

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016



## Gospel Reflection:

*Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

*We all know people or groups who seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement or privilege, people who put themselves first without regard for the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of over-indulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family and workplace and community.*

*Those who consistently put themselves first will often find themselves last in the sense that they are often simply tolerated rather than welcomed in most circles.*

*As Jesus makes his way from one town to another on his way to Jerusalem, "someone" puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: "Will only a few be saved?" or, more accurately, "Are only the few saved?" Jesus treats it as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. While the question comes from one person, Jesus' response is "to them". These people have shared table fellowship with him. Their insistence that they have eaten with him may suggest they are part of the crowd who has been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus' less than desirable table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). They have heard his teaching: "You taught in our streets".*

*Jesus' reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kin-dom belongs to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets. Jesus' assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, "from east and west and north and south", might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as "first" in the schema of salvation.*

*Those who share in the banquet in God's kin-dom, the "saved", have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the "narrow door". Entry is by no means restricted to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: it belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or "salvation" of outsiders will cause grief among "evil-doers". These evil-doers include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God's reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the "door" to salvation may be "narrow", the Lukan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God and "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (8:15).*

**Recent Deaths:** Jack Barbetti, John (Joe) Groten, Lorraine Parker, Mary Margaret Rinaldi, Mark Timmins,

**Anniversaries:** Alby Button, Antonio Churkovich, Thomas Coffey, Dorothy Davey, Elizabeth Goodwin, Monica Lange, Natale Lubicich, Frank McAloon, Vinko Marnica, Josie Micich, Padraig O'Siochain, Valerie Smith

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016* *22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29 Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 Luke 14:1. 7-14

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;**

Georgia Marilyn Lynch	daughter of David & Joanne
Harrison Jude Malkin	son of Clint & Shannon
Isla Rose Oldaker	daughter of Troy & Jasmine
Edward Peter Ryan	son of David & Stacey



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

**Refugee and Migrant Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Refugee and Migrant Sunday is a celebration of the dignity of people who are refugees and migrants and the contribution they have made to life in Australia. It is celebrated by the Churches together on or around the last Sunday of August each year. Our world stands at a crossroads. Around 60 million people across the world are now displaced, more than at any time since the World Wars. Torn from their homelands, pushed out of their communities and over borders by the viciousness and violence of war, conflict, persecution and poverty. Human displacement presents us with complex issues. But as a nation we must rise above the slogans and politicking, and ask much more serious questions of ourselves. How are we to respond to the suffering of the world? Turn our backs in isolation – or embrace it in all its messiness and seek collective ways forward? Pope Francis has stated:

*'How can we experience these changes not as obstacles to genuine development, rather as opportunities for genuine human, social and spiritual growth, a growth which respects and promotes those values which make us ever more humane and help us to live a balanced relationship with God, others and creation?' ... Dear brothers and sisters, migrants and refugees! At the heart of the Gospel of mercy the encounter and acceptance by others are intertwined with the encounter and acceptance of God himself. Welcoming others means welcoming God in person! Do not let yourselves be robbed of the hope and joy of life born of your experience of God's mercy, as manifested in the people you meet on your journey!'*

<b>Collections</b>	Envelopes \$2,102.00	Parish Loose \$315.00	Presbytery \$2,113.05
<b>Counters</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> August Team 2	Next week team 3	

### **Parish Coordinating Team Gathering**

On Tuesday evening coordinators of ministries and groups within the Cathedral Parish gathered – Joan Bowman, Jo Brewer, Julie and Tim Delaney, Michael Dunne, Susan Crowe, Kay Curran, Michael Hingston, Jill Jeffrey, Mary Kelly, Sarah Kuek, Allen Moloney, Les Stewart, Rosa Tocchet, Jacinta Westbrook together with Frs Anthony and Justin. Jillian Hogbin, Frank Stuart and Sheila Wilton and were apologies. The plans for the garden for healing and reconciliation were tabled and discussed (the plans are on display in the south transept of the Cathedral) as well as news of the progress of Siena Catholic Primary School in Lucas, due to open in 2017. A longer gathering is proposed for this group prior to the end of 2016 so that the terms of reference and purpose of this group may be clarified.

### **Celebrating Confirmation**

104 children from our Cathedral Parish are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation which is coordinated by Anita Houlihan and the Parish Sacrament Team. These children are using the revised material in the resource *Let the Children Come*, provided by the Diocese of Ballarat. On Wednesday of this week Bishop Paul will meet the children preparing for Confirmation – visiting our two Parish Primary Schools, St Thomas More Alfredton and St Patrick's Drummond St as well as meeting the children from government and independent schools enrolled in the program when they will gather after school at 4.15 pm – 5.00 pm on Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation will be celebrated at the 6.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Masses on the first two weekend of September, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Band of the 1st Regiment Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery in Concert**

You are warmly invited to join the Loreto Community for a very special afternoon of free musical entertainment in support of Loreto Gari-Uai, the first Loreto School currently being built in Timor-Leste. This special performance by the Regiment's concert band swings into action in the Loreto Abbey Theatre on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 2.00pm at The Mary's Mount Centre - Loreto College, 1600 Sturt Street, Ballarat. Whilst this is a free event, BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Please visit the 'Loreto Events' section at [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au), or phone the College on (03) 5329 6100 to reserves your seats.

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### **Fr Shane Mackinlay's Silver Jubilee**

Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on September 6<sup>th</sup> this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 September, at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome.

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## **Council for Australian Catholic Women's Colloquium 2016**

The CACW Colloquium will be held this year on September 17 & 18 at Mary Mackillop Place in North Sydney with the theme, "Women as Witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel".

Register at [www.cacwcolloquium.org.au](http://www.cacwcolloquium.org.au)



### **Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend**

Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Ballarat Clergy Support Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Envelopes are available and may be returned via the collection on Sundays.

*Caring For Those Who Cared For Us – The Church Community's Responsibility*

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### **Masses during the coming week**

Monday	12.05 pm 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

<b>Cathedral Parish Masses</b>	<b>August 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Snake Valley</b>	<b>Beaufort</b>	<b>Skipton</b>
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm		7.30 pm	8.300 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  
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 at Lucas Jo Brewer (opening 2017)