

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

12th February 2017



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

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

Parish Office Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer Jess Salazar

Family Ministry Anita Houlihan, Grounds Tony McVeigh

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 18th/19th **Smythesdale** **Skipton** **Rokewood**

6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm 6.30 pm Vigil 9.00am 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 11.30 am St John of God 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 11.15 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 19th February 2017

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 102(103):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Recent Deaths: Marsha Gallagher

Anniversaries: Mary Calvert, Geoff Hutchison, Eileen Marshall, Nell Nunn

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Myles Dean Baker

son of Ashley & Lisa

Mahli Skye Rizzo

daughter of David & Chloe

Archie Francis Vanderkley

son of David & Kylie



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

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 Catholic Secondary Colleges open days and 2018 Year 7 enrolments

Damascus College open morning on Thursday February 16th, 9.00 am – 10.30 am. Applications for Year 7, 2018 enrolment close on Friday 17th February 2017.

Loreto College tours Tuesday February 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/>

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.

Reconciliation Preparation

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is inviting enrolments from year 4 children (or older) who are baptised Catholic and who have already celebrated Confirmation, to participate in the Reconciliation, part 1 (junior) program. It is a requirement before preparing for and celebrating First Eucharist (Communion) in term 2. Information sessions for parents to attend will take place on Tuesday 14th February at 10am and 7pm in the smaller hall. Please attend one only. Further details phone 53312933.

Counters

12th February Team 6

Next week Team 7

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)

Families of children aged 7 and older seeking for their child to be either Baptised or received into the Catholic Church may express their interest in taking part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) process by phoning Anita, Family Ministry Coordinator at the St Patrick's Cathedral office by Wednesday February 15th, 2017 on 53 312933.

Sacramental Team – Welcome

Sacramental programs within the Cathedral Parish are family-based, Parish co-ordinated and Parish schools supported. Our Family Ministry Coordinator Anita, along with our priests, a group of dedicated and actively involved parents from our Parish community and the parish school Religious Education Coordinators and teachers make up our Sacramental Team.

Along with our existing team members Tim Delaney, Frances Elliott, Cecily Frost, Kerin Johnson, Sue Larkin, and Jacqui Pierce, we extend a welcome to new team members for 2017, Danielle Brennan, Nicole Cudia, Tania Hoffmann and Abby Swift.

Thank you also to outgoing team member Thea Hubble for her valued contribution to the team and guidance of families and their children during preparation of Sacraments.

From the Royal Commission

The week has seen the first of the three week hearing of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse into the current policies and procedures of Catholic Church authorities in Australia in relation to child-protection and child-safety standards, including responding to allegations of child sexual abuse. On Monday the Commission published data relating to the extent of claims of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church of Australia including the proportion of priests and non-ordained religious (1950 – 2010) subject to a claim of sexual abuse. A total of 1,880 alleged perpetrators (diocesan and religious priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, lay employees or volunteers) were identified in claims of child sexual abuse. Of the 1,880 alleged perpetrators identified: 693 were non-ordained religious (37% of all known alleged perpetrators), being 597 religious brothers (32% of all known alleged perpetrators) and 96 religious sisters (5% of all known alleged perpetrators), 572 were priests (30% of all known alleged perpetrators), being 384 diocesan priests and 188 religious priests, 543 were lay people (29% of all known alleged perpetrators) For 72 known alleged perpetrators (4%) the religious status was not known.

The overall proportion of priests from Australian Dioceses who were alleged perpetrators is 7.9%. In the Diocese of Ballarat where there have been 200 priests from 1050 – 2010 there are 8.7% who are alleged perpetrators. The complete document can be downloaded from

<http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/exhibits/261be84b-bec0-4440-b294-57d3e7de1234/case-study-50,-february-2017,-sydney>

As the hearing continues we offer the following **contact details**:

Reclaim Support Services (for adults surviving child sexual abuse in organisations) 1800 052 674

Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA) crisis line 1800 806 292 Ballarat Centre 5320 3922

SANO Taskforce 1800 110 007 sanotaskforce@police.vic.gov.au

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse 1800 099 340

Victoria Police 1800 333 000

Towards Healing 1800 816 030

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.

Hymn for the Healing of the Church

1. Here we stand in silent witness to the church we love and name.
Hearing pleas of children's voices, for our part in sin and shame.
Father we have hurt so deeply; trust betrayed, dark secrets kept.
Now the truth cries out in daylight. Tears of old, now freely wept.
2. Stir in us a deep compassion, firm resolve to heal the past.
Help us understand the darkness, lest again it comes to pass.
Lord we pray for those so wounded, hear the cry of victims' pain.
Help us seek the path of justice. Help us see the light again.
3. Finding hope in Jesus' promise, 'I am with you. Do not fear.'
Striving on through storm and struggle, knowing still our God is near.
Loving God, your mercy send, and like the fires that rake this land.
May new life in wondrous colour, through the ashes bloom again.

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Passionist Family Groups Farewell function for Maree and Bernard Metcalfe

to mark their retirement as Directors, to be held on

Saturday, April 1st 2017

with Mass at 11am in St Francis Xavier Parish Church,

86 Mayona Road, Montmorency, 3094 (Melway Map 21, E5)

followed by a light lunch in the SFX Parish hall - BYO drinks

RSVP by March 17, 2017 to:

Judy & Rob Lewis 4 Alvina Street Ferntree Gully 3156 or email: pfgm.victas@gmail.com