



# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016*

**Reflection:** Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated “virtuous”) and justified (translated “at rights with God”). It is addressed to “certain people” who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people’s lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus’ harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in this. That’s what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays “to himself” or “by himself” or “about himself”: any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God’s mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who “have confidence in themselves that they are righteous”, this portrait of the tax agent in right relationship with God is confronting. For such people, being a tax agent is synonymous with being unrighteous.

The language of the toll collector’s prayer, “God be merciful (hilasth?ti) to me a sinner”, evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is his respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in God’s way of being in the world.

**Recent Death:** Shane Ferrari, Bill Squire

**Anniversaries:** Peter Farley, Kathleen Foley, Hazel Gibbs, Helena Iwanowski, Nancy Kearney, Leonie Weaver

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016*

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Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2 Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2 Luke 19:1-10

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

Jordan James Mansion

son of Daniel & Christell

Marcus Anthony Salkovic

son of Mario & Helen

Helena Rose Liston

daughter of Thomas & Frances

Thomas Maxwell Newcome

son of James & Amy



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

**Beyond the Year of Mercy**

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of *"The Blessing of Mercy."* Register through the Cathedral Office [ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5331 2933.

**Holy Hour** vocations will be held next 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> Nazareth House Join in the hour of prayer, singing and quiet before the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

**Young Men Interested in Knowing About the Priesthood?**

St Patrick's College Ballarat are hosting a pilgrimage for those interested in a vocation to the Priesthood on Saturday 12th November. Bus will leave 10.30 am from St Patrick's College to Scarsdale for a 13km walk to Linton followed by Mass with Fr James Kerr and lunch concluding at 3.00 pm. please contact Fr Ed Moloney Vocations Director [Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au](mailto:Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au)

**Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy**

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am with morning tea to follow in the Cathedral Hall. This occasion will also be an opportunity to celebrate 25 years since the Family Groups were established in the Cathedral Parish. Marica and Michael Hingston continue to be the coordinators for the Family Groups in the Cathedral Parish and have recently met with those who have expressed interest in joining a Parish Family which is a great way of belonging, getting to know other parishioners & gathering regularly for social events.

**Mission Sunday** Envelopes in support of Catholic Mission are available this weekend

### **Cathedral Parish All Souls Day Mass**

7.00 pm Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. This Mass will be organised by the Funeral Ministry Team who have invited the families of those whose funerals have been celebrated through the Cathedral Parish over the past year. All parishioners are invited to the Mass to pray for our faithful departed – *may they rest in peace*.

### **The Annual Loreto ‘Golden Girls’ High Tea Invitation**

Alumni of Loreto College Ballarat are invited to High Tea on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> College Tour 2.00 pm, High Tea in the Mary's Mount Centre 3.00 pm. Annual Mass of Remembrance in the Loreto Chapel at 5.00 pm and the AGM of the Past Pupils' Association, including a light supper at 6.00 pm in the Loreto Café. AGM & supper tickets \$15.00.

To register phone the Loreto Development Office, 5329 6137.

### ***“It is time to Bring them here” Statement in support of offshore detainees***

**By Archbishop Denis Hart, President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference October 13<sup>th</sup> 2016**

One of the greatest crises of our day is the plight of people forced from their own countries by war, persecution or poverty and forced to live without a home, without safety and often separated from their families. Pope Francis has called on Catholics to welcome such vulnerable people as our brothers and sisters. In Australia, we do not have to directly meet the responsibilities that many other nations bear. But we do bear the shame of the expulsion and harsh treatment of the people who sought our protection only to be detained on Nauru and Manus Island. International agencies have been appalled by the conditions under which they live and the effects on their health, spirits and self-respect. Pope Francis, to whom people detained on Manus Island have written, has also expressed his deep concern. The human costs on the detainees are mounting by the day. The Australian Catholic Bishops also deplore the detention of our brothers and sisters on Nauru and Manus Island. While recognising the effort of the Government to find a solution, we say that enough is enough. We call on the Government to bring offshore detainees to Australia while awaiting further decisions on their future. We endorse the campaign to ‘Bring Them Here’ to Australia. We pledge the help of our Catholic communities and institutions to welcome and support these refugees when they arrive, including Catholic health, education and social services. As the Jubilee of Mercy comes to a close, it is time to cultivate the works of mercy and to harvest its fruits as a Church.

The Australian Catholic Bishops are working with the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) advisory group, which brings together Catholic peak bodies across education, health, welfare, and the broader church along with key national Catholic organisations. CAPSA is ready and willing to lead a coordinated approach to support the men, women and children currently on Nauru and Manus Island as they arrive in Australia. Many parishes and local communities are also ready to assist. Members of the Catholic community who wish to be of assistance, you are invited to contact CAPSA at, [www.capsa.org.au](http://www.capsa.org.au) or [info@capsa.org.au](mailto:info@capsa.org.au).

## Grandmothers (and Friends) Against the Detention of Refugee Children

GADRC Ballarat are honoured to have author and refugee advocate Mark Isaacs as their guest speaker. Mark Isaacs is a former Salvation Army worker on Nauru. In his book "Nauru Burning" he tells the story of the fight of the men in detention to prove their innocence, and of the workers who tried to help them. Mark will launch "Nauru Burning" at the Ballarat Library at 5.30 pm on Friday 4th November 2016 Enquiries: Cath 0437185 238

## Visit of Fr James Mallon Author of the Book *Divine Revelation*

Fr James is the author of *Divine Renovation: From A Maintenance To A Missional Parish* and Parish Priest of St Benedict's, Halifax (Nova Scotia, Canada). Over several years, a discipleship process has emerged at St Benedict's which has been producing remarkable results. This strategy is a dynamic discipleship pathway which parishes can develop. Fr James' engaging and accessible style challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, in order to become more vibrant and dynamic communities of missionary disciples who proclaim and share the Good News with others. Many Cathedral parishioners who have participated in the Alpha program will be attending – they invite others to join them as they travel to Box Hill on Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>, departing 5.00 pm. Contact the Cathedral Office to register your interest.

**Counters** 23<sup>rd</sup> October Team 4 Next week Team 5

### 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	1.30pm 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	October 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton		
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	6.30 pm Vigil	9.00am	10.30 am

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

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