

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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Sunday August 19th 2018 20th Sunday (Year B)



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

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Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Cathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses August 25 th /26 th	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 Noon	ACU Aquinas	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 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish respectfully acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Recent Deaths: Ivan D’Cruz, Trent Elkins (Funeral Mass at the Cathedral 2.30pm Tuesday), John Fitzpatrick, Ian Larkin, Ivan Turkovic

Anniversaries: Lesley Bigarelli, Abby Button, Maree Clifton, Thomas Coffey, David Griffiths, Rita Mary Madden, Frank McAloon, Lawrie McCartin, Con & Bonnie McDermott, Molly Nunn, Jack Nuttall, Wendy & Rod Page, Thomas J. Torpy

Next week’s readings: *Sunday August 26th 2018 21st Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*
Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18 Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Nathan Noel Caruana	son of Jason and Louise
Lincoln Ziggy Howard	son of Kyle and Simone
Henry Alexander Kay	son of David and Alexandra
Adeline Emily Tonkin	daughter of Mathew and Phoebe



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

Joy Spreading in Ballarat - Stacey Atkins special guest!

Stacey Atkins is the guest speaker at the next *Joy Spreading* event for young adults (18-30yo) on Friday, September 14th, from 6.30pm – 9.00pm at the Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Free event. This is a Year of Youth initiative - *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 53377125.

Youth Festival in Ballarat – Joy +

The Ballarat Diocese is holding a *free* day-long Festival called *Joy+* for youth and young adults 15-30yo. Sunday November 25th Ballarat *2pm-8pm!* Featuring Genevieve Bryant and band with Josh Angrisano and special guests, workshops, worship, food and friends. The Youth Minsters from the Diocese of Ballarat (Patrick Kennedy Noeline Hogan) are organizing this event as an initiative for the Year of Youth - *Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy!* Free Event Registration is necessary and now open. [Click here](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) for more information youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

The Legion of Mary would like to thank all parishioners who attended the Novena.

Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020

Your voice is important to shaping the future of the Church.

Plenary Preparation in Ballarat Diocese – new leaflet

Plenary Council 2020 wants to hear from people around Australia. As part of the Plenary preparation process we are asked to consider and respond to three questions. Ballarat Diocese has prepared a leaflet giving information about this *Listening and Dialogue* process. Individuals can also respond. Your voice is important to shaping the future of the Church. The leaflet and other Plenary information is on the Plenary page of the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact us on phone 5337 7125.

To promote our own prayerful thinking about our responses to the question –

What do you think the Holy Spirit is asking the Church in Australia at this time, parishioners reflections of 200 words or less will be included on the Parish newsletter each week. If you have a response to this question that is being asked in preparation for the Plenary Council that you would be willing to have included on the newsletter (with your name), please forward to the Parish Office. We look forward to the many varied voices of Cathedral parishioners being heard.

Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA)

The National Week of Prayer & Action will be held on August 20th – 31st 2018. Once the Catholic community is being asked to come together to advocate for people seeking asylum, this time in the weeks either side of the 104th World Day of Migrant and Refugees. As a practical expression of Pope Francis' message to welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees (recently distributed by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office in their toolkit to promote Migrant and Refugee week), we are asking again for your support in facilitating action. From the 20th – 31st August CAPSA members and supporters will join with schools, parishes, community mobilizers and organisations across the country to advocate and raise awareness for people seeking asylum in our communities.

Confirmation Preparation Program

We welcome the 109 children and families preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to Masses this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Confirmation will be celebrated on the weekends of September 8-9, 15-16.

Volunteer Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

Volunteers are invited for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

Counters: August 19th Team 1 Next week team 2.

Gospel Reflection:

In this week's gospel passage, we continue our reflection on John 6. John's gospel was written towards the end of the first century. The Bread of Life discourse probably reflects the interpretation of the gospel writer rather than the actual words of Jesus. This is important for making sense of statements in the discourse that would seem to be out of place from the lips of Jesus during his lifetime. The hearers of these words have lived and worshipped as followers of Jesus for some decades. They have gathered each week for the breaking of the bread and reflected deeply on the mystery of the Word made flesh, the mystery of life in Christ.

If there were eucharistic overtones subtly present in last week's gospel passage (John 6:41-51), they become quite overt as the Johannine Jesus responds to yet another objection from his opponents in this week's gospel. Like the Israelites of old in the desert wanderings, these people are more than ready to grumble: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (6:52). Jesus does not really respond to the question "How....?" Rather, he goes on to tell those who want to hear that "life" for them depends on their eating his flesh and drinking his blood. The Johannine Jesus uses the present as well as the future tense. The life they experience in eating his flesh and drinking his blood is a present reality for them as well as a promise of on-going life. Life for the Israelites was in the blood: blood poured out meant life poured out. Clearly "life" is being used in John 6 for the quality of life the believers have come to experience through their incorporation into the community of the baptised, the sort of life that is not destroyed by death. Life in the community unites the believers intimately with Jesus as well as with the God of Israel, whom the Johannine Jesus generally calls "Father". The first reading for today reminds us that other metaphors such as Wisdom were available to those of Jewish heritage for imaging the divine.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm