

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 30th August, 2015



Church without Frontiers, Mother to All - 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his message for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2015, has chosen the theme “Church without frontiers, Mother to all”. It is part of our Christian mandate from Jesus Christ to care for others and in particular the most vulnerable (c.f. Mt 7:12 and 25:35-36). The Holy Father, wishing to draw attention to and remind us of this, has chosen this theme. He wishes us to go beyond ourselves, to live an authentic Christian life, and show compassion and solidarity to those at the furthest fringes of society. In particular, Pope Francis has identified migrants and refugees to be in need of our special attention and care, as they are our brothers and sisters “*who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind.*” (Message, 2015). The Holy Father mentions that, “*from the beginning, the Church has been a mother with a heart open to the whole world, and has been without borders.*” (Message, 2015).

We need to continue this tradition and welcome our brothers and sisters who are in most need of our assistance, in particular, those who have come from distant lands seeking a better life. Whilst the plight of refugees is often present and visible on our television screens, let us not forget the difficulties faced by the many migrants who have come to call Australia home. Often their hardships are not evident, but nonetheless still present.

In this message, I would like to draw your attention to the on-going conflict in the Middle East and the issues closer to home faced by asylum seekers, as well as the often-unseen difficulties faced by migrants in our communities.

Bishop Vincent Long <https://www.catholic.org.au/migrant-and-refugee/home>

- This 101st World Day of Migrant and Refugees let us be aware that 51.3 million people are displaced globally;
- Three million refugees have been produced by the Syrian war;
- Six and a half million, or one-third, of Syrian people are displaced;
- Half of these refugees are children.

As people of faith, are our values in order? What do the values of today's Gospel say to us as we celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees in Australia?

Recent Deaths: Mary Baldock, Peter Fanning, Helen O'Neil, Pat Roberts,
Mary White, (Funeral Mass @ the Cathedral 10.00 am Monday)

Anniversaries: Eileen Caelli, Patricia Cummins, Aileen Mulcahy, Francis Reidy,
Margaret Trevenen

Next week's readings: *Sunday 6th September 2015 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*
Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 145:7-10. R. v.1, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37

Parish Office closed on Tuesday 1st of September from 11.00am-1.00pm

Looking Forward Gathering

The 2015 Looking Forward Gatherings have commenced and will be held weekly each Tuesday around the Diocese until September 15th. The next gathering will be Tuesday, September 1st 7.00pm - 9.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree. All welcome. Members of Parish Coordinating Teams, Pastoral Councils, Leadership teams and Catholic Schools are particularly invited to these workshop-style gatherings. Information and a preparation guide have already been sent to parishes and can be downloaded from the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au - follow link from front page or contact Amanda, 5337 7125.

Stewardship Renewal

As the first step in the renewal of Parish Stewardship (October 2015) a Parish Census is being taken at Masses last weekend and this weekend. Each family/household is invited to complete a Census card and once completed to place it in the boxes that will follow the collection bags. The Privacy Policy of the Cathedral Parish recognises the responsibility of the Parish to manage the collection and storage of sensitive, personal information.

As part of the Stewardship renewal which will commence in October, a Stewardship Committee is being established to oversee the renewal. This is a short term commitment of several months. If you are interested in being part of this Committee please contact Jacinta in the Parish Office.

Visiting the Housebound

Do you have a relative or neighbour or friend who spends a good deal of time at home and would appreciate a visit from someone else besides family and friends? The Parish Visiting Team is a group of professional women, now retired, who are ready to make friendly visits in our Parish. If you know of someone, please pass on details of name, phone number and address to Jacinta in the cathedral office. The first contact with the person will be made by phone to seek their consent.

St John of God Hospital Ballarat Clinical Pastoral Education Program

From October 1st 2015 to January 29th 2016. More information from the Cathedral Parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Over the coming two weekends (September 5th – 6th and 12th – 13th) the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Parish Masses (6.30pm, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm) with Bishop Paul. 96 children will be Confirmed over these six Masses. We continue to pray for these children, their families and the Parish Sacrament Team which Anita Houlihan leads.

Redevelopment of the Halls

With work almost completed on the former O'Collins Hall site (the smaller hall) with new toilets, a redeveloped Dawson St end (including a ramp) for the St Vincent de Paul Relief Centre, an open weekend will be held for all parishioners to walk through before it becomes occupied. The centre will be open after all Masses next weekend, September 5th – 6th with a blessing by Bishop Paul after 10.30 am Confirmation Mass and the monthly first Sunday of the month cuppa. If you are attending could you please bring a plate to share.

Cathedral Precinct

This group meet to explore the Jubilee Year of Mercy with conversation on the development of a place of reflection and contemplation behind the Cathedral (Lyons St end) that will be a quiet space for the City of Ballarat which will promote healing and reconciliation. Exploration of possibilities continues ... To join this conversation contact Jacinta in the Cathedral Parish Office. As part of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, commencing in December 2015, it is proposed to open a *Door of Mercy* making the Cathedral more accessible and welcoming from the Sturt St side. The gate from Sturt St into the Cathedral grounds, which at that point needs repair (asphalting needed to make safe) will be opened leading to the *Door of Mercy*. The Reconciliation Chapel will need to be relocated and made more transparent for access to the Cathedral from the *Door of Mercy*.

Catholic Womens' League

General Members of Ballarat Cathedral Catholic Women's League will meet at the Cathedral Presbytery at 1.30pm on Wednesday September 2. At 2.15pm Guest Speaker Fr Anthony Nagothu will tell us about his journey to the priesthood and his awareness of the work of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey in India. A warm welcome is extended to interested women, particularly members of the Indian community to hear Fr Anthony. Contact Gertie 5334 1670, gjmangan@netconnect.com.au

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Nazareth House Hall Friday September 4th 2015 at 1.30pm admission \$5.00, Entrance Prize, Devonshire Tea, Raffle, Spinning Wheel, Produce and Fancy Goods Stall.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide, December 3rd – 5th 2015

Registrations are now open for Year 9 to 25 years old. Early bird prices available until August 27th. See Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage or www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au.



Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests 5th - 6th September

Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat North or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$67,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$40,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Envelopes will be available.

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

Collections Envelopes \$3,700.00 Parish Loose \$293.60 Presbytery \$1,629.90

Counters 30th August Team 4 Next week team 5

If you are available to join a counting team that counts the Sunday collection (rostered on Sunday evenings once every 8 weeks) we would welcome your contribution. Contact the Parish Office.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Alfredton, Ballarat, Cardigan, Lake Wendouree, Lucas, Newington...

Parish Office hours Monday - Friday 10 am – 5 pm Phone 5331 29

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Clergy	Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu
Parish Office	Jacinta Westbrook
Finance Officer	Philip Westbrook
Family Ministry	Anita Houlihan
Hospital Pastoral Care	Kaye Stringer

St Patrick's Primary Mark Hogbin, Principal

St Thomas More Alfredton Rosa Tocchet, Principal

Cathedral Parish Masses	September 5 th – 6 th				Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7 .30 pm Vigil	9.00am	10.30 am	
Bishop Paul	Fr Justin	+ Paul	+ Paul	Fr Anthony	Fr Anthony	Fr Anthony	

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Tuesday	9.30am Redan	12.05 pm Cathedral	
Wednesday	11am Funeral Mass Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral	5.30 pm Loreto Sisters
Thursday	9.30am Redan	11.30 am St John of God	12.05 pm Cathedral
Friday	9.30am 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