

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016



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

## Second Sunday in Advent

*Lighting of the second candle: the Bethlehem candle.*

**President:** Heavenly Father, we pray that your son Jesus Christ may come into our lives each day this Advent. May we receive his Spirit openly, and may we let his Spirit transform our lives as we get ready to celebrate his coming.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The second candle is called the Bethlehem candle to remind us that Jesus' birth took place in a stable in Bethlehem.

### The second candle is lit.

*Wait in joyful hope, a Saviour will come, Jesus Christ, the light of the world.*

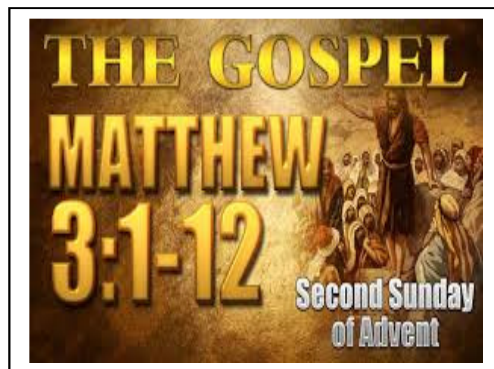
*Wait in joyful hope, a Saviour will come. Welcome to the Word of God.*

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All: God of Hope, everyone expected that your son Jesus would have a truly royal birth. Instead, he was born in a humble stable. Help us Father to understand that following Jesus is often difficult and not always the path we expect. Amen.

**Next week's readings:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4 St James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11



**Recent Death:** Eileen McDonald

**Anniversaries:** Jack Coffey, Fr John Martin, Michael Taffe

### **Parish Anointing Mass Friday December 9th**

On Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> our Advent Mass of Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at 12.05 pm. It has been the custom to serve lunch to the Parishioners following Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the Hall before Mass. Assistance to prepare lunch at 10 am and help with the serving would be very much appreciated. If you require transport phone Jacinta in the Parish Office on 53312933.

### **St Vincent de Paul Society Jesse Tree Christmas Appeal 2016**

The Cathedral Parish Conference of the Society will again be distributing hampers to those less fortunate than most of us this Christmas. Over the years Parishioners have been extremely generous when they have sought assistance not only at Christmas but also with the Winter appeal. Last Christmas over 100 families and individuals were supported as a result of your generosity. Jesse Tree symbols will be distributed after each Mass throughout the Season of Advent. Your support our Jesse Tree Appeal through the donation of non-perishable food items is again being asked for. *The Cathedral Parish thanks the Conference members for such great service*

### **St Patrick's Cathedral Preschoolers Christmas Gathering**

Pre - Christmas morning tea, Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 12 noon in St Patrick's Hall. Parents and pre-schoolers all invited. Please bring a plate of morning tea for parents and children to share (nut-free food greatly appreciated) Please RSVP by text to Sarah 0408122173 or Karia 0407423682

### **Catholic Women's League.**

CWL general members will attend 12.05pm Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. This will be followed by Christmas Lunch at the Golf House Hotel 920 Doveton St Nth and will be our final gathering for 2016. Enquiries to Sheila Wilton 5342 9678

### **Making a Scene at Christmas**

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat from December 15<sup>th</sup> –18<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to volunteer an hour at any of the displays, please leave your name at the Cathedral Office, phone 5331 2933.

### **RCIA Catechumenate focus on Prayer**

As part of the advent journey Bishop Paul will lead those involved with the RCIA this coming Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm in hall the with a focus on Prayer. Parishioners all welcome. Each week the catechumens and candidates are dismissed from the Mass to *break open the Word*

## **Working Bee**

To prepare the Cathedral for the Christmas celebrations a working bee will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December following 12.05 pm Mass. All assistance will be greatly appreciated. All welcome!  
Thank you to those who regularly clean the Cathedral throughout the year. Teams of parishioners are rostered each week and we thank them for their service and generosity.

## **Proclaim 2016**

The Legion of Mary invite Parishioners to share the experience of the 3rd Proclaim Conference 2016, on '*Evangelisation in the Parish*' on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, smaller hall at the Cathedral at 12.30 pm for a light lunch, followed by the Presentation. The Legion extends a special warm invitation to all young adults and families. Judith O'Sullivan, Pastoral Leader, St Columba's Parish Ballarat North and Sarah Kuek, are the Key Speakers.

## **An Invitation to join a combined Choir for Carols in the Cathedral**

The Service of Carols will take place in our Cathedral on Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7.30 pm. In addition to various choirs singing, a combined choir will be formed. To prepare, rehearsals have been scheduled at St Patrick's College on the following days commencing at 5.00 pm December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners welcome to join the combined choir.

## **OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch**

12.00 Midday -2.00pm (Meal at 12.30pm) OLHC Parish Hall 482 Gillies St.Wendouree  
Book Early as Numbers are Limited Phone 0419 975 914

## **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.

**St Vincent de Paul Piety Shop** Christmas Card packs & Columban Calendars are now available.

**Counters**    4<sup>th</sup> December                      Team 3                      Next week Team 4

## Historic Plenary Council planning the future of the Church in Australia

The Bishops of Australia have called for a Plenary Council of the Church in Australia which will take place in 2020. There will be three years of preparation, with the Council in 2020 followed by implementation. A plenary council, or synod, can discuss and legislate on a wide range of issues, including matters of faith, morals and discipline. They are a rarity in Australian history.

The last was held in 1937, and before that in 1885, 1895 and 1905.

“What the plenary council is all about is planning for the future of the Church in this country at a very complex time,” Archbishop Coleridge said. He said the plenary council 2020 would have to consider deep questions of culture and the Church. There would have to be genuine and thorough responses to all that had come to light in the Royal Commission into child sexual abuse. “We can’t just put up a sign saying business as usual,” he said. “The Church is not the presence in our society it once was. We need to take a measure of that and make decisions accordingly. “The culture in which we have to proclaim the Gospel is very different to what it was even 20 or 30 years ago.”

<b>Cathedral Parish Masses</b>	<b>December 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Skipton</b>	<b>Beaufort</b>	<b>Snake Valley</b>	
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	6.30 pm Vigil	8.30am	10.30 am

### Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05 pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05 pm Cathedral

5.30 pm Loreto Sisters

6.00 pm St Pat’s Primary

Wednesday 12.05 pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30am Redan

11.30 am St John of God

12.05 pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol

12.05 pm Cathedral (Anointing Mass in the Hall)

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 12.30pm

## Christmas Masses

### St Patrick's Cathedral

Christmas Eve 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm, 12.00 midnight

Christmas Day 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 Midday (Syro-Malabar Rite, Indian Mass)

### St Peter’s Parish Linton & St John the Baptist Beaufort

Christmas Eve Skipton 6.00 pm, Smythesdale 7.30 pm,

Beaufort 8.00 pm

Snake Valley 9.00pm, Rokewood 9.00pm

Christmas Day Linton 9.00 am