

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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12th March 2017



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

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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 March 18th/19th

6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm

Smythesdale

6.30 pm Vigil

Skipton

9.00am

Rokewood

10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05 pm Cathedral

Wednesday 9.30 am Sebastopol 12.05 pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30 am Redan 11.30am St John of God 12.05 pm Cathedral

Friday 7.30 am Cathedral 9.30 am Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday 10.00 am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.30 am, Saturday 11.30 am

Morning Prayer of the Church 8.00 am Tuesday – Friday in the Cathedral

Stations of the Cross Wednesdays 11.15 am in English and on Fridays at 6.30 pm
(with Fr Sajan and the Syro Malabar community, in Malayalam)

Fridays in Lent

The law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any of the following:

- (a) **Prayer:** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary...
- (b) **Self-denial:** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments (digital detox?).
- (c) **Helping others** for example, taking the family to visit the elderly, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

Recent Deaths: Rupert McKenna, Bernard Spicer

Anniversaries: Jack & Alan Flynn, Tom Meich, Fr John McGannon CSSR, Fr Henry Nicol SVD, Maree Rantall, Pino Sordello

Next week's readings: *Sunday March 19th 2017*

3rd Sunday of Lent (A)

Exodus 13:3-7 Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Mietta Vess

daughter of Stephanie

May she grow in faith in her loving family and our Catholic Community.



Parish RCIA Update

At 7.00 pm Wednesday evenings in Lent the RCIA catechumens and candidates from the Cathedral parish and St Columba's parish Ballarat North together with their sponsors and godparents and RCIA team members will gather in this Lenten period of purification and enlightenment. On various Sundays throughout Lent the RCIA scrutinies will be celebrated and the presentations of the Lord's Prayer and the Creed will be made to the catechumens (those who are not already baptised).

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul has appointed Fr Alex Lim to administer the parishes of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun. Fr Alex is a priest of the Diocese of Cebu (Philippines) who has been working in the Diocese of Sandhurst for 12 years in the parishes of Beechworth and more recently in Elmore. Fr Alex has become an Australian citizen in recent years. He will commence ministry in the Ballarat Diocese in early May 2017 when Fr Neville Stanislaus moves to Camperdown. Fr Peter Hudson (Horsham) will assume responsibility for the parish of Nhill.

Conversations about the Catholic Church

Fr Kevin Murphy will facilitate monthly discussion on issues, questions, suggestions that emerge in the Catholic Church. To be held in the Green room at St Patrick's Cathedral hall, Ballarat beginning on March 15th, 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm and then each third Wednesday of the month.

Youth Ministry in the Cathedral Parish

YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) for high school age young people will gather this Sunday, March 12th following 5.00 pm Mass, gathering in the Cathedral for prayer followed by activities and dinner. Fr John Corrigan will offer a talk on the Sacrament of Penance which is also known as Reconciliation and Confession. Please bring along a Gold donation. Any questions contact Michaela Corrigan on 043129520.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Friday, March 17th in the Hall at Nazareth House, Mill St Ballarat. All welcome!

Celebrating the Feast of St Patrick

Friday March 17th is the feast of our St Patrick, our patron.

St Patrick's Primary (Drummond St) will join the Cathedral parishioners for 12.05 pm Mass, leading the liturgy. Bishop Paul and Fr Anthony will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's College at 11.00 am in the O'Malley sports centre. Fr Justin invites parishioners to a 7.30 am Mass in the Cathedral to be followed by breakfast (please register with the Parish Office if you would like to join the booking for coffee and/or breakfast following Mass at approximately 8.00 am).

Feedback from the draft concepts for the Cathedral garden

Many thanks to all who have offered feedback which the precinct team have collated and offer for all to see the many and varied comments relating to the draft concept of the garden to be an *Oasis of Mercy* that will foster healing and reconciliation. Copies available and on display in the transept.

Mass of the Oils, Monday, April 10th

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30 pm on Monday, April 10th. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, phone 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

Lenten Recollection 2017

The Filipino Rosary Group & the Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group invite you to join them for a Lenten Recollection on Sunday 19th March at 2.30pm at St. James' Parish Church. Facilitator Rev Fr. Berny Agustines. Booking is essential due to limited seating arrangements. For more details & RSVP Imelda & Shane 0418 956 493 and Urbana 0419 558 965.

Interfaith Harmony

You are invited to celebrate with the Jewish Community at a Festive Purim Party Sunday 12th March from 5.00 pm at 2 Barkly St Ballarat East. BYO Vegetarian Kosher, optional donation to charity will be collected.

.xt3 Lenten Calendar – online & free app

Online Lenten calendar & free app for your mobile device available at <http://www.xt3.com/lent/>

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 phone Amanda at the Diocese office, phone 5337 7125



Second Sunday of Lent
12th March 2017

PROJECT
COMPASSION

In Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. The Protection Program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering the chance to afford education for her eight children and a safe life in a supportive community.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.



You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Reflecting on the Transfiguration

Veronica Lawson RSM

The “transfiguration” seems to point to a time in Jesus’ ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. Jesus struggles with that realisation in the wilderness at the outset of his ministry. On the mountain top, he comes to terms with what that involves.

The disciples see Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, speaking with Jesus, God’s new and definitive prophet. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to “make tents” for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not, however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and his companions are called to “listen” to Jesus, the beloved of God, as are all who follow in the way of discipleship.