

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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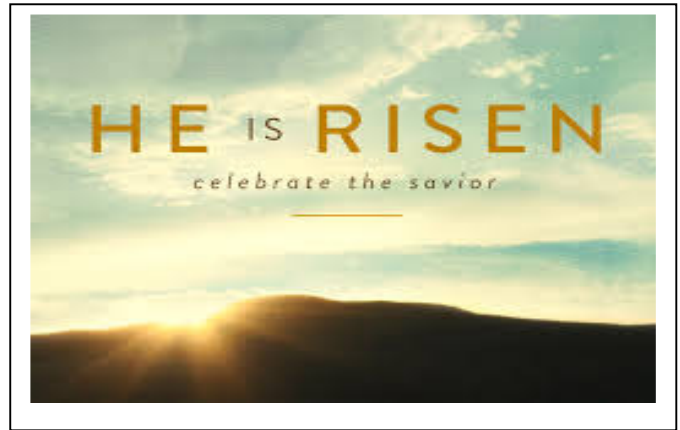


Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

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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	22 nd /23 rd April	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	10.00 am	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 April 23rd 2017 2nd Sunday of Easter (A,) Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Recent Deaths: Sr Maureen Connelly (Mercy), Sr Margaret Houlihan (Mercy), Jock Quigg

Anniversaries: Marlene Bruhn, Kevin Doyle, Maisie Egan, Kevin Foley, Lorna Nihill

Welcome to our fully initiated members of our Parish Community

After years of deliberation and many months of preparation in the RCIA, nine adults became fully initiated members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Those who were baptised, confirmed and received their first Eucharist were Daska Saleeba, Jade Martin-Lench, Kate Godfrey and Vasudha Gill. The already baptised candidates who were confirmed and received first Eucharist were Andrea Romeo, Bradley Harris, Bronwyn Illingworth, Kellie Constable and Kris Scott. We congratulate them and offer them our warmest welcome. We also welcome Daska's daughters, Che and Ayse, together with Vasudha's daughter Peher, who were also baptised at the Vigil. As a Parish Community we will continue to pray for them on their journey of faith and look forward to their involvement in the life of our Parish.

Holy Week Liturgies

Many thanks to the Parish liturgy team – Susan Crowe, Kay Curran, John Davis, Sam & John Forster, Kathleen Hayes, Helen Lee, Les Stewart and Deneise Walsh for coordinating our Holy Week liturgies. Thank you also to the many parishioners - singers, readers, leaders, cleaners, ministers of the Eucharist, musicians, décor and flower arrangers, collectors and counters, altar servers, photocopiers, sacristans and welcomers who have all ensured that our liturgies of Holy Week are the highpoint of our Liturgical Year. Happy Easter to all!

First Spiritual Exercises (of St Ignatius) retreat in Daily Life 24th April – 20th May (in Ballarat)

Next weekend we will welcome a Jesuit Tertian priest, Fr Robbie Sian (from Cebu in the Philippines), who 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 life. The retreat will guide your prayer and reflection on life within your daily routine. Weekly gatherings of retreatants over four weeks and a daily commitment to prayer over these four weeks. Contact Jacinta in the Parish Office 5331 2933

Holy Hour Monthly Holy Hour for Vocation at Nazareth House on 27th April at 7.00 pm

Collections Envelopes \$2,153.00 Parish Loose \$309.00 Presbytery \$1,989.80

Counters 16th April Team 1 Next week team 2 Thank you to all contributors and counters

Bon Voyage Fr Anthony

Fr Anthony will commence annual leave on Easter Monday, April 17th, travelling to India to visit his father, family and friends – we wish him well and look forward to welcoming him back in mid-May.

Formation of a Pastoral Council for the Cathedral Parish

[A Pastoral Council](#) consists of the Pastor together with a group of parishioners chosen by the parish community. The Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world. The Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ. During the Easter season, Cathedral parishioners are invited to nominate to become members of the Council which will be convened in May 2017. Please go to the parish website or the parish office for details.



Easter Sunday
16th April 2017

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Carlo Carretto from Italy, in 1954 joined [Charles de Foucauld's Brothers of Jesus](#) at their novitiate in the Saharan desert. Although he was always grateful for the graces received in the Catholic Action movement, he felt overwhelmed by an activity that risked becoming an end in itself. Any activity, even the purest, even on behalf of the church, is empty if it is not sustained by a life of prayer and suspended from the cross. In 1965, he settled in Spello, not far from Assisi, where the Brothers of the Gospel had an adoration fraternity with a number of hermitages where laypeople could share the fraternity's life of prayer on a temporary basis. Carlo remained at Spello until his death in 1988, giving retreats and continuing to write. One of his prayers was recently quoted by Fr David Ranson, Vicar General of the Diocese of Broken Bay, reflecting in his recent experience of being called as a witness to the Royal Commission into Institutional responses to Child Sexual Abuse in an article titled [The Gift of Encounter](#)

*How much I must criticise you, my Church and yet how much I love you.
You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe you more than I owe anyone.
I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.
You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.
Never in the world have I seen anything more obscurantist, more compromised, more false
yet never have I touched anything more pure, more generous or more beautiful.
Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face
- and yet, every night I have prayed that I might die in your arms!
No, I cannot be free of you, for I am one with you, even if not completely you.
Then too - where should I go? To build another Church?
But I cannot build another Church without the same defects, for they are my own defects.
And again, if I were to build another Church, it would be my Church, not Christ's Church.
Now I am old enough. I know better.*

After death, Jesus is cared for by a faith-filled man in the presence of two faith-filled women. These three people are fearless in the face of possible reprisals for their support of a “political criminal”. Joseph, who comes from Arimathea, a little village just north of Jerusalem, cares for Jesus out of his personal wealth, providing a clean linen cloth and his own newly rock-carved tomb. With his own hands, he performs the burial ritual, lays Jesus’ body in the tomb, and rolls the stone into place. The women disciples who witness the closing of the tomb are both named Mary. One is from Magdala, centre of a fish-salting industry by the Sea of Galilee, and the other is the mother of two male disciples. These women have contributed their goods and services to Jesus over the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.

The two women set out at dawn ‘to see the tomb’. This seems a little strange until we realise that they are once again functioning as witnesses, this time to the dramatic opening of the tomb and the appearance of God’s interpretive messenger. ‘Seeing’ becomes a metaphor for insight. In the earthquake phenomenon and the allusion to lightning, there are echoes of other great moments of God’s appearing to Israel, such as the encounter with Moses and the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai.

The two Marys are the first to learn the news of Jesus’ resurrection. They are also the first to be commissioned to proclaim it. The women “see” the place where he was laid. They obey the angel’s command not to be afraid but to go quickly to the scattered disciples and inform them that the risen Jesus has gone before them to Galilee, the place of mission, where they too will “see” him. Resurrection life energises these faith-filled women disciples/apostles and negates the death-dealing power of the Roman Empire. Ironically, the Roman tomb guards become ‘as though dead’. As the women hurry away from the tomb, Jesus comes to meet them. He addresses them with the familiar greeting, *Chairete*, a greeting of joy. This is the first appearance of the resurrected One and it draws from the women a profoundly reverential response: taking hold of him, they fall down in worship, an action foreshadowed by the courageous but doubly marginalised Canaanite woman (15:25). Jesus reiterates the commission already delivered by the angel: not to be afraid and to let the men know what has happened. These same men will later be commissioned on the mountain top (Matthew 28:16-20). Often, the temptation is to stay on the mountain top instead of recognising the appearances of the Resurrected One on the open road of life and getting on with the mission.

Child Safety Standards

New state government legislation came into effect in January 2017 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.