

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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23rd April 2017



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	29 th /30 th April	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
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	12.05pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	9.30am	ANZAC Day	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 30th 2017* *3rd Sunday of Easter (A,)*

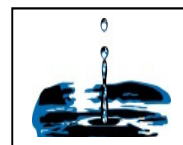
Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Recent Deaths: Roger Phillip Arnold, Kevin Cunningham, Fr Frank Madden, Patricia Morris

Anniversaries: Elma Brookes, Clarence Ferguson, Helen Lange, Tom Neville, Mick Neville, Mary Smerdon, Robert Strickland, Velma Thomson, James (Tony) Woodruff.

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Archer Joseph & Akira Nate Cannane	sons of Adam & Karia
Angus Charlie Ure	son of David & Jessica
Matilda Jade Moroney	daughter of Megan
Ted Jonty Bursill	son of Trent & Kym
Madeline Quinn Ormond	daughter of Timothy & Anna
Asher Grayson Rilen	son of Reynaldo & Caraselle



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

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th April, reopening 10am Wednesday

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

Welcome to Fr Robbie Sian, a Jesuit priest, (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 Doreen 0417 117 382

Collections Envelopes \$1,801.10 Parish Loose \$589.00 Presbytery \$3,884.05
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land \$1,941.65

Counters 22nd April Team 2 Next week team 3 Thank you to all contributors and counters

Thankyou We wish to thank the "Life in the Holy Spirit Group" for their donation of \$300

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.

Fr Frank Madden RIP

Fr Frank Madden died on Friday, April 20th age 90. Fr Madden was ordained in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on July 27th 1963. Fr Madden had spent the last years of his life as a senior priest of the Diocese, living in his home parish of Koroit. He had previously served as Parish Priest of Penshurst and prior to that in Horsham (1982 – 1997) where the iconic church of Ss Michael & John was built during the mid-1980's. In 1972 Fr Madden was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Ballarat. Fr Madden replaced Fr Paddy Culligan as Cathedral Administrator and served from 1976 – 1982.

A Proposal for an Independent Catholic School in the Ballarat area

The Ballarat Frassati Group, a team of committed Catholic parents and grandparents, invites you to register your interest in the establishment of an Independent Catholic School near Ballarat and to invite you to an **Information Night** for our proposed school. Please register your interest at <http://frassatiballarat.net.au>, call 0400 874 900, email admin@frassatiballarat.net.au for more information, or come and talk to us at the Information Night 25th April (Anzac Day), 2017 at 6.30 pm in St. Pat's Cathedral smaller hall, 3 Lyons Street, Ballarat. A presentation by Dr Andy Mullins on Parenting for Character and to introduce the PARED model for our school, followed by Questions and Answers about the model and the School.



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Easter Vigil Celebration

A very sincere thank you to all who made the Easter Vigil and supper such a wonderful Parish event. So many Parishioners gave so generously of their time and expertise in making this high point of our Church Year such a great celebration. It was a fantastic night of celebration not only for our Neophytes (new Catholics), but also our Parish community. Thank you to all the generous people who supplied a wonderful array of food and assisted in serving the supper and making sure everyone was catered for. Many blessings for your generosity.

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

Sisters of the Good Samaritan - The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award

This Award seeks to encourage and support the development of younger writers interested in exploring ideas, contemporary issues and stories about people and happenings from a contemporary Christian perspective. The award is open to ALL secondary school students and post-school young adults in Australia, Japan, the Philippines and Kiribati. Entrants are invited to submit a piece of writing, between 750 and 1000 words adopting one of the following writing styles: journalistic feature writing (e.g. profiles of people or issues-based articles based on interviews); opinion writing; creative writing or first person reflective writing, exploring the theme "Who is my neighbour?" Entries for the award close on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. More details can be downloaded from the Good Samaritan Sisters' website www.goodsams.org.au

Gospel Reflection: *Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

Not so long ago we used to speak of the Sundays 'after' Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays 'of' Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into different movements of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. As supporters of someone executed on a political charge, they had reason to be fearful. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his 'Father'. They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in the pursuit of justice and peace.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that those who hear in the first place are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days later! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those who do believe and trust often need time to take the gospel message on board.

While Christians continue to celebrate Easter, our Jewish sisters and brothers have been marking Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day (April 27-28). We might join our prayers with theirs for the many who died at the hands of those who allowed their racial fears and prejudices to take unimaginable directions. We might also pray for the courage to challenge all forms of discrimination and shameful brutality in our own times and the strength to open our hearts and our homeland, without fear, to those who seek refuge among us.