

New Catholic Primary School in Lucas – Opening in 2017

Community information evenings for the new Catholic Primary School in Ballarat's newest development in Lucas have created great interest from many prospective families including those from Haddon. The new school will be designed to accommodate a long term enrolment of approximately 350-400 students and will encompass Prep/Foundation to Year 6. The position of Principal or Co-Principals for the new school has been [advertised](#) with applications closing on February 12th with a commencement expected mid-2016. The [architects Y2](#) have been appointed to master plan the site and have commenced working with the Steering committee (Frank Stuart – Cathedral Parish, Fr Justin – Governing Authority, Mark Hogbin and Rosa Tocchet – the current Parish School Principals, Brad Carr, Julie Duynhoven and Tony Perkins – Catholic Education Office Ballarat). There are currently approximately 100 children enrolled in the existing ten Catholic Primary Schools in Ballarat who live within the boundaries of the Linton Parish.

Gathering of Support

Please support our Tamil family who have lived here for over two years, and are now facing deportation. This family has made a fine contribution to our community and integrated well, making lots of friends. Please come to Alfred Deakin Place on Monday from 5.00 to 7 pm for a "Gathering of support" for them. There will be speakers, some musical entertainment, activities for the children, and more. All are welcome to this public event.



Mary MacKillop: From Portland to the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Sainthood
Events are planned on the weekend of Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 January, 2016 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mary MacKillop departing Portland
All enquiries to Portland WorkSkills Ph: 0355 231645 PO Box 188, Portland, Vic or pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au In Portland, Mary gained her first experience of formal teaching and established her first school; the Catholic Bay View House, Portland, Establishment for Young Ladies'. She was also confronted by great challenges and adversity during her Portland years.

Soul Food

Soul Food is a great opportunity for young Catholic adults of 18-35 to come together for Adoration and prayer, whilst getting to know a wonderful group of friends. Please come and join us at Nazareth House beginning at 7pm on every first and third Thursday of the month. It would be great to have you along!

YESS Youth

A group is for high school aged youth and focuses on learning about the faith, making like-minded friends, and out-reach. This is achieved by having guest speakers, activities,

Celebrating Sacraments in the Diocese of Ballarat - Policy Statement (1996)

The initiation of children into the sacramental life of the Church ideally is family based, coordinated by the parish and supported by the Catholic School

Order of the Sacraments of Initiation

Incorporation into the life of Christ begins with reception of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, but is most fully expressed and brought about through participation in the Eucharist, which is the culmination of our initiation into the Church. Therefore the sequence of the reception of the sacraments of initiation for children in the Diocese of Ballarat is Baptism, Confirmation and first reception of the Eucharist.

Formation / Preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation

The reception of the Sacraments of Initiation is the means by which the child enters into the life of the faith community. Therefore it is proper that the local faith community be responsible for and intimately involved in the preparation and presentation of the children for the sacraments. A formal process of sacramental preparation, involving the family and local faith community precedes and accompanies the celebration of the sacraments.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that
whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and
Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and
assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by
forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel
compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after,
loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may
be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news
to the poor,

proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.