

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016



## Gospel Reflection: Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

*The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a "little flock". There is no need for fear: God, their "father", has delighted in giving them "the kin-dom" and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (ele?mosun?). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also." The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a gospel image of God. The Lukan Jesus is simply engaging his hearers' experience of slavery to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave's is a relative happiness vis-à-vis the fate of the other slaves.*

*The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have brought smiles all round, if not outright laughter, from its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is simply not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night long as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are awake enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal.*

*The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They need to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. They are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.*

**Recent Deaths:** Sheila Driscoll, Paschal Farren, Bill Heagney, Michael Cucina, Teresa Mitris

**Anniversaries:** Bev Austin, Lucy Bauska, Bruce Bowman, Reginald Carr, Kath Donnelly, Bryan Dowling, Eileen Dowling, Des Elliott, Frances Gill, Martin Hartigan, Gregory Hayes, Horace Jones, Theresa McKay, Phonse O'Loughlin, Wendy & Rod Page, Maureen Sandry, Shirley Swinkels, John ( Micky) Willmott, Kathleen Yean

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016*                      *20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10      Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14                      Hebrews 12:1-4      Luke 12:49-53

### **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 -

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parish website, School office or [www.pfgm.org](http://www.pfgm.org)

### **Parish Coordinating Team Gathering**

Coordinators of Parish groups and ministries are invited to the next meeting on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Fr Adrian McInerney**

Bishop Paul has communicated with the Diocese that Fr Adrian McInerney, Parish Priest of St Alipius' Ballarat since 2001 and former Cathedral Parish Administrator has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Medical advice is that his condition will continue to decline so Bishop Paul has endorsed the proposal from Fr Adrian that he retire at the end of January 2017. We pray a blessing on Fr Adrian and for the Parish of St Alipius over these coming months of transition.

### **Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 12.05 pm to celebrate the feast day of Australia's first canonized Saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

### **Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Monday August 15th**

Cathedral Mass times      7.30 am, 10.00 am, 12.05 pm and 6.00 pm

Skipton 10.30 am              Snake Valley 7.30 pm

**St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening** Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 pm

For a 2018 Enrolment Package contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett 53 311688 [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

### **Catholic Women's League 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<sup>th</sup>. 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, 0431 273 953 or Sheila, 0407 884 681.

### **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. Enrolments continue to be open for the new school and vacancies for classroom teachers and an administration officer have been advertised <http://www.lucascatholicprimaryschool.com.au/employment.html> Closing date for the applications for these positions is Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 St Patrick's small 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 St Patrick's small hall Dawson St on Wednesday 10th August 1.00pm. For further information - Mary McAloon 0419 897 345

### **Bombs, Blasphemy and Religion in Pakistan**

Columban Fr Robert McCulloch will present "Bombs, Blasphemy and Religion in Pakistan" on Friday August 19th at 7.00 pm at the Nazareth House Hall, Ballarat. This talk will be preceded by 6.00 pm Mass in the Chapel. Entry by donation and a plate of supper. Refreshments will follow the presentation. Inquiries Carmel 0401175045/53322103. All welcome.

## The Melbourne Singers of Gospel

Concert on Saturday 20th August at 3pm at Ballarat Central Uniting Church.

All proceeds will go to UnitingCare Ballarat's Homelessness programmes, including Breezeway.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2016. Phone 5571 1161. For enquiries contact Anne Slattery, phone 5570 8210

## Cathedral Environment Team update

Plans for the area behind the Cathedral (corner of Sturt and Lyons St) to be a dedicated area for healing and reconciliation including a permanent memorial/acknowledgement of the Loudfence movement will be available for parishioners to view next weekend at the Masses and via the Parish newsletter. We look forward to receiving feedback and the input of all.

**Collections** Envelopes \$2,394.00 Parish Loose \$296.55 Presbytery \$1,871.95

**Counters** 7<sup>th</sup> August Team 7 Next week team 1

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## Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday No Mass Redan 12.05 pm Cathedral

Wednesday No Mass Sebastopol 12.05 pm Cathedral 5.30 pm Loreto Sisters

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 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup>** **Skipton** **Beaufort** **Snake Valley**

6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm 7.30 pm 8.30 am 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

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