



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday 6th November 2016

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38 *Reflection by Reginald H. Fuller*

This pericope is known as the “Sadducees’ question.” The long form of the gospel reading spells out the question in full. It is framed in terms of the Jewish law, and was an attempt by the Sadducees, who denied the resurrection, to reduce that hope to an absurdity by a fictitious and improbable case arising from the so-called levirate law ([Deut 25:5](#) cf. [Gen 38:8](#)). Since that law is no longer relevant in the Christian Church, the option is given of omitting the question. Jesus’ answer makes two points about the resurrection. First (see our comments on the first reading), resurrection is not a prolongation of our present earthly life but an entirely new mode of existence, in which marriage and giving in marriage are unknown. Since in the new life there is no more death, there is no need for provision to perpetuate the human race (this explanation is peculiar to Luke).

The second point in Jesus’ answer is that the Pentateuch, far from rendering the resurrection an absurdity, has an understanding of God that is fully consistent with such a hope.

This conclusion is reached by an argument which would be convincing to Jesus’ contemporaries but which seems artificial to us. The Bible goes on talking about God as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob even after their death—therefore they must still be alive.

The alert reader will note that the first answer deals with the problem of resurrection, a Palestinian-Jewish problem, whereas the second part really answers an entirely different question, namely, one about immortality, a more Hellenistic concept.

One suspects that two different traditions have been combined somewhere along the line. The essential point—that of the second part of Jesus’ answer—is that the Christian future hope depends, not upon wishful thinking, but upon the very nature of the God we believe in.

God has revealed himself in biblical experience as essentially the God of the living. In biblical history, in both the Old and New Testaments, he enters into a personal relationship with human beings, and that relationship—God being the kind of God that he is, in fact being God and not anything else—cannot be destroyed, even by death.

“Neither death nor life ...

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”([Romans 8:39](#)).

Recent Death: Kitty Grose, Sr Rita Hayes (Mercy), Therese Kingston

Anniversaries: Jack Callander, Bryan Cleeman, Jack Elliott, Apolonia Kaciczak, Eddie Schreenan

Next week's readings: *Sunday 13th November 2016* *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Malachi 3:19-20 Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-9

Ballarat Show Day Holiday - Friday 11th November

Friday November 11th is both Remembrance Day and a public holiday for the Ballarat Show.

Usually Mass is at 10.00 am for public holidays but because of the morning street closures around the Cathedral for Remembrance Day, Mass will remain at 12.05 pm.

Stewardship Envelopes

Many thanks to all parishioners who pledge to make a regular financial contribution to the Cathedral Parish. New envelopes are available for collection in the south transept, please note that they are in **numerical** order. Please collect yours. For those who would like to join to make a regular financial contribution to the "planned giving" please contact the Parish Office.

Young Men Interested in Knowing About the Priesthood?

St Patrick's College Ballarat is 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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy and 25 Years of the Family Groups



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 with Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13th at 10.30 am 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.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Fete

Fete will be held on Saturday, November 19th from 10.00 am at Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat. Stalls, photo booth, BBQ, spinning wheel, Devonshire tea, face painting. All welcome.

From the Cathedral Parish Environment Group

Draft concept plans for the garden to foster healing and reconciliation are on display in the south transept of the Cathedral. The group is keen to hear from parishioners and receive your feedback. Many thanks to those who have already done so. A suggestion box is available near the display.

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. 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 16th, departing 5.00 pm. Contact the Cathedral Office to register your interest.

St Joseph's Cressy 50th Anniversary (13th November 1966)

St Joseph's Community invites former Parishioners, friends and neighbours to join them at St Joseph's, Friday November 11th – Mass at 6.30 pm, remembering / both with Mass and a visit to the Cemetery afterwards. A Basket Tea to follow at the Cressy Bowls Club.

Enquires, Trish Matthews 5238 9567, Margaret Rogers 5238 8394, Colac Parish Office 5231 2177.

St John's Skipton (Parish of Linton) 50th Anniversary

Sunday, November 20th 10.30 am Mass with Confirmation, celebrating 50 years since the extensions and renovations to the Church followed by a light luncheon in the Mechanics Hall next to the Church. All are very welcome to share in these celebrations. Enquiries and RSVP to Cath Kavanagh, 5340 2394 or Kathy Heenan, 5340 7230.

Developing a Culture of Safety

The Cathedral Parish continues to work towards developing a culture of safety for all, especially Children and Vulnerable adults. Guided by the policy of the Ballarat Diocese for *Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults* and the *Code of Conduct for Working with Children*, Cathedral parishioners who work with children and vulnerable adults are required to have a current Working With Children Check and to have completed the Online training module about protecting children and vulnerable adults. To assist us we are seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who would be interested in being the Parish Safeguarding Officer to provide support to other parishioners and ensure that all safeguarding procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct for Caring for Children and the new Child Safe Standards are complied with.

Training will be provided through Michael Myers, the Professional Standards Coordinator for the Diocese of Ballarat. Contact Fr Justin for further information.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser

The House of Welcome invites friends and families to our "Gospel In The Garden" Garden Party at 2pm on Sunday November 20th. Gospel and Celtic music and rap dancers. Cakes, plants, music, singing, games and competitions, face painting - Children free. Entry \$20. All welcome. Inquiries, Carmel 0401 175 045 Email annekav123@yahoo.co.uk



The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS)

encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*.

A challenge from Laudato Si: On care for our common home (Pope Francis, 2015)

reminds us that each one of us has a distinctive gift to offer our world and we each have a part to play. "All of us can co-operate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents" (LS 14). To achieve this belief, we must first recognize that there is a deep interconnection between all created things. **Action:** Use fewer paper and plastic products – use a re-usable water bottle, use cloth bags for shopping.

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Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Tuesday	12.05 pm Cathedral	5.30 pm Loreto Sisters	
Wednesday	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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday & Tuesday 10.00 am – 11.45 am, Friday 12.30 pm

Cathedral Parish Masses	November 12th/13th	Skipton	Beaufort	Snake Valley
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm	6 .30 pm Vigil	8.30am	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,

Family Ministry Anita Houlihan,

Ballarat Health Services Tracy Sillekens

Principals of our three Parish Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Mark Hogbin, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) at Lucas Jo Brewer