# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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May 27<sup>h</sup> 2018 Holy Trinity (B)



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

through the Cathedral Office

Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

<u>St Patrick's Primary</u> Cathy Whelan, <u>St Thomas More</u> Rosa Tocchet, <u>Siena</u> Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses June 2<sup>nd</sup>/3rd Smythesdale Linton Skipton

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

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

Next week's readings: Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 Body & Blood of Christ (B)

Exodus 24:3-8 Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

Hebrews 9:11-15 Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Recent Deaths: Annette Lineker,

Anniversaries: Kath Day, Helen Houlihan, Joyce Keynton, Ciril Mauric,

Edward Neville, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Bernard Vaughan,

# **First Communion Celebrations**

First Communion will be celebrated at the 5.30pm, 10.30am and 5.00pm Parish Masses this weekend and next weekend. Our prayers are with the children, their parents and families.

### Alpha – Adult Faith formation opportunity

May 30<sup>th</sup> from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Cathedral Presbytery.

Session topic: 'How can we have faith?' Contact Parish Office – 5331 2933

## **Church Cleaning**

More helpers are required for our Church cleaning roster. Helpers are rostered once every 4 weeks, for approximately one hour 1 hour. If you able to help please contact the Parish Office – 5331 2933

#### **Annual Mass Count**

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count commenced last weekend. It is counted over four weekends at all Masses and Lay-led Assemblies.

The last weekend is 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> June.

#### **Ballarat NILS**

A service provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society to assist low-income earners in the Ballarat region to purchase essential goods and services up to the value of \$1500. We currently require volunteers to assist in running this service. The role would include being an independent witness in the interview process. No previous experience is required, simply to be available four hours a fortnight on a Thursday between 9.00am - 1.00pm. If you can assist, please call Richard Francis on 5331 3907 for more information.

Collections Envelopes \$2895.00 Parish Loose \$254.10 Presbytery \$2,182.65

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 27<sup>th</sup> Team 3 *Next week team 4.* 

## We Come to Your Feast (Michael Joncas)

- 1. We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white: The weaving of our stories, The fabric of our lives; the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries, The promise of our future; our needing and our nurture lie here before eyes.
- 2. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread: The gift of field and hillside, The grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed, To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us, to love in word and deed.
- 3. We place upon your table a simple cup of wine: The fruit of human labour, The gift of sun and vine; we come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord, His dying and his living, His leading and his giving, His love in cup outpoured.

# Refrain:

We come to your feast, We come to your feast: The young and the old, The frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least. We come to your feast, We come to your feast with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands. We come to your feast. (© 1990. GIA Publications, Inc. "Reprinted under OneLicense A 640097)

## **Gospel Reflection**

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for today provide answers to the question: Who is God? They can really only suggest something about the mystery of God, and they can do this only indirectly. They call to mind some of the wonders that God has accomplished for us and in us. It is through reflection on these gracious divine acts that we can get glimpses of God.

The psalm declares that the harmony and interdependence that we see in creation point to a majestic creator responsible for it all. The account of the history of God's people reveals a God who desires to establish an intimate relationship with them, enters their history as protector and guide, and forgives disloyalty. Finally, Jesus teaches that God sent him into the world to save it, has made us adopted children through the Holy Spirit, and will ultimately clothe us in divine glory. It is from his teaching that we hear that the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit, which was also his Spirit, proceeded from the Father and from him.

From our own experience, we know that God creates, because we are immersed in creation. We know that God saves, because we have been freed from the bondage of our own demons. Our experience tells us that God is with us, and that God is for us. Everything that we know about God declares that God is passionately in love with us, boundlessly so!