

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

www.stpatscathedral.weebly.com

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 5th June 2016



Scripture Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

Liberation or release for the most marginalised is at the heart of the mission of the Lukan Jesus. At the beginning of his ministry, we find him in his hometown synagogue in Nazareth, reading from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and appropriating to himself and to his mission the words of the prophet. He knows that the Spirit of God is upon him and that God has anointed him to bring good news to the destitute and release to the shattered (Luke 4:16-20). As the gospel narrative unfolds, we hear story after story of Jesus bringing good news for the destitute and release for the shattered.

In today's gospel passage, he encounters a funeral cortege at the gates of Nain. He is said to be moved with compassion (esplanchnisth?) for the plight of a widow who is shattered and under threat of a life of destitution. Women who lacked the protection of a husband or adult son were among the most destitute in first century Palestine. The unnamed woman of our story has already suffered the loss of her husband. She now grieves for the loss of her adult son. For a widow to lose her only son was nothing short of shattering. She would be entirely dependent on the goodwill of neighbours and friends and whatever extended family she may have had. Jesus knows that the death of her son has made this woman even more dependent and vulnerable than she had been made by her husband's death.

Nain was a tiny village in the Valley of Jezreel in the southern part of Galilee. As in every town, the gate would have been the place where legal cases were determined and justice was delivered. Now, at the gate of this town, Jesus of Nazareth brings both mercy and justice. He feels the pain of the widow in his own being and responds by restoring life, not only to the young man, but to his mother, to the extended family and to the grieving village community. Like this young man, Jesus is the only son of a woman who had possibly been widowed by the time he began his public ministry. His mother is to know the same pain of loss as her unnamed "sister" in Nain.

The sight of the funeral procession and the tears of the woman elicit the compassion of Jesus. The verb "to have compassion" (splanchnizein) denotes a deeply felt response in the depths of a person's being. It implies not just an emotional response, but action for mercy and justice. Tears will function in next week's gospel reading as an instrument of hospitality. In this story, tears and touch bring life to a son who was lost and restore life to a community and to a family within that community.

Recent Deaths: Margarite Victor, Stanislaw (Stanley) Wach

Anniversaries: Jean Connellan, Maureen Dooley, Debbie Morris, Kevin & Kerry Ratcliffe,
Luciano Susic, Jan Strik,

Next week's readings: *Sunday 12th June 2016* *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Genesis 14:18-20 Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11-17

Cuppa & Chat

There will not be a cuppa & chat after 10.30am Mass this weekend.

Positions Vacant

Cathedral Parish Finance Officer

The position is part time (20 hours per week) and requires skills in finance, administration, occupation health and safety and human resources. This position also serves as the finance officer for the parishes of St Aloysius' Redan, St James' Sebastopol and St Peter's Linton. A complete position description is available from the Parish Office. Applications to be forwarded to Fr Justin by Friday June 10th. Both a current Working With Children Check and Police Check are required.

Pastoral Care – Ballarat Health Services

For many years, the Cathedral Parish has employed a pastoral carer to serve the pastoral needs of the Catholic patients and their families who are in the Base Hospital. Sr Paula Fleming SJG, Kathy Pollard and Kaye Stringer have each served in this pastoral care ministry. The current position is 12 hours per week and will become vacant when Kaye concludes in mid-June. Applications may be forwarded to Fr Justin by June 10th with the resume to include skills, qualifications (ideally a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education) and pastoral experience as well as referees. A current Working With Children Check and Police Check are required.

Why Four Gospels? Public Lecture

The Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry is hosting a public lecture by Professor Francis Watson on "Why Four Gospels?". June 8, 2015 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm at ACU Melbourne. For more information, registration and catering requirements, email: ACUFPTRSVP@acu.edu.au.

