

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 17th July 2016



Gospel Reflection: John Thornhill sm

We know from John's gospel that Martha and Mary were friends of Jesus, and that he was frequently in their home. Luke tells us nothing of this; perhaps it was not in the material available to him. However, he immortalises this incident that took place during one of Jesus' visits, because he sees it as having a lesson for us all. Busy preparing special dishes for their guest, Martha feels left out. Jesus tells her not to go to so much trouble: one dish will be plenty. He then goes beyond this homely advice to remind Martha and those present that the 'one thing necessary' in life is finding the truth he is bringing them. Mary does not need to be reminded of this; she shows herself to be a true 'disciple'.

In the gospel accounts, 'disciples' are mentioned hundreds of times. For many centuries, however, the idea of 'discipleship' has had little place in our Christian awareness. Today, we are being told that our lives will be enriched, if we see ourselves as disciples of the Lord. 'Disciples' are learners. All inspiring leaders gather around them a group who want to share in their vision. Those who followed Jesus and were inspired by his message were called 'disciples'; even those who had not known Jesus during his earthly life called themselves his 'disciples' - as we know from the Acts of the Apostles. By including this incident in his gospel, Luke is inviting us to become disciples of the Lord by identifying with Mary as she sat at his feet - finding the truth that gives meaning to our lives.

If we develop the outlook of disciples it will become second nature to us to recognise that we are never alone in our moments of faith awareness and prayer - 'Come to me', the Lord tells us, 'I am with you always'. He encourages us as we seek the way, to share our lives with him with honesty and courage, to look honestly, in his presence, at the quality of our relationships, at the responsibilities life has brought us, at our hopes and ambitions - comparing our outlook with that of the guest who told Martha that one dish was enough. The light and encouragement this attitude of discipleship brings will surprise us. It will make our personal prayer more meaningful. The strength and inspiration we find will make us more aware of the workings of the Holy Spirit.

How do we know the mind of Jesus, what he stands for? The Scriptures should play an important part in our life of discipleship. Listening to the gospel story, we must be prepared to meet the real Jesus and be challenged by the example of his attitudes. Knowing the Scriptures will help us to situate our lives in the great plan of God - spoken of in today's readings. We are the beneficiaries of all that is foreshadowed in the promises made to Abraham. We should learn to share Paul's amazement and gratitude at the generous plan, hidden from all eternity and now revealed in Christ.

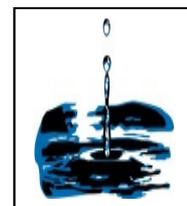
Recent Deaths: Fr Jack Moroney (died in Ballarat, from the Diocese of Wilannia-Forbes)

Anniversaries: Peter Bolte, Antoinette De Brauwere, Danny Cashin, Mollie Doran, Kathleen Fenwick, Michael Flynn, Eric Daniel Martin, Vera McAloon, James Christopher O'Sullivan, Bernie Sculley, William Patrick Smith, Jess Taranto

Next week's readings: *Sunday 24th July 2016* *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Genesis 18:1-10 Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Hunter James Shine	son of James & Kiera	(at Rokewood)
Harry Mitch Larkin	son of Damian & Lauren	
Millie Maree Coad	daughter of Brenton & Shandelle	
Claudia Esmeralda Entwisle	daughter of John & Sharna	
Mabel Jane Couch	daughter of Nicholas & Samantha	



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

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 are required to 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

Parish Playgroup

Each Thursday morning in the Cathedral Hall, parents with pre-school children are invited to gather with their child/ren for the playgroup from 9.30 am – 11.00 am (coffee van comes at 10.30 am!). Gold coin donation. Contact Karia Kinnane for further information 0407 423 682.

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 Parish office. The first contact with the person will be made by phone to seek their consent.

World Youth Day in Poland

Our prayers go with all of the pilgrims (including Fr James), heading to Krakow this week for WYD

Alpha – adult faith education program

Alpha continues this coming Thursday, July 21st 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm in the smaller hall. This week the focus is on ***What about Evil & Does God Heal today?*** There are only three remaining sessions for this current Alpha program – parishioners and friends are still welcome to join us even if only for one session. All are welcome.

New Mass settings

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

St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening Wednesday October 26th from 7.30 pm

For a 2018 Enrolment Package contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett 53 311688 cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Campion Ignatian Spirituality Centre Retreat Day - Finding meaning and hope in everyday life

This day will offer the opportunity to pause, reflect and notice where you are in the world. Come and experience a way of being in the world as lived by St. Ignatius of Loyola - one of awareness, listening, reflection and connection. To make a booking contact 9854 8110 or Email: secretary@campion.asn.au For more information contact Mary marynolanau@gmail.com For people aged 20+ Session 1: 11am-1pm, Lunch: 1-2pm, Session 2: 2-4.30pm You are welcome to come for part or all of the day Cost \$15.00 / Light lunch provided. Sunday August 7, 2016 11.00am - 4.30 pm Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality 99 Studley Park Road Kew

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

Naming our new Catholic Primary School in Lucas

Bishop Paul has endorsed the recommendation from Fr Justin and Jo Brewer (Principal) that the name of the new school in Lucas which will open for the 2017 school year will be **Siena Catholic Primary School**. Siena takes its inspiration from St Catherine Siena, a Doctor of the Church from the Dominican tradition. Amongst the many sayings from her writings (Dialogues) that will inspire the new school is *"be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire."* Many thanks to the parishioners who made submissions for the naming process and the many people who participated in the community consultation held at St Thomas More during the week. On Wednesday of this coming week there will be a major announcement about the school's buildings!

Words of gratitude from Fr Justin

Since the death of my mother, Margot, at Nazareth House several weeks ago, I have received many expressions of sympathy, support, prayers and consolation from parishioners of the Cathedral Parish. I am grateful for all of the cards, emails, phone calls, food (and wine), flowers ... that I have received as well as the attendance at the Vigil Prayers and Funeral Mass at St Arnaud by so many. The Cathedral staff have been wonderfully supportive and the care that mum received at Nazareth House was wonderful. Thank you also to Pat and Therese Cashin, Lindsay Lee and John Moloney. The Catholic Women's League have arranged for Mass to be offered for Margot at the 12.05 pm Mass on Thursday July 21st which I am very happy to celebrate for *"life is changed, not ended and sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality."*

Regional Liturgy Formation Series

The Liturgical Commission invites parishioners to a day in Ararat on Sunday August 7th focussing on Funeral Ministry, Readers and Sacraments of Initiation for Children. See the [Diocesan website](#).

Collections Envelopes \$6,015.50(includes direct debits) Parish Loose \$442.40
Presbytery \$1,819.10 **Counters** 17th July Team 4 Next week team 5

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

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

Cathedral Parish Masses	July 23 rd /24 th	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
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, Ballarat Health Services Tracy Sillekens

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

Siena Catholic Primary School Lucas Jo Brewer