

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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30th April 2017



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

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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 6th/7th May **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

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| Monday | 12.05 pm | Cathedral | | |
| Tuesday | 12.05 pm | Cathedral | | |
| Wednesday | 12.05 pm | Cathedral | | |
| Thursday | 9.30 am | Redan | 11.30 am St John of God | 12.05 pm Cathedral |
| Friday | 9.30 am | Sebastopol | 12.05 pm | 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 May 7th 2017 4th Sunday of Easter (A,)

Acts 2:14. 36-41 Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

Recent Deaths: Fr Frank Pidgeon CSsR, Kath O'Keefe,

Andrea Pagliaro (Funeral Mass 2.00 pm Monday 1st May in the Cathedral)

Anniversaries: Elizabeth & James Cloney, Maria Jarema, Eilin O'Siochain, Concezio Quagliato,
Frank Stodolny, Bill Verdoorn

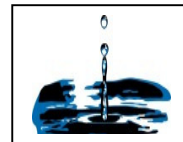
We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Finley Rhys Roney

son of Gerard & Emma

Andre Mingxuan von Burg

son of Francois & Christina



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

Catholic Women's League

Members of the Ballarat Cathedral Branch will meet at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery,
Wednesday 3rd May, 1.30pm. Visitors welcome. Enquires - Carmel 5332 2103 or Frances 5334 4553

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. The [handbook for Parish Councils](#) from the Archdiocese of Brisbane will guide the formation of our Council – please go the parish office for details.

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

Bishop Peter Connors 30th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination

Mass will be held on Sunday, May 21st 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30am.
Morning Tea will follow in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. All welcome.

"The Life in the Spirit"

The group is continuing as a "Charismatic Prayer Group." Held every Tuesday evening 7pm at front room of St. Patrick's Cathedral hall. If further information is required contact 0408341911.

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

Cathedral parishioner Doreen Roache and Fr Robbie Sian, a Jesuit priest, (from Cebu in the Philippines), are leading the forty parishioners who have commenced the retreat as they continue their ordinary daily lives with its usual round of going to work, caring for the family or whatever is the shape of their lives. The retreat is guiding their prayer and reflection on life within their daily routine. The retreat involves weekly gatherings of retreatants over these weeks and a daily commitment to prayer. We continue to pray for all involved.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser/Family Night.

"Zootopia" screening Friday May 5th at Grenville Hall, 1462 Buninyong -Mt. Mercer Road, Grenville. Family film fundraiser for House of Welcome, BYO beanbags, chairs provided. Kiosk with popcorn, drinks and snacks. Jeffrey Williams and family singing. Entry \$20 per family. \$7 single. Enquiries to Hayley 0403 668 029

Alpha in a Catholic Context

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores the Christian faith for adults. It is a parish tool for evangelisation based on welcome and hospitality, sharing and prayer. Each session includes a talk and small group discussion, where no question is too simple and no answer prepackaged. Participants are welcomed into a relaxed and friendly setting and have the opportunity to get to know one another. Within the group, we learn the art of listening, reading the Scriptures and praying. Alpha will be offered again in 2017 in the Cathedral Parish but a different format from different locations and has younger presenters as well as Nicky Gumbel. There are also interviews with several leading Catholics, including Fr Raniero Cantamalessa & Cardinal Schonborn. The link for a preview is <http://australia.alpha.org/watch/>. For those interested in being part of this adult faith opportunity – contact the Parish Office. Alpha will be offered in our Parish over the coming months which will be conducted on Thursday evenings in the smaller hall at the Cathedral.

Cathedral Parish Eucharist Program

Children who have already celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation will be preparing for First Eucharist shortly. A parent information session for families of these children will take place on Tuesday May 2nd 10.00 am and 7.00 pm in the Cathedral Hall (smaller hall). Families must attend one session for their child to be included in the program for this sacrament. For further information please phone the Parish office on 53 312933 or email anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mass Count starts on weekend May 6th – 7th

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the 4 weekends of May commencing on the weekend of May 6th – 7th at each of the four Masses celebrated each weekend.

Collections Envelopes \$1,696.00 Presbytery 2,274.60

Counters 30th April Team 3 Next week team 4 Thank you to all contributors and counters

Gospel Reflection: *Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger or “foreigner” on the road of life. That seems to be a key element in today’s gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women’s account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts “burn” within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as “a prophet mighty in deed and word.” They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread they share with him. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, but in a new and transforming way.

Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women’s story; it is the appearance to Peter of the resurrected Jesus that is the ground of their new faith. As the story continues beyond today’s reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only understand Jesus’ death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be “clothed with power from on high” to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery.

Extraordinary things can happen to those who are hospitable enough to “break bread” with “foreigners” in whom they do not immediately recognise God’s presence. If we open our hearts and our homes to those who seek a welcome on our shores, we might come to participate a little more deeply in the joy of the resurrection.