



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday 13th November 2016

Pope Francis - A new work of mercy

“Nothing unites us to God more than an act of mercy, for it is by mercy that the Lord forgives our sins and gives us the grace to practise acts of mercy in his name.”

To paraphrase Saint James, “we can say that mercy without works is dead ... In our rapidly changing and increasingly globalized world, many new forms of poverty are appearing. In response to them, we need to be creative in developing new and practical forms of charitable outreach as concrete expressions of the way of mercy.”

The Christian life involves the practice of the traditional seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy. “We usually think of the works of mercy individually and in relation to a specific initiative: hospitals for the sick, soup kitchens for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, schools for those to be educated, the confessional and spiritual direction for those needing counsel and forgiveness... But if we look at the works of mercy as a whole, we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces.”

Obviously “human life itself and everything it embraces” includes care for our common home. So let me propose a complement to the two traditional sets of seven: may the works of mercy also include *care for our common home*.

As a spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a “grateful contemplation of God’s world” (*Laudato Si*, 214) which “allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us” (*ibid.*, 85). As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires “simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness” and “makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world” (*ibid.*, 230-31). Despite our sins and the daunting challenges before us, we never lose heart. “The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us... for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward” (*Laudato Si*, 13; 245). Let us pray:

“O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
who are so precious in your eyes...

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth”

God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness
and convey your mercy throughout our common home.

Praise be to you! Amen.

Recent Death: John Gannon, Veronica (Zella) Kelly, Ronald Oakley, Caroline Sinclair.

Anniversaries: Lesley Driscoll, Bob Harty, Maxwell George Hopwood, Gerald Meich, Ursula Pollard, Susan Rowe

Next week's readings: *Sunday 20th November 2016 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)*
2 Samuel 5:1-3 Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

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.

Reconciliation, part 2 (senior)

After a period of preparation for Reconciliation with the Diocesan resource program called 'Turn Around', 40 children within the Cathedral Parish will be celebrating the Sacrament in the first Rite on Tuesday 15th November at 7.00 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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

140 Years of Ss Michael & John's Parish Horsham

Sunday, November 29th, 10.30 am Mass. Contact the Horsham Parish office, 5382 1155.

Ballarat Interfaith Network & the Jewish - Christian - Muslim Association of Australia

Friendship Walk Sunday November 20th 2.00pm – 4.30pm. Walking from the Mosque in Elsworth St Canadian, for a map of the planned walk go to : walkingmaps.com.au/walk/3332

Register at jcmaballaratfriendshipwalk.eventbrite.com.au More information:

ballaratinterfaithnetwork@gmail.com or phone: Maureen 0418 383 802 or Margaret 0400 650 234

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.

2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage

An information evening for those interested in undertaking a two week pilgrimage with Fr Justin to the Holy Land (Israel and Jordan) in June 2017 are invited to gather in the smaller hall at the Cathedral on Thursday November 24th 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm. The pilgrimage is being conducted in conjunction with Leonie Spencer from Lifestyle Travel, Ballarat. Expressions of interest can be directed to Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong St Nth, 5331 8277 info@lifestyletravel.com.au.

Discernment retreat for young women

Nazareth House 218 Mill street, Ballarat, Vic 3350 7.00 pm Friday 2nd to 2.00 pm Sunday 4th December, with Fr Joseph Chua OSCO Cost is by donation Register by: 25th November, 2016 srlinh@hotmail.com or 0450 355 014

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 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.



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): “Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope” (LS 244). Although we must be concerned about what is happening to our planet – we must also enjoy and thank God for all that has been created - we must never lose hope in human kind. ACTION: Rediscover your sense of wonder and awe of creation. Walk on the beach. Stop and smell the flowers. Enjoy the feeling of water, dirt, grass under your feet and between your toes.

Counters 13th November Team 7 Next week Team 1

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 19th/20th** **Smythesdale** **Rokewood** **Skipton**
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm 6 .30 pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30 am
Please note the change of times for Rokewood & Skipton due to the Confirmation Mass and 50th Anniversary celebrations at Skipton on the Feast of Christ the Universal King, November 20th

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

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