

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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Parish Office hours

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Principals of our three Parish Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Mark Hogbin, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) at Lucas Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses	3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
5.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm		6.30 pm Vigil	9.00am	10.30 am

## Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	8.00am & 5.00pm	Cathedral		
Wednesday	8.00am & 5.00pm	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
Saturday	10.00 am	Cathedral		

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

**Morning Prayer of the Church** 8.00 am Tuesday – Friday in the Cathedral

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

**The Rosary** is prayed in the Cathedral at 11.15 am Wednesday – Friday

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena** - 7.00 pm each Wednesday evening at Nazareth House and prayers on the 1st & 3rd Friday in the Cathedral at 11.00 am.

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady - 10.30 am in the Cathedral

**Charismatic Prayer Group** 7.00 pm each Tuesday in the front meeting room of the Cathedral Hall.

**Next week's readings:** Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

Pentecost Sunday (A,)

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

**Recent Deaths:** Nancy Colasante, Bill Grogan, Nance Madigan, Justine Lunel Miranda

**Anniversaries:** Patricia Firms, Bernard Vaughan, Margarite Victor, Stanislaw (Stanley) Wach

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

Harry Patrick Iwanowski	son of Patrick & Adele
Beatrice Mary Reus	daughter of Benjamin & Suzanne
Jayden Fernando	son of Achinda & Kurukulasuriya
Jude Francis Halsall	son of Mathew & Annya
Billy Jack Martin	son of Aaron & Olivia



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

### **Cathedral Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday this week**

Masses will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 8.00 am & 5.00 pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May instead of 12.05 pm to enable the priests to participate in the annual in-service which is being led by Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, former Master General of the Dominican Order and now a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer In Central Ballarat**

5.30 pm Tuesday 30th May	St John's Lutheran Church (Doveton St Sth)
5.30 pm Wednesday 31st May	Ballarat Central Uniting Church (Lydiard St Sth)
5.30 pm Thursday 1st June	St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral
5.30 pm Friday 2nd June	Christ Church Anglican Cathedral (Lydiard St Sth)

### **Formation of a Pastoral Council for the Cathedral Parish**

During the Easter season, Cathedral parishioners have been invited to nominate to become members of the Council which will be convened in June 2017. So far there have been insufficient nominations for form a Council but the process will remain open for one more week until Pentecost. The [handbook for Parish Councils](#) from the Archdiocese of Brisbane will guide the formation of our Council – please contact the parish office for details.

### **Family Matters – Strengthening Respectful Relationships**

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am – 3.00 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat.

Please register your attendance: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/>

**Change of Saturday evening Vigil Mass Time to 5.30 pm Saturday commencing next Saturday!!**

**Alpha in a Catholic Context** commences Thursday (June 1<sup>st</sup>) 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm in the smaller hall

## **Parish Baptism Sponsors**

The important ongoing role of sponsors with the introduction of centralised Ballarat Parishes Baptism preparation sessions was the focus of meetings this week. We thank Liz Bingham, Frances Elliott, Kevin Elliott, Leanne Gleeson, Jill Jeffrey, Jillian Hogbin, Mary Kelly, & Doreen Roache who have expressed their willingness to continue in this ministry. For those who were unable to attend please contact the Parish Office to discuss the outcome of the gatherings.

## **Choral Festival**

Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Free entry, all welcome.

Choirs include: Ballarat Choral Society, Beaufort Secondary College Singers, CWA choir, Federation University, Word of Mouth, Pyrenees Chorale, Regina Caeli Schola choir, St Columba's Primary, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Sing Australia Ballarat & Ballarat North, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints youth choir, U3A Choristers.

## **Asylum Seeker Pathways Fundraiser Concert** (Supported by Fed University Arts Academy)

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, Post Office Box Theatre Camp St Ballarat, Tickets \$35/\$30 Concession. All proceeds to the Asylum Seeker Pathways Project Living Support Fund.

## **Yess (Youth Every Second Sunday)**

Next gathering Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> following 5.00 pm Mass in the Cathedral with prayer, also including games, food and we will be watching the Alpha program. Gold coin donations welcomed

## **Cathedral Security**

CCTV Cameras have been installed in the Cathedral (including the sacristy), at the Parish Office front door and outside the Cathedral towards the halls and toilets to provide greater safety and security for all. Signs indicating the surveillance cameras have also been erected.

**Collections**   Envelopes \$2,951.00   Parish Loose \$403.70   Presbytery \$1,934.80  
**Counters**   28<sup>th</sup> May   Team 7   Next week team 1   Thank you to all contributors and counters.

## **Preparation for first communion**

First Communion will be celebrated at 5.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Parish Masses over the two weekends of June 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for these children, their families, catechists, teachers and the parish sacramental team.

## **Celebrating the Feast of Pentecost – wear some red to celebrate the Holy Spirit!**

Increasingly the Cathedral parishioners are from a great diversity of cultures and backgrounds – including Chilean, Croatian, Dutch, English, Filipino, German, Indian, Irish, Italian, Maltese, Scottish, South African, Spanish, Welsh... How might we celebrate our Christian Unity in Cultural Diversity when we come to celebrate the “birthday of the Church” at Pentecost on June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>?

## **The most common sin in our Christian communities**

The homily of Pope Francis during his Pastoral visit to the Roman parish of San Pier Damiani ai Monti di San Paolo in Casal Bernocchi, Acilia, last Sunday

*Today I said, during the Angelus [Regina Coeli], and I would like to repeat: how many people are drawn to a parish, for example, in search of peace, this respect, this gentleness, and instead find internal battles between the faithful. Instead of gentleness and respect, they encounter gossip, slander, competition, rivalry, one against the other... They encounter that atmosphere not of incense, but of gossip. And then what do they say? "If these are Christians, I prefer to remain a pagan". And they go away, disappointed. Because these people do not know how to conserve the Holy Spirit, and with this "language" they show ambition, envy, jealousy, many things that divide us and distance people. It is we who distance them. And we do not allow the job of the Spirit, that of attracting people, to continue. I always like to return to this topic, because I tell you, I tell you clearly, that this is the most common sin in our Christian communities.*

*When I offered incense to Our Lady, I lowered my gaze and saw the snake., the snake that Our Lady crushes, the snake with its mouth open and tongue out. It will be good for you, as a Christian community, to see in this a Christian community that does not conserve the Holy Spirit with gentleness and respect: it is like that snake, with its long tongue... A parish priest once said to me, speaking on this topic, "In my parish there are some who could take communion from the door: with the tongue they have, they arrive at the altar!" Some of you might say, "But Father, always the same topic!" But it is true. This destroys us. And we must conserve the Holy Spirit, and not the things that the snake, the devil, teaches us.*

*Excuse me if I always return to this, but I think that this is the enemy that destroys our communities: gossip. Perhaps it will be good for you, some today, some on another day, when you go to greet Our Lady, to look downwards and see that tongue [of the snake] and say to Our Lady, "Our Lady, save me: I do not want to be like this. I want to conserve the Holy Spirit as you conserved Him". She conserved the Spirit, Who then came and made her Mother of the Son of God.*

*Sisters and brothers, truly: this hurts my heart, it is as if we threw stones at each other. And the devil enjoys this: it is a carnival for the devil, this! Let us ask for this grace: to conserve the Holy Spirit that is in us. Do not grieve Him, as the Apostle tells us. Do not grieve Him. And may our attitude to all – Christians and non Christians – be an attitude of gentleness and respect, so that the Holy Spirit may act in this way with us: with gentleness and respect.*

Complete details of the Pope's visit to the Parish last Sunday may be found by following this link <http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2017/05/21/170521c.html>