

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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4th June 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	10 th /11 th June	Skipton	Beaufort	Snake Valley
5.30 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	12.05pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	12.05pm	Cathedral		
Wednesday	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas	12.05pm	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 12.30 pm

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

Charismatic Prayer Group 7.00 pm each Tuesday in the front meeting room of the Cathedral Hall.

Next week's readings: Sunday June 11th 2017

The Most Holy Trinity (A,)

Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

Recent Deaths: Kath Day, Joyce Keynton, Ciril Mauric, Kathleen O’Sullivan

Anniversaries: Ernie Auchettl, Antonio Di Mattia, Roger Hogan, Helen Houlihan, Denise Mildren, Bernard Scanlon, Luciano Susic, Paul West

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism

Eliza Rose Clark	daughter of Matthew & Prue
Sidney John Cotching	son of Simon & Lynda
Lachlan & Madeline Purtell	children of Leigh & Jessie
Levi Donald & Cruz William Fleming	sons of Brenden & Kara
Ginger Anne Ryan	daughter of Damian & Janelle



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

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Envelopes are available in the Church pews, together we can do heroic things, when you give to Vinnies you’re helping our volunteers rebuild lives this winter.

Cuppa & Chat after 10.30 am Sunday Mass

There will be an opportunity for a cuppa & a chat after 10.30am Sunday Mass today in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone is welcome. We thank our new hosts for their service - Rachel Brennan, Brad Harris, Maria Plier, Andrea Romeo & Dagmar Van Der Linden.

Catholic Women’s League Meeting

Wednesday 7th June 1.30pm in the Cathedral presbytery. Visitors welcome.
Enquires to Carmel 5332 2103 or Frances 5334 4553.

Family Matters – Strengthening Respectful Relationships

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held on Saturday, June 24th 9.00 am – 3.00 pm in St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat.

Please register your attendance: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/>

[Alpha in a Catholic Context](#) continues Thursday June 8th 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. This is a wonderful adult faith opportunity for all parishioners and friends.

Cathedral Security

CCTV Cameras have been installed in the Cathedral (including the sacristy), at the Parish Office front door and outside the Cathedral towards the halls and toilets to provide greater safety and security for all. Signs indicating the surveillance cameras have also been erected.

[Lessons from the Long Paddock](#) - Tuesday June 6th

For many people, experience of Catholic faith and life is challenging. The situation of the Church in Australia today points to a great need to return to the experience of God, to the reality of Christ in the ordinariness of life. Many Catholics and other Christians are aware that they have a spiritual tradition but are unaware of what it actually means for their faith. Most people know what it is they are taught to believe in terms of Catholic teaching and doctrine but few people know what the Church teaches about where the heart of the tradition finds its inspiration.

Lessons from the [Long Paddock](#) is an online experience opening the conversation for many people who are curious about what the *experience* of faith actually feels like in ordinary life. Through the lens of the lived experiences of specific characters from the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes, participants accompany others into a glimpse of some of the themes which lie at the heart of our spiritual tradition. This online experience has two keynote speakers: **Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE** and **Fr Frank Brennan SJ** who will discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality. This event will be broadcast in the smaller hall at the Cathedral at 9.00 am – all welcome to join us.

Young people: Pope Francis wants to hear from you! Online Survey now open

This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **July 2nd 2017**. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

World Environment Day – Monday, June 5th A prayer for our earth:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Collections Envelopes \$1,534.00 Parish Loose \$297.25 Presbytery \$2,258.95
Counters 4th June Team 1 Next week team 2 Thank you to all contributors and counters.

Preparation for first communion

First Communion will be celebrated at 5.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Parish Masses over the two weekends of June 10th – 11th and June 17th – 18th. Please pray for all involved in the preparation

Formation of a Pastoral Council for the Cathedral Parish

Cathedral parishioners have been invited to nominate to become members of the Council. Some nominations have been received but insufficient in number to form a Council yet but the process will remain open for one more week. The [handbook for Parish Councils](#) from the Archdiocese of Brisbane will guide the formation of our Council – please contact the parish office for details.

Gospel Reflection John 20:19-23

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. The earth itself features powerfully in the imagery associated with this feast: harvest, mountain, earthquake, thunder, fire. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning ‘fiftieth’) was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the opening of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God’s new covenant with God’s people. In today’s first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God’s Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God’s presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God’s Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant in the upper room appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke’s account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received God’s Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: “Peace be with you,” the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will “retain” or “seize hold of” the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they “retain”. To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of both church and civic leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence. The Holy Spirit is likewise the source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and our power to ensure restoration and healing. In our times, the earth itself cries out for forgiveness, for restoration and for healing. On this feast of the Holy Spirit, we might consider engaging in a “values inventory” by looking at how much of our personal and collective resources we invest in the things that make for peace.