

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 4th September 2016



Reflection: Fr Michael Tate

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave *preference* to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct.

We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers,

*Who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifices.

*Who have worked to become good fathers.

*Who have to parent on their own.

*Who continue to offer their children, now grown, their love and support.

*Who, despite family breaks, have remained in their children's lives.

*Whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

*Who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their children's love and respect.

*Who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men.

*Who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

*Who have "fathered" us in their role as teachers, coaches, mentors and guides.

*Who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. AMEN

Recent Deaths:, Rosanna Di Mattia, Malachy Hayes, Lourdes Stanislaus

Anniversaries: John Alexander Askwith, Raymond Alexander Askwith, Emma Basham, Justin Driscoll (Snr), Noreen Giles, Kathy Muir, Bill Noonan, John Nunn, Anne Nuttall, Martin Riesewyk

Next week's readings: *Sunday 11th September 2016* *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14 Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-323

Celebrating Confirmation

Welcome to all of those who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Over two weekends Bishop Paul will Confirm 105 children from our Cathedral Parish who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation which is coordinated by Anita Houlihan and the Parish Sacrament Team. These children have used the revised material in the resource *Let the Children Come*, provided by the Diocese of Ballarat. Throughout the week Bishop Paul met 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 20 children from government and independent schools enrolled in the program when they gathered after school. Confirmation will be celebrated at the 6.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Masses on September, 3rd – 4th and 10th – 11th.

Ballarat No Interest Loans Scheme

Ballarat NILS is looking for volunteers to assist in the administration of the No Interest Loan Scheme, which provides loans for low income persons throughout the Ballarat Diocese. The position requires approximately 3- 4 hours per week and is in the Ballarat area. Persons with a bookkeeping, banking or accounting background would be especially suited. If you are interested, more information about the position can be obtained by contacting Richard, 0422 753 729 or Peter, 0413 145 108.

Catholic Women's League

Members meeting Wednesday September 7th. Members to attend 12.05pm Mass, followed by lunch in the smaller hall. Lunch will be catered for, \$10.00 per person. Meeting after lunch will also be held in the hall. Interested ladies welcome. For transport or further information contact Sheila Wilton 5342 9678

Fr Shane Mackinlay's Silver Jubilee

Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on September 6th 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.

Child Protection Sunday 11 September 2016

The Australian Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday again falls at the end of the national Child Protection Week campaign, stressing the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse and neglect in Australia. The focus this year is: **'Stronger Communities, Safer Children'**

So how do we, the Catholic Church, play our part in creating stronger communities where we work together to ensure our children are kept safe?

The images of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our entire community and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church. That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to appropriately respond to the victim's needs.

Yet the Catholic Church is in unique position to offer much within this focus of creating stronger communities, safer Children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, in which families and consequently communities are encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient. Stronger families and Church communities can then help to keep our children safe.

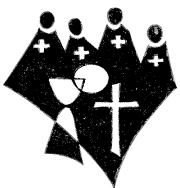
As the Royal Commission's February 2017 "Catholic Wrap Up" approaches, Child Protection Week, and in particular Child Protection Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to highlight the steps we have taken to make children safer through our communities; at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies.

"Mary in the Bible" A Weekend Seminar in Ballarat (23-25 September 2016)

The Catholic faith has many well-developed traditions and doctrines about Mary, the mother of Jesus. Where did these come from? Protestants and Catholics alike are often surprised to learn that everything we teach about Mary comes *from the Bible*. In this course you will meet Mary in the source-book of Divine revelation, the Holy Scriptures.

You will meet the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Apostles and Evangelists knew her and through God's Word your devotion to Mary will be deepened. Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat, Friday 23 to Sunday 25 September, beginning Friday at 7.30pm and ending on Sunday at 4pm. \$95 payable in advance. Morning and afternoon teas provided. Lunch \$10 extra per person, per day. RSVP and Enquiries Maureen van der Linden Ph 0431 273 953

Email: mojo6163@hotmail.com Lecturer David Schütz BTh BA GradDip.



Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$3,795.05 to this collection, which raised nearly \$54,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$2,925.20 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to

contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". ***Caring For Those Who Cared For Us – The Church Community's Responsibility***

eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

This eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Tuesday, September 20th St Patrick's Cathedral smaller hall, cuppa from 9.30am eConference 10.30am – 2.45pm. BYO lunch. Please register with Jacinta at the Parish Office 5331 2933 ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au Speakers - Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, *The Blessing of Mercy*, Mr Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia.

Grandmothers against detention present the film *Chasing Asylum*

Showing at the Ballarat Central Uniting Church, Peart Wing, 103 Lydiard St South, Monday 12th September, 7.30 pm No Cost. Information from Cath 0437185238.

Collections Envelopes \$4,008.00 Parish Loose \$340.30 Presbytery \$1,976.30

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Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Tuesday	No Mass Redan	12.05 pm Cathedral	5.30 pm Loreto Sisters
Wednesday	No Mass 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	September 10 th /11 th	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

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)