

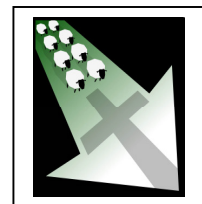
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 3rd July 2016



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Reflection by Bishop Joseph Oudemann Auxiliary Bishop Brisbane

It is a long standing tradition that the first Sunday of July is dedicated to our Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander brothers and sisters. May we be one in mind and heart with them as we listen to today's living Word in the Scriptures. Firstly, let us remember and acknowledge again that for thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers, the sole inhabitants of this vast land were Indigenous peoples: the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. In a real sense the settlers were invaders in this land which was named "terra nullius", the land which was deemed to belong to no one! Many injustices and atrocities have been committed against the Indigenous people of the land since. A National Apology to the Stolen Generations by the Prime Minister on February 13 2008 was indeed an historic and hope-filled moment for Australia. The then president of the Australian Bishops Conference, Archbishop Wilson, said in his Statement: "Today is a great day in the history of our Nation, because it represents a much longed-for point of arrival. But it must not end there. For true healing to take place we must also acknowledge that this National Apology is a point not only of arrival, but a point of hope and a point of departure." The journey and process is one of reconciliation and healing. The reading from the prophet Isaiah today invites us all to "rejoice with Jerusalem....rejoice, rejoice all you who mourned her! Jerusalem: the City of Peace!...For Yahweh says this: Look I am going to send peace flowing over her like a river". The first words from the lips of the Risen Lord to his shocked and fearful disciples are: Peace be with you! It is a very profound peace, that transforms our relationships and attitudes, and which helps us overcome the hurdles and tensions as we dialogue and witness for a better world. God's world and our "common home". (Laudato si- Pope Francis). The challenge of reconciliation and bringing healing requires fortitude, wisdom and patience. When we read St. Paul's letter to the Galatians Ch.5 -6 we are reminded of the self-indulgence and the self-importance at the centre of our lives, which prevents us to love and to reach out to our needy sisters and brothers. Today's reading from Galatians 6, is the concluding exhortation of St. Paul, namely to boast in (i.e. to proclaim) the cross of Jesus Christ, the self-giving of Christ, as the great focus of our lives. "It is not being circumcised or uncircumcised that matters but what matters is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this as their rule and to the Israel of God" The Gospel reading of St. Luke sends us all out to mission and visit the towns and places Jesus himself would be visiting. There are all kinds of instructions for the disciples about trust in God's presence and providence, and about being and remaining a person of peace, hospitality and respect, which is all contained in the Jewish greeting: "Shalom". Also is mentioned the need to bring healing and to reassure everyone that the Kingdom of God is near. Let me finish with our Responsorial psalm of today: "let the earth cry out to God with joy!" Ah! Mother Earth! Crying out to God with joy! It is same kind of joy and gratitude which mark the words of Pope Francis, in his pastoral letter "Laudato si", where he speaks of our common home and the responsibilities we all have to look after our "mother" and the incredible variety of "offspring"! And where he speaks of its beauty and the interconnectedness of everything! Yes, the Kingdom of God is very near. But we need eyes to see. We need ears to hear. We need hearts to treasure. We need hands to put to the plough, and to sow good seeds, as we live and work in hope toward a rich harvest

Recent Deaths: John Brick, William Cronin, Steven Kirsteuer, Bernie Maddocks, Nic Naus, Molly Reilly, Daniel Toohey, Dr Jim Walker.

Anniversaries: John Bourke, Maggie Britt, Peter & Sylvia Campana, Maria Copi, Pauline Devaney, Damien Gracie, Edward Jones.

Next week's readings: *Sunday 10th July 2016* *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Deuteronomy 30: 10-14 Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33 Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Sacrament of Confirmation

We invite families of children baptised Catholic and in school year 3 or older to enrol in the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation, due to commence with a parent information session on ***Tuesday 19th July, 2016 at 10.00am and 7.00pm St Patrick's Hall (small hall).*** Families should attend one session for their child to be included in the program of preparation for this sacrament.

For further information please contact Anita or Jacinta at the parish office on 53 312 933 or via email: anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Catholic Women's League

CWL General Members will attend 12.05 pm Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday, July 6th. This will be followed by lunch at the home of Gertie and George Mangan.

Transport available for any who need it. Enquiries Gertie Ph 5334 1670

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.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

The Ballarat Diocese has initiated a Lay Pastoral Ministry Program that offers opportunities for formation, study, support and accreditation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers in the diocese. Brochures are available and full information is on the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (under Services & Agencies/Pastoral Ministry) or contact Amanda Smith, ph. 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Farewells & Welcomes

This week we farewell Philip Westbrook who has been working as part time Finance Officer for the Cathedral Parish (and Redan & Sebastopol) for almost 10 years. We thank Philip for his work with us, for overseeing and supporting our Stewardship and providing accountability and transparency to parishioners and the finance committee. Welcome Ro Danski who has been appointed to this position. Ro is from Ballarat, but left in her late teens to travel to Perth and around Australia. She returned in the winter of 2007 with her youngest daughter, Faith, while her older daughter, Tara Jade, stayed in Perth. She still works as a Finance Officer part time for a Perth based business, and is now also working in the same position at the Cathedral. She will be in the Cathedral Parish Office each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Recently Kaye Stringer concluded as the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Carer to the Ballarat Health Services. We thank Kaye for his ministry of care on our behalf to the Catholic patients at the Base Hospital. Tracey Sillekens has been appointed to this position and we welcome her.

Welcome also Joshua Prato-Forte who comes to us through the Western District Employment Access Inc. and Disability Employment Services. Joshua will be joining us for 8 hours a week for a six month period, working alongside Tony McVeigh in the grounds, in the halls and in the office.

New Mass settings

The Parish Liturgy Committee invites all Leaders of Song, Singers and Musicians to a meeting on Sunday 17th July, at 2.30 in St Patrick's smaller hall to hear new Mass settings and assist with selecting and forward planning of introducing these settings over the next three years

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

The Catholic Church and Francis in the International Situation Today

An evening with Dr Massimo Faggioli who is regarded as one of the most significant commentators on the Catholic Church in the Post Vatican II era.

His books - Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning (2012), Sorting out Catholicism: A Brief History of The New Ecclesial Movements (2014) and A Council for the Global Church: Receiving Vatican II in History (2015) have each received significant acclaim. Thursday 21 July 2016 at 7.30 pm, St Carthage's Church Parkville, 123 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052. Admission \$20.00

Annual Collection for The Pope

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world. This collection will be taken up this weekend as a leaving collection.

Collections Envelopes \$2,506.10 Parish Loose \$253.00 Presbytery \$1,759.10
Counters 3rd July Team 2 Next week team 3

Dr Riad Kassis Dinner

Dr Riad 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 – 9.00pm Red Door Pizzeria 401 Warrenheip St Buninyong *Limited places* 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

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm Cathedral		
Tuesday	9.30am Redan	12.05 pm Cathedral	5.30 pm Loreto Sisters
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

Morning Prayer of the Church 8.00 am Tuesday – Friday in the Cathedral

Cathedral Parish Masses	July 9 th /10 th	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

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 Ro Danski
Family Ministry Anita Houlihan,

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