

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	17 th /18 th June	Smythesdale	Skipton	Rokewood
5.30 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	10.00am	Cathedral (Public Holiday)		
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 18th 2017 *The Body and Blood of Christ (A,)*

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16 Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

Recent Deaths: Kathleen Boschetti, Veronica (Verna) Evans, Maureen Fithall, Frances Irwin, Michelle Racho, Rita Wildner

Anniversaries: Ron Matthews, Peter Seuren, Kath Spiers, Peter Tagliabue, Elsie & Laurie Vendall

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

We welcome Noah Harrison Wyatt Cameron who has taken part in the RCIC process into our Catholic Community. Noah was Baptised on Pentecost Sunday at 5.00 pm Mass.

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/>

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.

Youth and young adults: Pope Francis' Online Survey now open

Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). 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 **2 July 2017**. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au For more information: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Liturgy Formation 2017

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Session in Ballarat on Sunday July 9th with Bishop Paul celebrate 10.30am Mass. Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, “*Let the Children Come*” and Formation for Lectors. Registration forms are available from Cathedral Office or via www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Preparation for first communion

Welcome to all who are celebrating at Masses this weekend for the first communion of our children. Our prayers are with these children, their parents, families and catechists.

First Communion will be celebrated at 5.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Parish Masses over this weekend & next weekend. Please pray for these children & all involved in their preparation.

VOX Concert Sunday June 11th

This concert will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral at 2.30 pm on Sunday June 11th, "Vox sing Handel and Bach." Handel's Zadok the Priest and Dixit Dominus, JS Bach's Magnificat. Guest Conductor Rick Prakoff, with guest choir and orchestra. Adults \$30, Concession \$25.

Formation of a Pastoral Council for the Cathedral Parish

Thanks to those who have expressed interest in being part of the Parish Pastoral Council. A meeting of these people will be held in mid-July to discern the future direction for a Council.

Is God calling you to a deeper relationship?

On June 29th Fr Doroteo Bravi CFD, a Monk of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God will celebrate Mass at St Patricks Cathedral at 6.00pm. Following Mass he will give a talk in the small hall at the Cathedral on the theme "is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him'. After the talk there will be cup of tea. All are invited to attend.

Collections Envelopes \$1,484.00 Parish Loose \$432.00 Presbytery \$1,964.50
Counters 11th June Team 2 Next week team 3 Thank you to all contributors and counters

We Come to Your Feast (Michael Joncas)

1. We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white: The weaving of our stories,
The fabric of our lives; the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
The promise of our future; our needing and our nurture lie here before eyes.
2. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread: The gift of field and hillside,
The grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us, to love in word and deed.
3. We place upon your table a simple cup of wine: The fruit of human labour,
The gift of sun and vine; we come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,
His dying and his living, His leading and his giving, His love in cup outpoured.

Refrain:

We come to your feast, We come to your feast: The young and the old,
The frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least. We come to your feast,
We come to your feast with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands
We come to your feast.

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From the e-conference *Lessons from the Long Paddock* (from the Diocese of Wilcannia Forbes)

A Healthy Spiritual Life:

- ❖ Increases participation in life generally.
- ❖ Resists anything that would truncate our humanity, mutilate our sensitivities or stifle our imagination.
- ❖ Confronts us with reality....with what is real and true.
- ❖ Does not super-impose an 'ideal' situation.
- ❖ Invites a deeper connection with ourselves, the world and with others.
- ❖ Renders us more 'other centred'.
- ❖ Continues to create openness to the transcendent possibilities of existence.
- ❖ Does not promise pure consolation, but is able to embrace the mystery of suffering.
- ❖ Is intellectually coherent and accountable.
- ❖ Is open to engagement with, and interpretation by, a religious tradition.
- ❖ Is ethical and works for justice.
- ❖ Holds paradox creatively.

(From Across the Great Divide: Fr David Ranson)

Gospel Reflection for Trinity Sunday

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

Nothing in John's gospel should be read in isolation from the whole. Our passage forms part of Jesus' dialogue with a Pharisee called Nicodemus who recognizes that Jesus is "of God". Jesus leads Nicodemus from a basic and fairly literal understanding to new understandings about what it means to be in relationship with God. The need to be "born of the Spirit" is part of the conversation that forms the context for the three verses chosen for today's gospel. Trinitarian language pervades John's gospel and is present elsewhere in the Christian scriptures, almost certainly reflecting the incipient belief of the earliest communities in God who is one, as Jewish faith asserts, and at the same time three-in-one. This belief was to develop over the subsequent centuries into the doctrine of the Trinity which is at the very heart of Christian faith.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to the whole of creation. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. We hear later in John's gospel that the Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with all of God's creation.