

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat



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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 12th June 2016



Scripture Reflection by © Mary Coloe

All the Gospels have the story of a woman who anoints Jesus, but each evangelist tells the story in a different way. Mark, Matthew and John have this narrative introducing the last week of Jesus' life and present it as a highly symbolic action. Only Luke suggests that the unnamed woman is a sinner.

The parable Jesus tells helps to interpret the meaning of her action. His parable makes it clear that the action of the woman is about love. She has experienced being loved, and being forgiven. The debtor who owed more is the one who loves the master more when the debts are pardoned. The woman's action is in response to knowing her sins *have been* forgiven. Jesus says, 'Her sins must have been forgiven her.' We do not see the act of forgiveness in the narrative – this must have occurred on an earlier occasion – here we see her grateful, loving response. Christians ought to be the most joyful and grateful of all people, for we believe that in Jesus sin has been forgiven – past tense. Each of us can say, 'My sins have been forgiven.' Fear has no place in our lives with the knowledge that God loves us and invites us to participate in this love. If only we could believe this! Paul does! The woman does – hence her loving response to Jesus. She becomes a model of Christian discipleship, for we are all sinners who know the gracious forgiveness of God. All our living is grateful response to a God who loves us first.

Pope Francis' Prayer for the 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 through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Recent Deaths: Ernie Auchettl, Helen Houlihan

Anniversaries: Elsie & Laurie Bendall, Ella Bolte, Maureen Costigan, William Davey, Alan, Con & Irene Howard, Irene Lawrence, Esmie Lazarus, Martin McGuinness, Bess Madden, Vin Madden, Sr Kathleen Mercovich, Kathleen Speirs, Peter Tagliabue, Leo Tuddenham

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Judd Owen Geoffrey Tyter son of Brett & Sarah
Max Ernest John Opie son of Dale & Kasey
Nash Thomas Dixon son of Nathan & Alicia



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

Mass to celebrate Jubilees of Ordination

On Tuesday, June 14th the priests of the Diocese will gather at OLHC Wendouree with Bishop Paul for Mass at 5pm celebrating the Jubilees of ordination of Fr. Dan Arundell, Fr. Damien Heath & Fr. Kevin Condon OP all ordained 60 years and Fr. Shane Mackinlay (25 years). All welcome to Mass.

Visiting the Housebound

Do you have a relative or neighbour or friend who spends a good deal of time at home and would appreciate a visit from someone else besides family and friends? The Parish Visiting Team is a group of professional women, now retired, who are ready to make friendly visits in our Parish. If you know of someone, please pass on details of name, phone number and address to Jacinta in the cathedral office. The first contact with the person will be made by phone to seek their consent.

Parish Anointing Mass June 30th

On Thursday June 30th our Mass of Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at 12.05pm. 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. This is a great opportunity to catch up with other parishioners and have a chat over lunch. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone Jacinta in the office on 53312933.

Thanks to Kaye Stringer

On Friday June 17th, Kaye Stringer will conclude her ministry of pastoral care on behalf of the Cathedral Parish at the Ballarat Health Services. Kaye has ministered on our behalf at the Base Hospital since the beginning of 2012 and we express our gratitude to her for her service and wish her well as she commences at St John of God Hospital. Interviews for the positions of Pastoral Carer at Ballarat Health Services and Finance Officer for the Parishes of Ballarat, Linton, Redan and Sebastopol will be held this week. We pray for wisdom and right judgement for those involved.

RCIA in our Parish – accompanying adults becoming Catholic

Each year we have a number of people of various ages and backgrounds who approach us to become fully initiated members of the Catholic faith. This process is the responsibility of the entire faith community which is co-ordinated by a small team of parish members. This ministry is an extremely life giving experience as we journey with our Inquirers through the various stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

There are a variety of roles involved throughout the process. This we already have approximately ten Inquirers and we invite parishioners to be part of the process. You may see yourself as a sponsor, a catechist, secretarial resource person, a co-ordinating team member or someone offering hospitality and friendship; if so do let us know.

We also seek to inform anyone interested in becoming an Inquirer to make contact with Jacinta in the Parish Office prior to our first Inquiry night next Wednesday, June 15th at 7.00pm in St Patrick's new Hall.

If you have any queries or would like clarification of any of the roles or wish to become involved in any way, please contact Jacinta in the Parish Office or our RCIA co-ordinator, Kay Curran on 53324174 or 0411 866 532.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser - Annual Soup Luncheon

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, 12.30pm, Nazareth House Hall, Mill Street, Ballarat. Entry \$20 Concession \$15. Cake stall and competitions. All welcome - especially children. Inquiries, Carmel 53322103/0401175045 annekav123@yahoo.co.uk

Lucas Catholic Primary School Opening in 2017

With our new Parish Primary School preparing to open for the school 2017 school year, the next Community Consultation Evening will be held on Tuesday, July 12th at St Thomas More Primary School Alfredton from 7.00pm- 8.00pm. This is your opportunity to have input into the school identity including the school name, motto, logo and colours and be updated on the building plans. All enquiries to Cass Klain cklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au or website www.lucascatholicprimaryschool.com.au

Pre-Federal Election Forum

Federal Election July 2nd you are invited to attend a *Pre-election Forum* to hear the viewpoints of the Candidates for Ballarat *on Issues for a Just Society* and to ask them your questions Monday 20th June 6.00 – 7.45pm Ballarat Central Uniting Church corner Dana Street & Lydiard Street South, Ballarat

St Vincent de Paul

St Vinnies Winter appeal will take place this weekend. Donations enable the St Vincent de Paul Society to assist the underprivileged and marginalised people in our community and comes from two sources.

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

Dr Riad Kassis Dinner

Dr Riad Kassis and his family are Christians living in the middle of the Syrian Crisis.

You are invited to join Riad, his wife and 17 year old daughter as they share their experiences and perspectives on life as a Christian on the Syrian border, and how Australian Christians can support and encourage their brothers and sisters living in the Muslim World.

Wednesday 6th July 2016, 6.30 – 9.00 pm Red Door Pizzeria 401 Warrenheip St Buninyong

Cost: \$22 per person (Drinks and dessert not included). Donations also gratefully accepted on the night RSVP (or further enquiries) to Mark Schnerring (Minister @ Buninyong Anglican Church) by Sunday 3rd July, including any dietary requirements: 0401 022 107 or

mark@buninyonganglican.org.au Limited places available.

Collections Envelopes \$58,998.95 (includes direct debits)

Parish Loose \$320.55

Presbytery \$1,755.75

Counters 12th June Team 6 Next week team 7

Masses during the coming week

Monday 10.00 am Cathedral (Public holiday)

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 Prayer Service 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 18th/19th **Smythesdale** **Skipton** **Rokewood**

6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm 7.30 pm 9.00am 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, 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