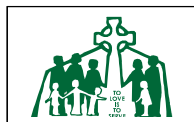
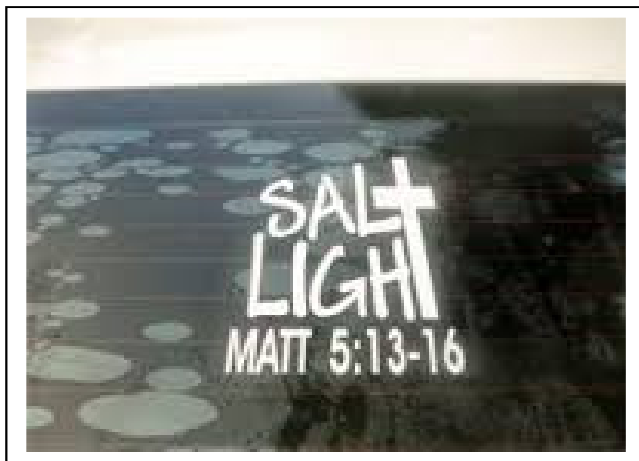


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

5th February 2017



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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Priests, Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Matthew

Parish Office Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer Jess Salazar

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Cathedral Parish Pastoral Carer at 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

Cathedral Parish Masses February 11th/12th **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

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm	Cathedral	
Tuesday	12.05 pm	Cathedral	
Wednesday	12.05 pm	Cathedral	
Thursday	9.30 am	Redan	12.05pm Cathedral
Friday	9.30 am	Sebastopol	12.05pm Cathedral
Saturday	10.00 am	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

The Rosary is prayed in the Cathedral at 11.30 am Wednesday – Friday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - 7.00 pm each Wednesday evening at Nazareth House and prayers on the 1st & 3rd Friday in the Cathedral at 11.00 am.

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady - 10.30 am in the Cathedral

Next week's readings: Sunday 12th February 2017 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v.1 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

Recent Deaths: Nancy Coughlan, Rita Higgins, June McCarthy

Anniversaries: Margaret Hennessey, Ann Higgins, Luke Higgins, Sinka Mestrov, Peter Sargeant, Eileen Sobic, Eileen Stout, Strecko (Johnny) Uljanic, Peter Warden, Win Westenberger

Child Safety Standards

New state government legislation has come into effect with the New Year which sets standards for child safety. The Cathedral parish has appointed Mr Jess Salazar as our Safeguarding officer and have a [Child Safety Policy](#) to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care.

A [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#) has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish.

Youth Ministry Formation - *Called and Sent: Developing foundations in youth ministry*

Youth leaders are invited to a youth ministry formation camp. February 10-12, Safety Beach (south of Melbourne, equipping you with practical ideas and helping you set goals for 2017. Phone

9287 5565 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Youth Ministry in the Cathedral Parish

YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) is back for 2017 beginning February 26th. YESS will run on 2nd and 4th Sunday every month and is held in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. High School age young people are welcome to attend. The Young Adult Leadership team – Michaela Corrigan, Daniel Van Styn and Esther De Losa and Chiara Angeli have met with Fr Anthony and Justin to plan their year. Please contact Michaela Corrigan on 0431295207.

Centacare Movie night Fundraiser

Movie night, I Daniel Blake, Thursday February 23rd 7.00 pm at the Regent Multiplex to raise funds for the Clemente program. The Centacare program “Clemente” provides high support educational opportunities for people to find pathways out of the poverty cycle in alliance with Federation University, Australian Catholic University, The Smith Family, The City of Ballarat, United Way and the Ballarat Library. This program is unfunded, tickets are \$15 available from Debbie 5337 8955

Ballarat Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Kath Morton, a Cathedral parishioner who was announced as Ballarat’s 2017 Citizen of the Year. Kath was recognised for her lifetime of community work, including her dedication to improving the lives of refugees and asylum seekers in Australia. She was also recognised for her commitment to multiculturalism and the value of diversity and involvement with the social arts project, *Rebel Elders*, the Ballarat interfaith group and St Patrick’s Cathedral.

Collections Envelopes \$2,061.70 Parish Loose \$231.45 Presbytery \$2,163.50

Counters 5th February Team 5 Next week Team 6

Our Parish RCIA

As we, as members of our St Patrick's Cathedral Faith Community embark on 2017, can we factor in a prayer and some support for our Catechumens and Candidates undertaking the process of Initiation into the Catholic Faith. Whilst the first principle of the Rite is that of a gradual process, the second principle is that this initiation takes place within the community. This means the entire Parish Community. With that thought in mind we invite members of our Parish community to join our RCIA group at our formation evenings to be held every fortnight in our smaller hall. This coming Wednesday, February 8th at 7.30 pm we are focussing on the Sacraments of Healing, Penance and Anointing of the Sick; together with a brief look at the Sacraments of Commitment. All are welcome to join our discussions and chat over supper.

Opening of Siena Catholic Primary school at Lucas!

On Friday February 3rd 73 children commenced at Siena Catholic Primary school in Lucas, the third Catholic Primary school of the Cathedral parish. Congratulations to Jo Brewer and the staff for having everything ready for opening day. Thank you also to the members of steering group – Brad Carr, Tony Perkins, Cass Klain and Julie Duynhoven from the Catholic Education Office, Mark Hogbin and Rosa Tocchet (Principals) and Frank Stuart who represented the Cathedral Parish.

Ballarat Catholic Secondary Colleges open days and 2018 Year 7 enrolments

Damascus College open mornings on Thursdays February 9th and 16th, 9.00 am – 10.30 am.

Applications for Year 7, 2018 enrolment close on Friday 17th February 2017.

Loreto College tours Tuesdays, February 7th and 14th commencing half-hourly between 9.00am – 10.30am from just inside the main entrance. Please visit www.loreto.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College applications for 2018 close on Friday February 17 with interviews to take place in early March. Download from <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>

World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has designated February 8th, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking following a request from Talitha Kum, the worldwide Network of Consecrated Life Against Human Trafficking. Josephine Bakhita was born in Southern Sudan in 1869, and during her life experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine Bakhita dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She eventually became a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000. Like Josephine Bakhita, millions of children are trafficked into domestic servitude every year. They are also trafficked for sexual exploitation, pornography production, forced marriage, illegal adoption, forced labour, and to become child soldiers. Talitha Kum has declared the theme of this year's feast day celebrations, which are likely to be celebrated at Masses on the weekend of February 11 and 12: *They are children! Not slaves!*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

To be re-introduced into one of the Sunday Masses on a regular basis. Parents interested in being part of this are asked to contact Fr Justin through the Parish Office.