

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 18th October 2015



Reflection- Veronica Lawson

In the kin-dom of God movement established by Jesus, there is no place for domination or for any exercise of power over others. In today's gospel story, this is a lesson that James and John, the sons of Zebedee, clearly need to learn. They seem to think that the structures of power operating in the Roman world are going to be replicated when Jesus conquers the forces of opposition and comes into his "glory". The two brothers, James and John, put in a bid for shared deputy leadership positions as a favour from Jesus. They seem to be blind and deaf to what Jesus has been trying to tell them throughout their journey from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. They seek his patronage without reference to the rest of the leadership group who, incidentally, are not well pleased with their presumptuous companions. James and John do not yet realise that Jesus' way is not the way of status or entitlement and that their call as disciples and as leaders of the emerging movement has nothing to do with privilege. They need to understand that it has more to do with enduring the suffering associated with commitment to one's mission, and with setting others free to be their best selves. To demonstrate this, Jesus offers them an unpalatable alternative: to "be slave of all". He sustains the slavery metaphor and goes on to summarise his own mission with an image that comes out of the world of his time: "not to be served but to serve and give life as a ransom for many". A ransom was the payment made to free someone from slavery. To substitute oneself for a slave was to give one's life as a ransom for that slave. Reading the gospel from beginning to end helps us to understand the ultimate self-giving of Jesus in death as the climax of a lifetime's outpouring of love, a love that draws forth loving and liberating action in others. There are multiple ways of enslaving others, of dominating and of trying to control them to achieve one's own personal or corporate ends, good or bad. The request of James and John reminds us that we can all lose sight of the liberating vision of the gospel and get caught up in destructive power struggles. As disciples, we hear the words of Jesus, 'It is not to happen with you'. Rather, we might turn our attention to those in our world who are literally enslaved. We might find out about ACRAH (Australian Catholic Religious against the Trafficking in Humans) and join with them or with others working to obtain justice for those trapped into sexual and other forms of slavery in our own cities.

Stewardship Program Prayer

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.

Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.

In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.

By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.

By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.

Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Recent Death: Leo Casey, Frank Jacobus Geurts

Anniversaries: Sharon Edgar, Heather Hatcher, Anne Fabris, Ella Henderson, Edward & Mary Jones, Billy Lamb, Kathleen Lennon, James & Alice Malone

Next week's readings: *Sunday 25th October 2015* *30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Ps 125. R. v.3 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Savee Yenara Thurse

daughter of Mahesh & Disanayaka

Julia Santhaseelan

daughter of Santhaseelan & Joylin

Tyson Brian Whelan

son of Ashley & Bridgette

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



Renewal of Parish Stewardship

Our Stewardship Program continues this week as we focus on how our Parish Community *celebrates faith*.

This weekend Fr Justin and Fr James will speak to us about the significance of how our parish gathers as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. To quote Pope Francis in the National Catholic Reporter:

“Celebrating the Eucharist should make a difference in the way a parish community lives.

At Mass, Christ gathers people around him to nourish us with his word and his life.

This means that the mission and identity of the church begin and take form at Mass”.

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 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

New Lucas Catholic Primary School Information evening

A community information evening for the new Catholic Primary School in Lucas, which will open in 2017, will be held on Monday October 26th 7.00pm- 8.00pm, Ballarat Community Health Centre in Lucas. Applications for enrolment will be a key point of discussion as will planning for the school opening on the Lucas site. For more information or to register expressions of interest for the school, please visit our website: www.ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au enquiries to cklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au or 5337 7186

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

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.

Cathedral Parish All Souls Day Mass

7.00 pm Mass in the Cathedral on Monday November 2nd followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. This Mass will be organised by the Funeral Ministry Team who will invite the families of those whose funerals have been celebrated through the Cathedral Parish over the past year. All parishioners are invited to the Mass to pray for our faithful departed – *may they rest in peace.*

St Patrick's College Enrolment Information

St Patrick's College warmly invites all families to attend our forthcoming 2017 Year 7 Information Evening. Wednesday, October 28 at 7.30pm in the St Patrick's College Chapel at 1431 Sturt Street, Ballarat. To register your attendance at this free event, please go online to www.trybooking.com/JBEX by Monday, October 26, 2015.

To obtain a College prospectus, please contact Mrs Lorrie Liston on 5322 4449 or by emailing liston@stpats.vic.edu.au Enrolments for 2017 Year 7 close on February 12, 2016.

Damascus College Enrolment Information

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Evening and Open Mornings. The Information Evening will include a tour of the College, activities for students and an information session for parents. Open Mornings include a tour of the school with our students. Information evening Wednesday 4th November at 6.30pm, please arrive at 6.15pm for registration. Open mornings Thursday 12th and 19th November from 9am to 10.30am.

CWL present a lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey

On Saturday, November 7 the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga (CWL) Ballarat Diocesan Committee, in conjunction with Ballarat General Members, will be hosting a lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ, Servant of God, in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat, commencing with Mass in the Cathedral at 10.00am. Ballarat Cathedral CWL have donated an image of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ and a plaque to commemorate remarkable 97 years of dedicated service to the League by the CWL Ballarat Cathedral Branch (closed 2014)

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

Collections Envelopes \$4,780.50(includes direct debits) Parish Loose \$208.00
 Presbytery \$2,212.40

Counters 18th October Team 3 Next week team 4

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 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 24th/25th	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am,	10.30 am, 5.00 pm	7.30 pm Vigil	8.300am	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