclean spirits. In other words, it is to be authorised to do what Jesus did and to proclaim what he proclaimed. When we hear of Jesus casting out demons and telling his disciples to do likewise, we tend to think that whatever they did is something that belongs to another time and has little to do with our contemporary society.

In the cosmology of the time, there was a realm between the divine and the human that was inhabited by good and evil spirits (angels and demons). The divide between these realms was conceptualised as porous so that humans could be protected by the angels or "possessed" by the demons. While the cosmology of the twenty-first century has no "place" for such beings, the contemporary imagination allows space for a metaphorical engagement with the angelic and demonic. When we speak of "demons" now, we are talking about something recognisable in human experience, even if somewhat removed from the "demons" that beset the poor in the Roman imperial provinces of the first century.

Today's parents spend much of their time casting out the "demons" that beset their children, as do our friends when they sit and listen to the pain in our hearts and help us to let go of the "demons" that so often inhabit our psyches. Many health professionals are paid to heal the hurts as well as the cuts and burns. They drive out the demons of fear and hate and prejudice and of paralysing mental illness. Educators also, aware that learning occurs only when students are relatively free from fear and anxiety, know what it means to drive out the demons. - 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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Anniversaries: Peter Bolte, Maggie Britt, Michael Flynn, Michael Gannon, Br Andrew Kennedy,

Vera McAloon, John Williams

Next week's readings: Sunday 19th July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ps 22. R. v.2 Ephesians2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Eleanor Grace Carey daughter of Dominic & Katrina

Jack Andrew Chaffey son of Joshua & Krystal Saxon Patrick Creati son of Anthony & Carly

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

A Sacrament of Confirmation information session for parents (of children in year 3 or older) will be held on Tuesday July 21st at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Parents are required to attend one of the sessions for their children to be involved in the preparation program. Celebrations will be taking place at Masses on the weekends of September 5th/6th and 12th/13th.

Any queries please contact the parish office or email Anita Houlihan, Family Ministry Coordinator on anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Bruce Clifton who has been inducted into the French Legion of Honour for outstanding service during the Second World War.

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

Fr Barry Ryan's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

Fr Barry Ryan will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination at the St Columba's Parish Church Ballarat North on Sunday, July 19th at 10.00am Mass. A morning tea will be held in the St Columba's Parish School Hall (Howard Street) following Mass. All are most welcome

Cathedral Parish Anointing Mass

12.05 pm Wednesday July 22nd in the Cathedral Hall followed by lunch. All welcome to join us.

RIP Sr Cynthia Wright IBVM

Sr Cynthia died on Wednesday July 8th. Her funeral Mass will be held at the Loreto College Chapel on Tuesday July 14th at 2.00 pm. Sr Cynthia was known and loved by many in the Ballarat community from where she originated and later served as a Loreto Sister. In particular we acknowledge her service to the Cathedral Parish during the 1980's as the second Principal of St Thomas More Primary school Alfredton. "Lord for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended."

Disaster Relief in Nepal Fundraiser

Loreto College Ballarat are holding a fundraiser movie night for disaster relief in Nepal. The movie is "Paper Towns" on Friday, July 17th at 7.00pm at the Regent Cinemas Ballarat. Ticket prices are adults \$15.00 each, students/children \$10.00 each. To book contact Catherine Baker, 5329 6137 or online at www.loreto.vic.edu.au/events

University of Melbourne - Newman College and St Mary's College

Newman College and St Mary's College offer scholarships to academically gifted candidates and bursaries to financially-straitened families. Preference is given to Catholic students who come from the Catholic School system. It is important that students choose Newman College or St Mary's College as their first or second choice in their application.

Project Compassion 2015 - Thank you

Thank you Ballarat Diocesan Parish and School communities. Through your generosity, Ballarat Catholic communities donated \$478,634 this year towards Caritas Australia. Included in this amount is \$248,958 for Project Compassion 2015. Through your generosity, Caritas is enabled to support the most vulnerable people in our world to achieve a sustainable livelihood and look forward to a future with hope.

New Diocesan Website

The new diocesan website is now available to view on google chrome www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Alice O'Brien on Compass ABC TV

Many people in the Cathedral Parish will remember Alice O'Brien, daughter of the late Andrew O'Brien and Katrina Scopel (granddaughter of Julie O'Brien). Alice was not expected to live long after birth as she had an enormous malformation of her brain. In contacting the Parish Katrina acknowledges the tremendous support they received from the Parish at the time. Alice is now 13 and attends a special school in Melbourne. Alice will be in a documentary this Sunday July 12th at 6.30pm on Compass, ABC TV. Katrina asked that this be put in the newsletter so that all those who remember her can see how she has progressed.

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 or contact the Catholic Education Office Ballarat, ph. 03 5337 7135, or email

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

Collections Envelopes \$5,889.00(includes direct debits) Parish Loose \$223.00

Presbytery \$1,581.65

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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

Cathedral Parish Masses July 18th/19th July Smythesdale Skipton Rokewood 6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm 7.30 pm 9.00am 10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05 pm Cathedral

Tuesday No Mass Redan 12.05 pm Cathedral Wednesday 9.30 am Sebastopol 12.05 pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30 am Redan 11.30 am St John of God 12.05 pm Cathedral Friday 9.30 am Sebastopol 12.05 pm Cathedral 1.30 pm Benediction

Saturday 10.00 am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am