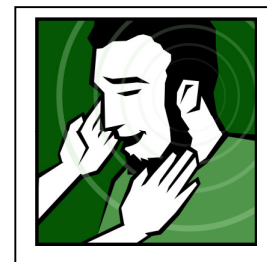


# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat



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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2015



## Father's Day Prayer

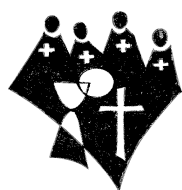
Let us praise those fathers,

- \*Who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifices.
- \*Who have worked to become good fathers.
- \*Who have to parent on their own.
- \*Who continue to offer their children, now grown, their love and support.
- \*Who, despite family breaks, have remained in their children's lives.
- \*Whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.
- \*Who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their children's love and respect.
- \*Who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men.

- \*Who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.
- \*Who have "fathered" us in their role as teachers, coaches, mentors and guides.
- \*Who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory  
and whose love continues to nurture us. Amen



## Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> September

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. 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. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue '*caring for those who cared for us*'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

**Recent Deaths:** Emma Basham, Kathy Muir, (Funeral Mass in the Cathedral 2.00 pm Tuesday)  
Bill Noonan, Martin Riesewyk

**Anniversaries:** Mary Beveridge, Tom Conroy, Patricia Cummins, Justin Driscoll (snr),  
Cynthia Hucker, Tim McArdle, Lester (Barney) Moloney, John (Jack) Nunn, Anne Nuttall,  
James Trainor

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*  
Isaiah 50:5-9, Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9, James 2:4-18, Mark 8:27-35

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

We welcome the children who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Over this weekend and next, 96 children will be Confirmed by Bishop Paul. We continue to pray for these children, their families and the Parish Sacrament Team which Anita Houlihan leads.

### **Cathedral Precinct Group**

This group met this week with Wendy Clarke (Director of Dirtscape Dreaming, *gardens of spirit to nurture heart and soul*, [www.dirtscapedreaming.com.au](http://www.dirtscapedreaming.com.au)) and Maureen Auchettl of Loud Fence to explore how the Cathedral precinct can become a more hospitable, accessible, inviting and open place within the centre of the City of Ballarat that acknowledges the need for healing and reconciliation, especially as a result of child sexual abuse by clergy and religious. This conversation will continue and we invite you to join us. Please contact Jacinta in the Parish Office for details. 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*.

### **Looking Forward Gathering**

Many Cathedral parishioners attended the *Looking Forward* gathering held at Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree during this past week. All of the members of the Parish Coordinating Team, which is in the process of formation, were invited to attend to reflect in particular on the achievements of the Parish in this past year and to imagine what our Parish might be like in five years time. The focus on evangelisation and being a Parish on Mission which Pope Francis is emphasising were highlighted.

### **Thankyou from the Exodus Community**

The Wendouree West Exodus Community thank the parishioners of St. Patrick's Cathedral for their donations of \$6,057. Exodus do appreciate your generosity so they can continue to work with the poor and marginalized people who come to Exodus Community for support.

### **Redeveloped Halls open for inspection**

Following the completion of the refurbishment of the former O'Collins Hall, the new St Vincent de Paul Relief Centre (Dawson St end) and new toilets, parishioners are invited to a *walk through* after Masses this week. Bishop Paul will bless the redevelopments after 10.30 am Mass and a cuppa will be served. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this project.

### **Online Diocesan training course about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults**

If you have a particular role in the parish, you may be contacted about providing your email address for the purpose of completing an online training course to be distributed by the Diocesan Professional Standards office. The training relates to two diocesan documents: "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults" and "Code of Conduct for Caring for Children". The training aims to ensure that all those who work with children and persons in positions of responsibility in our parishes have read and understand the documents.

### **Intensive Course - The Parables, Stories Jesus Told**

Sponsored by Anima Education and Catholic Womens' League this intensive course will study the Parables of Jesus in 6 sessions looking at how they were heard by Jesus' first listeners, read in the Christian tradition and how we might interpret them today. Nazareth House, Friday evening, 24th to Sunday 26th September. Contact Maureen van der Linden 0431 273 953.

### **Retreat with Fr Brendan Murphy SDB**

Fr Brendan Murphy SDB will conduct a Retreat at Nazareth House all day on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday morning, September 24, 25 and 26. He will ask us to consider, "*Who are we, Where are we going, and How will we get there?*" To register interest please contact Maureen van der Linden, 0431 273 953 or [mojo6163@hotmail.com](mailto:mojo6163@hotmail.com) Catholic Women's' League.

### **Youth and Young Adult Ministry Update**

World Youth Day Registrations now open and Australian Catholic Youth Festival Group Bookings open until Friday, October 23, 2015. All details on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult webpage [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or contact us on [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Laudato Si Study Group**

An Ecumenical Study Group on Pope Francis' encyclical commencing Friday, September 11 at the Anglican Diocesan Centre, Lydiard Street North from 1.30 pm – 2.45 pm sharp. Study guide and tea and coffee are provided. The course will run for 6 weeks or as agreed, weekly or fortnightly. RSVP Greta Christie 5332 7009. *Laudato Si* booklet is available for borrowing from the Diocesan Religious Education Resource Centre at 5 Lyons Street South, downloadable from the Vatican website or available to purchase from both Pauline Books and Media and Garratt Publishing.

## Fr Anthony Nagothu

Fr Anthony returned to India (Hyderabad) this week to be with his mother who is in a critical condition. Please pray for Fr Anthony, his mother and family at this time.

## Pastoral Associate Role– Ballarat North Parish

This is a new position to lead the provision of pastoral care in the Parish after the present Parish Priest retires at the end of 2015. For further information and application information, go to the Ballarat North parish page on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

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

**Collections** Envelopes \$3,454.70 Parish Loose \$493.00 Presbytery \$1,885.35

**Counters** 6<sup>th</sup> September Team 5 Next week team 6

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.

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

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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 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>	Skipton	Beaufort	Snake Valley
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm Vigil	8.30am 10.30 am

## Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	9.30am	Redan	12.05 pm	Cathedral 2.00 pm Funeral Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Sebastopol	12.05 pm	Cathedral
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** 11.00 am Friday 11.30 am Saturday

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

**Morning Prayer of the Church** 8.00 am Monday - Friday