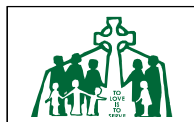


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

19th 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 25th/26th	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
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	10.00am	Cathedral		
Tuesday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Wednesday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Thursday	9.30 am	Redan	No Mass 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

Ash Wednesday Masses March 1st

Vigil Tuesday February 28 th	7.00 pm Skipton
7.30 am	Cathedral
10.00 am	Cathedral (Parish Primary Schools)
12.05 pm	Cathedral (with Bishop Paul)
7.00 pm	Cathedral
7.00 pm	Beaufort
7.30 pm	Snake Valley

Next week's readings: Sunday 26th February 2017

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:14-15

Ps 61:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34

Recent Deaths: Alexandra Chivers, Sr Rosalie Rowley SJOG (Mass offered Thursday 23rd at 12.05pm)

Anniversaries: Ben Bolte, Marie Hassed, Nora Scanlon, Margaret Ruby Turville,
Margaret Whitehouse

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

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.

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten Speaker

An invitation is extended to parishioners and friends to attend a shared meal with Fr Tonette to hear about his work for Caritas Australia in the Philippines. Fr Tonette is Director of the Socio-Pastoral Action Centre Foundation, a Filipino organisation that supports the development and empowerment of Indigenous communities. Please bring a plate of food to share for a buffet. Tea/Coffee provided. Friday 3rd March, 6pm for 6.30pm start at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish meeting room, Gillies St Wendouree. RSVP 28th February to Connie c.bonzon812@gmail.com or Sue at sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au 0409 401 329

90th World Day of Prayer Friday March 3rd

All are warmly invited to share in the World Day of Prayer services planned by the Christians of the Philippines on the theme "Am I being unfair to you?" on Friday, March 3rd 2017.

10.00 am St Paul's Anglican Church, 3 Humffray Street South, Bakery Hill

2.00 pm St. John's Catholic Church, Anderson Street, Skipton

2.00 pm St. John's Anglican Church, 606 Armstrong Street, Ballarat North

5.30 pm St Andrew's Uniting Church, 130 Ballarat Road, Creswick

7.00 pm Buninyong Town Hall, Learmonth Street. Host: Buninyong Baptist Church

Rosebank Retirement Village, 19a Charlotte Street, Sebastopol, 10.00 am Thursday February 23rd

Pineview Residential Care, 324 Nicholson Street, Black Hill, 11.00 am Thursday March 2nd

Nazareth House Chapel, 218 Mill Street, Lake Wendouree 10.00 am Thursday March 9th

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2017

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass, 6.30pm Monday April 10th. Practice times will be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Collections	Envelopes \$2,427.00	Loose \$379.30	Presbytery \$2,377.45
Counters	19 th February Team 7	Next week Team 1	

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.

Palms from Palm Sunday last year please place them in basket in the south transept to be burnt & used on Ash Wednesday (March 1st). Thank you.

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.

Call for Nominations – Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Diocese of Ballarat is calling for nominations for lay members of the 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). The DPC is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. [Click here](#) for more information or check with your parish priest/parish leader, or phone Amanda at the Diocese office, ph. 5337 7125.

Clergy Retreat

Frs Anthony and Sajan will join Bishop Paul and 32 of the priests of the Diocese on retreat at Halls Gap this week, Monday – Friday. Please pray for them. Monday's Mass will be at 10.00 am (not the usual 12.05 pm) to enable them attend and there will not be Mass at St John of God on Thursday.

Opening of the School Year Masses

This week, each of the three parish primary schools will celebrate their Masses with Fr Justin to open the school year – Siena Catholic Primary School at Lucas on Tuesday Morning, St Thomas More at Alfredton on Thursday morning and St Patrick's Primary will celebrate in the Cathedral at 10.00 am on Friday. Please pray for the students, their families and our staff of each school.

From the Royal Commission

Francis Sullivan of the [Truth Justice and Healing Council](#) writes

The Royal Commission has released the full report of its survey results on claims made against Catholic organisations for alleged child sexual abuse by their personnel.

As such, it is the composite of Church records since 1950, of claims of abuse.

As we know these claims comprise records of known offenders, alleged offenders and unidentified offenders. Over the years, dioceses and religious orders have used a variety of processes to determine the veracity of these claims.

Some claims were too obvious to warrant any investigation and were accepted on the information provided by the survivor. Others were substantiated by formal investigations, police referrals or corroborated evidence. Others proved difficult to establish because victims couldn't recall the actual names of their abusers or were uncertain over the extent to which some people were involved in their assault. So, the data reflects the scope of alleged abuse within the Church. It does not break this abuse down into categories of certainty because Church Authorities themselves have struggled to be that accurate.

Today's data provides new insight into some aspects of child sexual abuse within the Catholic Church including:

- *a massive drop off in child sexual abuse claims from the peak in the 1970s of some 1,245 claims in that decade to 41 claims in the 2010s*
- *a massive drop-off in the number of alleged clerical perpetrators from a peak in the 1960s of more than 400 to less than 10 in the 2010s*
- *a massive drop-off in the number of claims in schools from more than 600 in the 1970s to around 25 in the 2010s*
- *across all the dioceses and orders where abuse has occurred some \$258 million in redress has been paid;*
- *nearly half of all the claims for redress went through the Church's Towards Healing and Melbourne Response; and*
- *that the average payments made through Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response were considerably lower than payments received through civil proceeding and other redress processes.*

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