



24 Hours for the Lord - the Year of Mercy

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish will begin our **24 Hours for the Lord** at the 7.30 am Mass on Friday March 4th and end after 10.00 am on Saturday March 5th . Parishioners and groups are invited to add their names to the roster to pray over the 24+ hours. 12 .05 pm Mass on Friday followed by Adoration and Benediction. Evening Prayer 6.00 pm, **Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7.00 pm** Night Prayer at 10.00 pm, Stations of the Cross at 11.00 pm with continuous prayer throughout the night until Morning Prayer at 8.00 am on Saturday, concluding with 10.00 am Mass Saturday.

10th Anniversary of Ordination for Fr Matthew Thomas

Mass will be held at St Patrick's Church, Camperdown on March 17, 2016 at 7.00pm to celebrate Fr Matthew's 10th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Supper will follow. RSVP to Michael McKenzie, ph. 0409 962148

Prayer of Trust (Michael Herry)

You know the way for me you know the time, Into your hands I trustingly place mine.
Your plan is perfect born of perfect love You know the way, your way is love.

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Psalm (Paul Bird)

With you O Lord there is fullness of redemption; With you O Lord there is mercy for all.
(Repeat)

Make our hearts (Michael Herry)

Make our hearts O Lord, rich soil for your word. Plant new seeds of hope and love,
Make our hearts O Lord rich soil for your word. Welcome to the Word of God.
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Heart of Jesus, Heart of Mercy - A hymn for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Refrain: Give us new hearts O Lord. Give us new hearts O Lord.
Give us hearts of flesh, remove our hearts of stone.

Taste and See (Michael Herry)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. receive the living bread of heaven.
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This is My Body (Michael Herry)

This is my body, given for you. Go now and serve in my name.
This is my body, given for you. I have no hands but yours.
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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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3rd Sunday of Lent (C)

Sunday 28th February 2016

Gospel Reflection – © Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel begins with two warnings about the need for repentance. It ends with a parable about a non-productive fig tree and a faithful "gardener God". The warnings include two examples of untimely deaths, one reported to Jesus and then used by him to illustrate the urgent need for repentance, the other reported by Jesus as a further illustration of his point. With respect to the first example, Jewish history recounts instances of Pilate's cruelty, but makes no mention of his execution of Galileans and the mingling of their blood with their sacrifices. Neither is there any other record of the collapse of the Siloam tower and the resultant death of eighteen people. Jesus insists that those killed are no more sinful and no more deserving of death than any of their fellow Galileans or Jerusalemites. They are certainly not being punished for their sins and those who make such a link between suffering and sin have got it all wrong. So why does Jesus twice assert, "If you do not repent you will all perish in the same way" or "as they did"? The answer seems to lie in the constant need for self-reflection and the missed opportunity for conversion or reconciliation in the case of sudden and unexpected death. In other words, Jesus is telling his listeners, "Don't be caught unawares; turn your life around in the direction of the gospel while you are alive and well". The Greek verb "to repent" literally means to think again. It can have the sense of expanding one's vision or one's horizons, to think beyond the narrow confines of one's own interests and one's own little world. In the context of Jesus' teaching, it is a call to take seriously the message of God's empire or reign which embraces the whole Earth community.

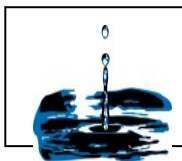
Recent Deaths: Marie Hassed, Margaret Ruby Turville, Margaret Whitehouse

Anniversaries: Anne Brandenburg, Dorothy Cafe, Bryan Coffey, Shane Dodd, Bob Fewster, Peter Gaylor, Barbara Hall, Rev Henry Nikel SVD, Lynn Simons

Next week's readings: *Sunday 6th March 2016* *4th Sunday of Lent (C)*
Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Liam James Connellan son of James & Lauren
Eli John Grime son of Daniel & Rebecca
May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.



Lenten Anointing Mass

The 12.05 pm Mass on March 9th will be the Anointing Mass for the Parish and will be held in St Patrick's Hall. It has been the custom to serve lunch to the Parishioners following Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the Hall before Mass and assistance to help serve the lunch would be gratefully accepted. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone Jacinta in the office.

Nazareth House Ballarat St Patrick's Day Coffee Party

St Patrick's Day Coffee Party on Thursday, March 17, 2015 at 1.30 pm in the Hall at Nazareth House. All welcome.

Diocesan RCIA & Sacrament Facilitator

Applications are sought for the new position within the Ballarat Diocese - Diocesan RCIA and Sacrament Facilitator (3 days per week). Please contact the Cathedral office for a detailed position description. Applications by March 15th.

Catholic Women's League

General members of the Catholic Women's League will meet at the Cathedral next Wednesday, 2nd March at 1.30 pm followed by afternoon tea in the presbytery. All most welcome to attend.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Primary Schools

Now taking enrolment enquiries for Foundation (Prep) classes for next year. Please contact the school offices, St Patrick's on 53327680 to arrange an interview with their principal, Mark Hogbin. St Thomas More Primary School on 5334 2240 to make an appointment for an information session



Third
Sunday
of Lent

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Stewardship Envelopes available for collection from the Office.

Collections Envelopes \$7,670.65(includes credit cards)

Parish Loose \$370.65 Presbytery \$2,035.35

Counters 28th February Team 6 Next week team 7

Reconciliation 11.00 am Friday, 11.30 am Saturday

Morning Prayer of the Church 8.00 am Monday – Friday

Stations of the Cross 11.15 am Wednesday 7.00 pm Thursdays

Cathedral Parish Masses **March 5th/6th**

6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm

Smythesdale 7.30 pm Vigil,

Linton 9.00am,

Skipton 10.30 am

Parish office Hours Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Phone 5331 2933

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Clergy Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu SDB

Parish Office Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer Philip Westbrook

Family Ministry Anita Houlihan, Hospital Pastoral Care, Kaye Stringer

Principals St Patrick's Primary Mark Hogbin, St Thomas More Rosa Tocchet