

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016*



## **Gospel Reflection** – © Veronica Lawson RSM

The liturgy for today juxtaposes the introductory verses of Luke's gospel and a passage from the beginning of Jesus Galilean ministry that encapsulates and sets the tone for the whole gospel. If we had no other part of Luke's gospel than these twelve verses, we would know a great deal about the gospel and about its author's intentions. From the first four verses, we know that Luke is not an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus but is endeavouring to provide an orderly account on the basis of reliable eyewitness accounts handed down to the community by "servants" or ministers of the word. We know that Luke's is one of many and not just four gospels. We also learn that the gospel is carefully researched and addressed to a person of influence called Theophilus, a name that means lover of God or beloved of God. We might guess that Theophilus is Luke's patron, someone who provides the necessary funds to produce this work, and possibly the early equivalent of an RCIA candidate. We know from the grammatical construction that the author is male. And most importantly, we know that Luke sets out to place on a firm foundation the teaching that Theophilus has received about Jesus. The word translated as "truth" (*asphaleia*) in our lectionary can also mean certainty or assurance. Luke wants the gospel message to be well grounded.

When we turn to Luke 4:14-21, we find a dramatic scene set in the Nazareth synagogue. This programmatic scene sets the tone for the whole gospel. Luke's gospel story is about the release that comes from the gracious and expansive love of God mediated through God's anointed and Spirit-filled prophet. Every significant event in Luke is powered by the Spirit of God. This event is no exception. The Spirit-filled Jesus searches out and proclaims a passage from the prophet Isaiah, a combination of Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:9. He then points to his own mission as a fulfilment of the Isaian prophecy. Jesus thus presents himself as the Spirit-filled anointed one of God who brings good news to the destitute or homeless poor, release to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. The Greek word translated as "oppressed" literally means "shattered". It evokes images of asylum seekers in detention centres and of the hundreds of thousands displaced by war. It evokes the pain of the Earth itself and the other-than-human inhabitants of our planet suffering the effects of climate change and ecological destruction. If the gospel message is to be well-grounded in our times, the "destitute" and "shattered" of our Earth community must find the "release" of which the gospel speaks.

**Recent Deaths:** Gerard Dumaresq, Gertrude Feldgrill, Frank Godfrey, Naeidra Layton

**Anniversaries:** Monica Cashin, Agnes Coffey, Jack Curran, Frank Elliott (Dereel), Francis Gallagher, Neville Joseph Grace, Sr Paul Kelly CSN, Claire Murphy, David Anthony Noy, Marie O'Keefe, Peter Sargeant

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016* *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism**

John William Nykoluk son of Daniel & Megan  
Cassia Joan Keys daughter of Luke & Caroline  
Annika Lee Joosten daughter of Nicholas & Deanne  
Quinn Alexander McArthur son of Ashley & Emma



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

**Cathedral Office** will be closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of January & Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**Counters required**

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.

**New Music for the Year of Mercy**

With Lent almost upon us (Ash Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>) and during this Year of Mercy, the Liturgy Committee has decided to introduce a new psalm to be sung throughout the Lenten Season. This setting for the Psalm "With You O Lord" was composed by Bishop Paul Bird and fits in so well with the Season and the Jubilee Year. The Cathedral Parish community is invited to attend a singing practice on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00 pm until 7.30 pm in the Cathedral.

**Palms from Palm Sunday last year** please place them in basket in the south transept to be burnt & used on Ash Wednesday (February 10<sup>th</sup>). Thankyou.

**Support Asylum Seekers**

Music at the Brewery at Buninyong on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 2.30pm. Entrance \$15 adults, children free. Afternoon tea provided. Speaker Aran Mylvaganam who spoke in our parish a few years ago Come earlier to Suttons Music at 12 noon to meet Aran and his wife over a coffee etc  
RSVP 5332 3414 or 0403 565 667

## **World Interfaith Harmony Week**

A flag raising ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 to mark World Interfaith Harmony Week. The ceremony will be at 11.00am in Sturt Street, Ballarat at Victoria Square, opposite the Ballarat Town Hall. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be in attendance and anyone else who wishes to attend would be very welcome.

## **New Catholic Primary School in Lucas – Opening in 2017**

The new Catholic School in Lucas will be the third in the Cathedral Parish with St Patrick's Drummond St and St Thomas More Alfredton. Community information evenings for the new Catholic Primary School in Lucas have created great interest from many prospective families. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – our current Parish School Principals, Brad Carr, Julie Duynhoven and Tony Perkins – Catholic Education Office Ballarat).

## **Soulfood Young Adults Group**

Soul Food this year is moving their meetings from Thursday night at Nazareth House to every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday evening at the Cathedral from 5.30pm for a Holy Hour followed by a gathering. New members are very welcome. The idea of the group is for young adults (18-35) to have the opportunity to be strengthened together through friendship, prayer and formative talks. The first meeting for the year will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February for adoration from 5.30pm followed by a BBQ dinner around 6.30pm. Any inquiries can be forwarded to [ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or just catch Fr James after Mass. Please feel free to join us, even if you can only make it for a few minutes of the adoration or only for dinner afterwards. Volunteers to help out with cooking etc. are also very welcome!

## **Parish Youth Group - Youth Every Second Sunday (YESS)**

With the New Year we would like to extend an invitation to families to consider being involved in YESS. YESS is open to secondary school aged students and is aimed at bringing young Catholics together so they might form supportive friendships and together grow closer to Christ. The group typically meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday night after 5pm Mass for games, talks and discussions, supper and prayer. The first meeting this year will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb between 6pm and 8:30pm in St Patrick's Hall. A short information session for parents will also be offered at 6:15pm to go over the plans for the year. Any parent inquiries can be forwarded to [ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or just catch Fr James after Mass.

**Mass on Australia Day, Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>** – All welcome to the 10.00 am Mass in the Cathedral

### **Standing in Solidarity with our Indian Community**

The Cathedral Parish and the Knights of the Southern Cross will host a bbq on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6.00 pm in the Cathedral grounds. All are welcome to join the gathering which will provide us with an opportunity to express our welcome to all who come to our Ballarat community and to take a stand against any form of racism, particularly in the light of the December bashing of Indian-born Ballarat man Sumeet Anand. This gathering will also provide us with an opportunity to meet and welcome Fr Sajan who has come from Kerala, India to minister in the Diocese of Ballarat.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)**

A review of the RCIA will take place on Sunday evening February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. Parishioners who have been involved in any way as catechist, sponsor, team member, or who have come through the RCIA as a baptised candidate or catechumen are welcome to join us to contribute to the review and planning for the 2016 year. A byo shared meal will commence the proceedings which will follow 5.00 pm Mass.

**New Stewardship Envelopes** are available for collection from the Parish Office.

**Collections** Envelopes \$9,706.00(includes credit cards)  
Parish Loose \$396.00 Presbytery \$2,415.70

**Counters** 24<sup>th</sup> January Team 1 Next week team 2

### **Masses during the coming week**

Monday	12.05 pm	Cathedral			
Tuesday	9.30am	Redan	<b>10.00am</b>	Cathedral	(Australia Day)
Wednesday	9.30am	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** 11.00 am Friday 11.30 am Saturday

<b>Cathedral Parish Masses</b>	<b>January 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Smythesdale</b>	<b>Linton</b>	<b>Skipton</b>		
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm Vigil	9.00am	10.30 am

Parish Office hours Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Phone 5331 2933

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