

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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The Most Holy Trinity (C)
Sunday 22nd May 2016



Scripture Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They will come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth".

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutised or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community.

Recent Deaths: Tom Rees, Bernie Segrave.

Anniversaries: Stefan Burcon, Iris Carrigg, Gerard Cullinan, Peter Hammond, Br Reg Long CFC, Paul Madden, Leon Patrick Martin, Fr Barry Stickland, Diny Verdoorn.

Next week's readings: *Sunday 29th May 2016* *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (C)*
Genesis 14:18-20 Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11-17

First Communion Celebrations

This weekend (Trinity Sunday May 21st-22nd) and the following weekend (Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ May 28th-29th) at the 6.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Masses, first communion will be celebrated with the 91 children who are part of the Parish Eucharist program. Welcome to all!!

Cathedral Parish Finance Officer

After almost 10 years working for the Cathedral, Philip Westbrook has resigned from this position. Thank you Philip for your ministry with us and the Parishes of Redan and Sebastopol over these years. Following the Finance Committee meeting held during the week, this position will now be advertised and applications to Fr Justin can be left at the Parish Office. The position is part time (0.5) and requires skills in finance, administration, occupation health and safety and human resources. A complete position description will be available from Friday May 27th from the office.

Ballarat Interfaith Network

Bus trip to The Great Stupa's remarkable light show, in Bendigo, Saturday May 28th, for more information or to book tickets phone 0477477658 or go to <https://goo.gl/lfGehl>

Classic Car Morning Tea Friday 27th May at the Vintage & Classic Car Club Rooms Humffray St Sth from 10.00am -12pm \$5.00per person Net proceeds donated to the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research.

menALIVE Men's Weekend - Hamilton

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. St Mary's Parish Hamilton is hosting a menALIVE weekend on July 30 & 31, 2016. Contact John Hockey 0439 319 823 manager@stmaryshamilton.org.au Pasquale Mammone (W/bool) 0438 247 765, pasquale_mammone@yahoo.com.au The weekend commences Saturday at 8:30am and concludes at 1:30pm on Sunday. Billed accommodation will be available. More information can be found at www.stmaryshamilton.org.au Online Bookings www.trybooking.com.au/KNVH

Ballarat Annual Choral Festival

To be held on Sunday May 29th at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat, at 1.30pm with choirs (including two from the Cathedral Parish) from across the Ballarat region, no cost involved, all welcome.

Celebrating Catholic Education Week "The Face of Mercy"

We celebrate Catholic education week in our Cathedral Parish through our two existing Parish Primary schools – [St Patrick's Drummond St](#) and [St Thomas More Alfredton](#). We also celebrate through our new Catholic Primary school to open in 2017 at Lucas. Jo Brewer, the principal appointed will commence in term 3, July 2016. Enrolments are open with 16 preps already enrolled in the Lucas Catholic Primary School for the commencement of school in 2017!

<http://www.lucascatholicprimaryschool.com.au>

What makes a Catholic school Catholic? Principal Mark Hogbin wrote on the school newsletter:

This question is up there with some of the most challenging issues that we face in our schools and the wider church today. It's not an easy question to answer and it often demands more of a reflective response than we might realize. If our answer is that a Catholic school is Catholic because we educate Catholic children then we would be wrong. Our school is made up of families who identify with many different faiths and some who might be experiencing formal religion for the first time. If Catholic schools existed for Catholic families only then we would have a very limited world view and any hopes for evangelisation would be lost. Perhaps Catholic schools exist because they are the new church? Wrong again. We are a part of the church but we are not a replacement for it. When School and Church work together then a holistic approach to faith formation and celebration can be achieved. We are a part of the church but we are certainly not a substitute for it! Some might say that we exist to offer a cheaper alternative for private education. Wrong again. The origins of Catholic education in this country are based around the right to educate in faith and to exercise freedom of religion. Not all countries provide Catholic education, either by law or by choice. I think that we are richer because we do. Many believe that because we teach from a values perspective we must be Catholic. An easy trap to fall into. All good schools regardless of identity teach values. This simply mirrors the kind of work that you are doing at home as parents when you prepare your children to be participants in a society which fosters the human person. You are doing a great job at this, so if it was for values alone then our school system would not need to exist. So, what does make a Catholic school Catholic? I don't have the complete answer, but I do think that I have some pointers which might help. If we believe that we are called to be Christ on earth for others then all of a sudden an identity begins to take shape.

The words of St. Teresa of Avila come to mind:

"Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours."

If we can be Christ-like in our interactions with others in our school then we can be sure that our school is Catholic, not just in name but in action also.

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Clergy Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Matthew
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

Cathedral Parish Masses	May 28 th /29 th	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton	
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm	9.00am	10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm Cathedral			
Tuesday	9.30am Redan	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Wednesday	9.30am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Thursday	9.30am Redan	11.30 am St John of God	12.05pm Cathedral	
Friday	9.30am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral	1.30 pm Benediction	
Saturday	10.00am Cathedral			

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am

We Come to Your Table (Michael Joncas)

We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white: The weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives; The dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries, The promise of our future; our needing and our nurture Lie here before our eyes.

We come to your feast, we come to your feast: The young and the old, the frightened, the bold, The greatest and the least. We come to your feast, we come to your feast: With the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands, We come to your feast.

We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread: The gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed; We come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed, To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us, To love in word and deed.

We place upon your table a simple cup of wine: The fruit of human labour, the gift of sun and vine; We come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord, His dying and his living, his leading and his giving, His love in cup outpoured.

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This is My Body

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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Lord we Come to your Table

Lord we come to your table Lord we hear your Word Lord, you are our bread of life And we, the Body of Christ.

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