St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat



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Sunday July 15th 2018



Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday 10.00am - 5.00pm

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Priests, Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Mathew

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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 July 21st/22nd Snake Valley Beaufort Skipton

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm Vigil 8.30am 10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.05pm Cathedral

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 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Lord, show us your mercy, and grant us your salvation

Recent Deaths:Bobby Carpenter, James Christopher O'Sullivan, Patricia Thomas, Judith Torpy (Funeral Mass 12.05pm Tuesday 17th in the Cathedral) Jack Wynen,

Anniversaries: Peter Bolte, Michael Flynn, Philip Flynn, Damien Gracie, Catherine Laffey, Vera McAloon, Cecil McVey, Kevin Maher, Patrick Maher, Eric Daniel Martin, Jack Meiklejohn, Sr Antoinette Russo RSM

Next week's readings: Sunday July 22nd2018 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ps 22. R. v.2 Ephesians 2:13-8 Mark 6:30-34

Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group will resume this week

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Hazel Mary Martin daughter of Benjamin & Katherine

Frankie Blue Richards daughter of Christopher & Cheree

Chaz Matthew Edwards son of Matthew & Samantha

Evie Elizabeth & Jack Leslie Thomson children of Justin & Janelle

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

Plenary Council Gathering

Notice of a gathering with Melbourne based "Catholics for Renewal" to discuss the 2020 Plenary Council called by the Catholic Bishops of Australia. Three members of the group will be in attendance. Sunday, July 29, 2018 at St Patrick's Cathedral Mackillop & Glowrey Rooms, Lyons Street, Ballarat from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Parishioners of the Ballarat region and beyond are urged/encouraged to come to this important event.

Honouring God the Father

Saturday 4th August Nazareth House upstairs chapel from 2.00pm Adoration, Prayers & Holy Mass with Fr Anthony

Home Visits

Are you lonely? Would you like to have someone visit you and have a chat? Or do you know someone who might appreciate occasional visits? The Parish Visitation Group has members who are available for home visits as a one off, or on an ongoing basis. Phone Jill - 0408 370 391 or leave your contact details at the Parish Office – 5331 2933

Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention

ACYMC 2018, the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention is a national conference for Youth Leaders and Ministers from September 21-23 in Sydney. Registrations are now open. For more info and to register go to www.acymc.org.au or contact the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7125.

BBI eConference:

Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

The 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in this country. This can be viewed at the Cathedral Parish Mackillop & Glowrey Rooms on Wednesday, August 8th 2018 from 10.00am - 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend. BYO lunch. For more information go to: https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/111/event/217/synodality-in-practice--listening-to-the-spirit-and-leading-change

Collections: Envelopes \$1,282.00 Parish Loose \$295.35 Presbytery \$1,793.30 *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: July 15th Team 3 Next week team 4.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

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.

It is significant that Jesus instructs the disciples to travel light. They need the basics to live and to do their job, but if their mission is to be effective, they must be free from the anxiety that comes from excess. Psychologist and social critic John F. Schumacher suggests that societies with the most material goods tend to be the most anxious. "Mutual respect, community-mindedness, an eagerness to share, reverence for nature, thankfulness and love of life", it seems, are the major ingredients for a stressor "demon"-free personal and community life. There would be no need to shake the dust from our feet for want of hospitality if that were the way we all chose to live. What's more, there would be enough for all on our planet, the human and other-and-human, to live in dignity and peace.