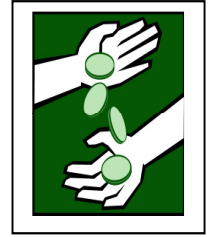


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 11th October 2015



XIV Ordinary Synod of Bishops (4-25 Oct 2015)

Theme: The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World

So what is a Synod of Bishops? It's a coming together (usually every 3 years) of the Pope with Bishops from around the world to discuss important issues facing the Church.

So why all the attention on this Synod? It has attracted far more attention than any other Synod in living memory, probably because...

1. The topic, that is the family, is where we live our most intimate relationships
2. There are massive sociological changes that families face
3. There is wide interest in Pope Francis.

The Pope sees sharing 'the joy of the Gospel' as both affirming the goodness of faith-filled families and welcoming in a non-judgemental manner those who live outside these families. This is a huge challenge that families face daily. It may require a shift in Church attitudes at many levels. A two-year process In fact the Pope considers this so important that he has convened two synods on the topic, each with worldwide consultations. The first, held last year, will be used as the starting point for the coming XIV Ordinary Synod in October. So this is really a two-year listening process and we are called to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit through this careful process. Let's pray specially for our two attending Australian Bishops, Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane and Bishop Eugene Hurley of Darwin. Finally, the Pope is expected to publish his conclusions.

"The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society" Pope Francis.

Prayer for the Synod on the Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Recent Death: Jack Callander, Bryan Cleeman, Apolonia Kaciczak, Eddie Schreenan,

Anniversaries: Alfred Besemeres, Robert Conaughton, Bill Flynn, Michael Moloney, Maureen Mullane, Elizabeth Myers, Eileen Power, Josephine Reilly, Joan Rosenow, Theresa Werts

Next week's readings: *Sunday 18th October 2015* *29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*
Isaiah 53:10-11 Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:-30

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Mason John VanOosterom	son of Steven & Melissa
Henry Michael Beggs	son of Jeremy & Jayne
Etaine Natalia Collins	daughter of Declan & Kathryn
Archie Michael Gerdtz	son of Samuel & Kathleen



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

Renewal of Parish Stewardship

Our Parish Stewardship Program officially commences this weekend and will run for four weeks.

Under the banner of **Parishes – the heartbeat of the Church**, the Program will provide wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a member of Our Parish Community. Please participate in the Program, making time to read the materials, listen to our speakers and discuss the issues raised with your families and fellow parishioners.

As you are leaving the church today please collect your individually addressed envelope which contains the Program brochure, a Time & Talent sheet listing the groups and ministries available in the parish. The letters are in STREET ORDER. Members of the Program Leadership Team will be on hand at all Masses to assist with any queries. They will assist you in obtaining a replacement if you cannot find your letter. Please note that for convenience letters for all parish school families will be sent home from the school via their eldest child.

Parish Information Meeting

A reminder that all parishioners are warmly invited to the Parish Information Meeting on Tuesday 27 October at either 10.30am or 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. This is the key meeting of our Stewardship Program and we will gather as a parish community to celebrate our achievements and plan for the future. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Thank you to Carolyn Bourke, Pat Conroy, Kevin Lane, Chris & Simone Mason, Mary McAloon, Godwin Nyamida & Graeme & Kath Trethowan who worked on Monday as part of the 'mail out' to all parishioners. There are 2,300 households listed on our Cathedral parish census. Thank you to the parishioners who are the leaders of this renewal – Kevin Elliott (chairman), Adam Cannane, Stephen Carey, Britney & Jason d'Hotman de Villiers, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Richard Hayden, Liz Hernan, Chris and Simone Mason, Jamie Mulcahy, Bethany Pennington & Graeme Trethowan

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Reconciliation part 2 (Senior)

The St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is inviting enrolments from fully initiated Year 5 and 6 children to participate in the Reconciliation, part 2 (senior) program. It is the continuation of the first experience of Reconciliation at junior level (year 4). An information session for parents to attend will take place on: Tuesday 13th October at 7.00pm only in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. Parents only (no children required) will need to attend the information session please. For further information please contact Anita or Jacinta at the Parish Office on 53 312 933

Sacred Heart College Ballarat East Reunion – Class of 1965

November 7th 2015 for the class of 1965 (Year 7, 1960 to matriculation in 1965). For further information contact Jan Mullaly (Favaloro), 0418 522180 janmull65@gmail.com

Cathedral Precinct Group

As part of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, commencing December 8th 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 will be opened leading to the *Door of Mercy*. Asphaltting has been completed to make the area safe. The Reconciliation Chapel will need to be relocated and made more transparent for access to the Cathedral from the *Door of Mercy*.

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 or contact us on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Register soon to ensure a place on the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow in 2016.

Pilgrim teachers: CEO Ballarat is supporting early-career teachers to go on the WYD Pilgrimage - contact CEOB on 5337 7131 or Amanda on 0427 748 867. More information on Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Faith Formation - St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy

Fr Kevin Lenehan presents reflections on St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy. All welcome on Wednesday, October 14, 7.30 pm-9.00 pm. Gold coin donation for Caritas Refugee Appeal. St Patrick's Cathedral (small Hall). For more information phone 5337 7154 or go to Ballarat Diocese Faith Formation at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Men's Weekends

menALIVE began by organising weekends for men in parishes. The next weekend will be held at St Joseph's Parish, Chelsea, Victoria on October 17 & 18, 2015. For brochure and to register go to www.menalive.org.au

Liturgy of Lament and Hope

A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 2.00pm on Sunday, November 1st. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse which will continue in Melbourne in November. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the Cathedral Hall.

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

Collections Envelopes \$1,921.00 Parish Loose \$158.30 Presbytery \$1,662.00

Counters 11th October Team 2 Next week team 3

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 2933

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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	October 17 th /18 th	Smythesdale	Skipton	Rokewood
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm		7.30 pm Vigil	9.00am	10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	No Mass	Redan	12.05 pm	Cathedral
Wednesday	No Mass	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