

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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9<sup>th</sup> April 2017



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## Holy Week in the Cathedral Parish

Monday April 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Mass of the Oils followed by supper in the hall
Tuesday April 11 <sup>th</sup>	12.05 pm	Mass
	5.30 pm	Reconciliation
Wednesday April 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 am	Stations of the Cross
	12.05 pm	Mass
	5.30 pm	Reconciliation
	7.00 pm	Tenebrae ( <i>Divine Office with psalms, reading and chants expressive of lamentations and grief</i> ).
Thursday April 13 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No 12.05 pm Mass or Mass at St John of God</i>
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday April 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 pm	Night Prayer to conclude the "watch"
	10.00 am	Way of the Cross - from St Columba's Ballarat North
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday April 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	RCIA Preparation Rites
	11.30am	Reconciliation
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
Sunday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm &amp; 6.30 pm (Syro Malabar)</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

**Next week's readings:** Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

*Easter Sunday (A)*

Acts 10:34. 37-43 Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

**Recent Deaths:** Br Kevin Tuck CFC, Maureen Tuddenham

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Buckle, Bishop Ronald Mulkearns, Antica Svilicic (Vis, Croatia), Alojz Tos

### **Mass of the Oils, Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, 6.30pm Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All welcome to attend.

### **First Spiritual Exercises (of St Ignatius) retreat in Daily Life 24<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> May (in Ballarat)**

A Jesuit Tertian priest, Fr Robbie Sian (from Cebu in the Philippines), together with Doreen Roache will be leading this retreat that is open to all - Men and Women; Young and Old; Married or Singles... It is designed for people just like you. The retreat allows you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual round of going to work, caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life. The retreat will guide your prayer and reflection on life within your daily routine. For more details contact Jacinta in the Cathedral Office 5331 2933 (10am – 5.00 pm).

### **The Catholic Women's League Ballarat Cathedral Branch**

Officially re-opened on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2017. New office bearers Carmel Kavanagh (president), Frances Beaumont (secretary) & Mary Gilmartiin (treasurer) were installed by the Diocesan President Margaret Rowe.

The Catholic Women's League would be pleased to welcome any interested Catholic women as new members. We look forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of the Catholic Women's Social Guild at Ballarat Cathedral in November 1917.

### **Nazareth House Ballarat Apartments**

The new one bed apartments are near completion at Nazareth House, Ballarat. Eight have been sold and there are still two available. Please contact Nazareth House Reception for an appointment to view the apartments Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 4.00pm, phone. 53295100.

### **The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places Appeal**

This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. 74 Churches, Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. A collection will be taken up for this Appeal during the 3.00 pm Good Friday liturgy commemoration of the Lord's Passion

## **Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service**

9.20 am from the Queen Alexandra bandstand in Sturt St (between Dawson & Doveton), join the Anglican, Lutheran and Uniting church congregations for a simple service before we each process to our respective churches to commence Holy Week.

## **The RCIA Journey and the Easter Vigil.**

The celebration of the Triduum marks the culmination of the journey of our RCIA members preparing to receive the sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and those to be received into full communion in the Catholic Faith.

We continue our prayer for Vasudha Gill, Kate Godfrey, Jade Martin-Lynch and Daska Saleeba who will be baptised Catholics and Kellie Constable, Bradley Harris, Bronwyn Illingworth, Andrea Romeo and Kris Scott who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

We thank our Godparents, sponsors, catechists and support team who have journeyed with our catechumens and candidates as they become 'new Catholics' and will continue the journey into the period of Mystagoga and beyond.

## **Hospitality for the Parish Supper Celebration following the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 15th.**

After our Parish celebrates the Easter Vigil with Bishop Paul and members of the Parish, together with visitors, there will be supper in the Hall. Donations of Sandwiches, cakes or savouries would be appreciated for this occasion. These may be left at the Hall prior to the 7.00 pm Vigil. We also require people to assist with serving the supper as well. If you are able to assist in please contact Jacinta in the office on 53312933.

## **Singing Practice for Easter Vigil**

To be held in Cathedral on Tuesday 11th April at 7.00 pm. All welcome to join the singers leading the music at the Vigil. Contact Susan Crowe 0419887274 for further information.

## **Edmund Rice Asylum Seekers Pathways Project- Accommodation Request**

As part of the Edmund Rice Flexible Learning Centre (North Melbourne) Pathways Project a number of former students who are Asylum Seekers have been successful in gaining opportunities for further education, work and employment. Accommodation is needed for a young man who is to commence work at the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning in Sebastopol later this month. We are looking for a **Granny Flat/Bungalow/One Bedroom Unit** for Mohammad who commences on Wednesday April 26. If you are able to assist, either short or long term, please contact: Carmel Hempenstall from the Pathways Project on 0408367904 or Jillian Hogbin ([jhogbin@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jhogbin@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au))

**Counters**    9<sup>th</sup> April    Team 7    Next week team 1    Thank you to all contributors and counters



Sixth Sunday of Lent  
9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

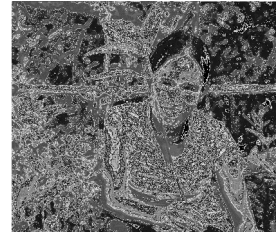
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Participation in the Integrated Community Development Program has offered Aloma a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure future for their children.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



### Gospel Reflection:

*Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

Capital punishment is abhorrent to most of us, particularly when a just person dies for specious reasons or to political ends. Public executions of convicted criminals were part of life in the ancient Roman Empire. That's what confronts us in today's gospel, although the gospel writers pay little attention to the details of the death and suffering of Jesus. They are much more interested in the meaning of these events.

The Romans execute Jesus outside Jerusalem when the city is filled with Jewish pilgrims who have come there for the Passover festival. For Jesus' friends and followers, every subsequent Passover is celebrated in the light of his death by crucifixion. They share their memories and reflect on the meaning of his death in the light of their sacred traditions. Every element of the Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of their ancestors from slavery, resonates with echoes of the experience of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that the final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of his story to be committed to writing. Though Matthew draws much of his material from Mark, he fashions the tradition into a new narrative and adds several distinctive features. "To fulfil all righteousness" is Jesus' stated mission (3:15). He has declared "blessed" those who suffer for the sake of righteousness [justice]" (5:10-12). He now embodies his own teaching as the just or righteous one, the one in right relationship with God. The prayer on his lips as he faces death (Psalm 22) is that of the suffering just Israelite who is utterly faithful to his mission and whose trust in God never fails.

There are hints that Jesus' death is not the end, but rather the beginning of the new age of God's empire, a compassionate alternative to the brutality of Rome. In response to the high priest Caiaphas, Jesus points beyond death to his post-resurrection life "at the right hand of power...." Extraordinary signs follow his death: the tearing of the temple curtain; the trembling of the earth; the recognition of the Roman centurion and his companions that this man is of God; and finally, the opening of the graves and appearance of the dead in anticipation of the final resurrection. The story offers the hope of reversal to all who witness the events surrounding Jesus' death. It offers hope to the women who have followed him all the way from Galilee and "ministered to him". It offers hope to the male disciples who have deserted or denied him, to faithful disciples like Joseph of Arimathea, and even to his Roman executioners. It has the potential to bring hope to their counterparts through the ages such as those who keep watch for the condemned on death row or for desperate seekers of asylum.