

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 31st July 2016



Gospel Reflection: Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Every faithful Jew and every faithful Christian knows that “the earth belongs to God and all that is in it” (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be “rich toward God” or “rich in God” find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life’s end, with a question: “To whom will this hoard belong?” The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God”.

Jesus is addressed as “teacher”, and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is “teacher” rather than “divider”. He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager or steward as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even perhaps a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the land-owner in upon himself rather than out towards others and so “toward God”. First person singular pronouns predominate: “What am I to do? I have no place....I will do this....I will I will I will” The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, “You fool...”, and by the divine judgment on the landowner’s self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today’s second reading from the letter to the people of Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god.

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint, and to acknowledge by the way we live that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God’s people, not just to the privileged few. In consistently refusing to “store up treasure” for our own selfish ends, we become forever “rich toward God”.

Recent Deaths: Giuseppe (Joe) Angelini, John Fuller, Patrick Ronan

Anniversaries: Joan Densley, Moira Lewis, Patrick & Kevin Maher, Jack Meiklejohn, Christopher Ratcliffe, Veronica Ratcliffe, Geoff Richmond, Noreen Sherritt, Joan Sinnott

Next week's readings: *Sunday 7th August 2016* *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Wisdom 18: 6-9 Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 Luke 12:35-40

Expression of Interest - Family Groups

Currently there are 6 Family Groups in the Cathedral Parish. Basically a group meets once a month for fun activities which in turn enable support and enrich the community.

We have a young family wanting to be involved in FG's and are asking for expressions of interest for more 'families' to form a new group in September. For information please contact -

Michael & Marica Hingston 0407 350 702 hingston.m@gmail.com Parish Office 5331 2933
parish website, School office or www.pfgm.org

Music Ministry in the Cathedral

Last Sunday the liturgy group hosted a gathering for musicians, leaders of song and singers from all groups and Mass times in the Cathedral Parish to gather to explore possibilities for singing a new Mass setting in addition to our current repertoire of the Mass of St Francis (Taylor) and St Alphonsus (Bird). This collaborative venture was very fruitful thanks to all who participated and the facilitation of Judy Gustus. The new Mass setting to be introduced is the ***Mass of Renewal***.

Parish Coordinating Team Gathering

Coordinators of Parish groups and ministries are invited to the next meeting on Tuesday August 16th, 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm. Ministry Coordinators and leaders for Baptism Sponsors, CWL, Environment, Family Groups, Finance Committee, Funeral Ministry, Godstart, Kerala Community, Liturgy, 3 Parish Schools, Playgroup, RCIA, St Vincent de Paul, Sacramental programs, YESS Youth.

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

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Friday, August 5th at 1.30pm at Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat. Entrance prize, spinning wheel, devonshire tea, fancy goods, produce stall. All welcome.

How is your school (or parish) acknowledging the International Year of Mercy?

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite you to share your story via this link: <http://bdsjc.weebly.com/share-your-story/term-2-year-of-mercy>

CWL Morning of Reflection

CWL general members invite you to a morning of reflection with Fr James Kerr at Nazareth House [on Friday, August 12, 2016 at 10.00am](#). Morning tea available from 9.30am. There will be time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance. Mass will be celebrated at midday, followed by a light lunch. Bookings by Wednesday, August 10. Cost is \$12.00 per person to cover lunch, etc. We extend a warm welcome to all interested in a quiet time of reflection. Please contact Maureen, ph. [0431 273 953](tel:0431273953) or Sheila, ph. 0407 884 681. No CWL meeting on August 3.

New Catholic Primary School Named

The new Catholic school to be built in Lucas now has a name – Siena Catholic Primary School. The name Siena met all the criteria and the name was chosen in consultation with the parish and school community. Siena will take its inspiration from St. Catherine of Siena, a Doctor of Church from the Dominican tradition. St. Catherine of Siena's writings survive and are known as the Dialogues, which inspires our new School to be a dialogue school in the Catholic tradition, in partnership with children, parents, families, the parish and broader community. One of the many sayings of St. Catherine of Siena which will inspire this new school is: *"be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire."*

Diocesan Liturgy Formation 2016 / Launch of Let the Children Come

Sunday August 7th at Ararat Parish commencing with Bishop Paul and 10.30 am Mass followed by formation for Funeral Ministry, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the sacramental program, "Let the Children Come." More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Registration available from the Cathedral Office.

St Vincent de Paul Society

A significant number of our clients have expressed a desire for assistance with household budgeting. To address this need we are planning to offer sessions at our Relief centre at O'Collins Hall on Tuesdays. Clients would meet by appointment with two volunteers. Please note this is not financial planning and all volunteers would be provided with training via the program, "Where Did All The Money Go?" designed to give volunteers knowledge of what practical assistance can be offered to people living on low incomes. If you feel that you would be interested in being part of this new and exciting initiative you are invited to an information session at O'Collins Hall Dawson St on Wednesday 10th August 1.00pm. For further information - Mary McAloon 0419 897 345

St Mary's Church Hamilton 150th Anniversary

All are invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Mary's Church Hamilton on the weekend on August 13th & 14th 2016. Phone 5571 1161. For enquiries contact Anne Slattery, phone 5570 8210

Join Pope Francis at World Youth Day

Live streaming of World Youth Day events from Poland is available on www.xt3.com/live including WYD Mass with Pope Francis (Sunday, July 31 at 6.00pm Victorian time). Videos of events also available for viewing afterwards 'on demand.' The WYD prayer and WYD news and live blog are available on the Ballarat Diocese website youth pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Renaissance Dances Coming To Ballarat

The Rippon Lea Renaissance Dancers are marking forty years of performances and part of the celebrations will be held at The Art Gallery of Ballarat where a special one-hour concert will be staged at 2.15pm on Sunday, August 14. The group, which will be accompanied on historic instruments by the Early Music Consort, has chosen complex dances from the Italian Late-Renaissance for this special program. Period court garments will be worn. The Gallery is at 40 Lydiard Street North. Admission \$15. Bookings recommended on 5320 5858.

Collections Envelopes \$1,687.00 Parish Loose \$348.35 Presbytery \$1,658.60

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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	August 6 th /7 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

Parish Office hours Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Phone 5331 2933

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Siena Catholic Primary School Lucas Jo Brewer