Walk-4-One Lunch

St Michael's Parish, Bungaree presents "Walk-4-One" lunch with guest speaker, Sam Clear, on Sunday, June 19, 2016. Sam, a young Tasmanian, pledged himself to a mission: he would walk around the world in an effort to urge and inspire all Christians to unite. Tickets available from Amanda Elliott ph. 0427 713064 or amanda@rumerz.com.au.

St Vincent de Paul

Each year around the Feast of the Sacred Heart (June 3rd) Cathedral parishioners are invited to contribute to the St Vinnies Winter appeal through a collection. This will take place on the weekend of June 11th-12th at the 6.30 pm, 8.00 am, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Masses.

Finance to enable the St Vincent de Paul Society to assist the underprivileged and marginalised people in our community comes from two sources.

- 1 The generous donations from parishioners and people who care, and
- 2 The proceeds of sales from our Vinnies stores.



Alpha – Adult Faith Program

Recommencing at 7.00 pm on Thursday June 9th with the topic Why and How Should I Read the Bible. The program for the remaining weeks will be Who is the Holy Spirit, How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit, How Does God Guide Us, What about Evil & Does God Heal today, and finally What about Church & Telling Others? Parishioners and friends are very welcome to participate in any or all of these sessions.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser - Annual Soup Luncheon

Please come along and hear how former child soldier from South Sudan, Isaac Moses, a Ballarat resident has risen from the trauma of war and displacement, to become an Australian citizen and student of Social Work at Federation University. Wednesday June 22nd, at 12.30, Nazareth House Hall, Mill Street, Ballarat. Entry \$20 Conc. \$15. Cake stall and competitions.

All welcome - especially children. Inquiries - Carmel -53322103/0401175045

annekav123@yahoo.co.uk http://www.parramattamercy.org.au/images/logos/how_logo.jpg

Collections	Envelopes \$2,383.00	Parish Loose \$283.50	Presbytery \$2,307.30
Counters	5 th June	Team 5	Next week team 6

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 Sebas	12.05 pm Cathedral	1.30 pm Benediction
Saturday	10.00am Cathedral		

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am

Cathedral Parish Masses	June 11th/12th	Skipton	Beaufort	Snake Valley	
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm	8.30am	10.30 am

ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au



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

Federation Election: What can you do- 3 invitations below

1. Attend organised local gatherings or send forth questions of concern: Ballarat - June 20 at 6.00pm at the Ballarat Central Uniting Church. Attendance of ALP, Liberals and Greens has been confirmed.
2. Writing to politicians now, with your concerns, is an important strategy to challenge seriously unjust matters. Two areas of concern are provided
 - Border protection and control and the unjust handling of Refugees and Asylum Seekers - see attached for possible questions to ask politicians. Also included are tips to ensure you receive a response, plus a sample letter, courtesy of Julian Burnside (QC, AOM).
 - Commitment toward climate change
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcP5E2trsX4&feature=youtu.be> "What kind of future are we leaving for our children and future generations?" For more information about Climate change go to <http://catholicearthcare.org.au/project/laudato-si-an-urgent-appeal-for-action>
3. Please consider distributing this message and Election Kit "The approaching federal Election is engendering much publicity. As Australians and as Christians, we are challenged to reflect on some of the values and issues we want our country to consider as we face a new moment in our history.

NetAct has prepared these reflection sheets in response to a number of current discussions. It seems that often the human and Christian dimensions of these issues are ignored in the ongoing debate and political wrangling. This Kit invites individuals and communities to reflect on issues from the perspective of our humanity and our faith, rather than allowing political rhetoric to colour our thinking. We hope that it will engender new conversations. We encourage the distribution of kits in parishes and for use in community and social justice groups or shared with friends. NetAct: A Project of Catholic Social Justice, Welfare and Educational Agencies

ACBC Statement re Federal Election

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have released a statement regarding the upcoming federal election, "Voice for the voiceless: A statement by the Catholic Bishops of Australia on the election" dated 16 May 2016 Further information, including a prayer for the election, is available from the ACBC website www.catholic.org.au