

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

## Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday



Parish Office hours  
Phone 5331 2933

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm  
[ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Priests, Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Mathew  
Parish Office Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer Jess Salazar  
Family Ministry Anita Houlihan, Grounds Tony McVeigh  
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	8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> July	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** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays during July and August. 7.00pm in the front meeting room of the Cathedral hall.

**Next week's readings:** Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

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Zechariah 9:9-10 Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

Romans 8:9.11-13 Matthew 11:25-30

**Recent Deaths:** Noel Baxter, Phil Collins

**Anniversaries:** Lina Benton, John Bourke, Maggie Britt, Peter & Sylvia Campana, Veronica Curran, Patricia Bowes, Dora Golino, Damien Gracie, Josie Hall, Eileen Moloney, Molly Reilly, Gina Ryan, Isobel Wright

### **Cuppa & Chat**

Winter is here! Let's celebrate the cold with a warming cup of soup and a roll, along with a chat after 10.30am Mass today. Coffee, tea & biscuits also provided. Soup will be gluten free. All welcome.

### **Catholic Women's League**

CWL General Members will attend 12.05 pm Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday, July 5th. This will be followed by lunch at the home of Gertie and George Mangan. Enquiries Gertie 5334 1670.

### **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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) For more information: [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5337 7125.

### **Liturgy Formation 2017**

1. Are you interested in the Ministry of *Proclaiming the Word* and wish to know more? Then come along to the Diocesan Formation Day to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on 9th July, following 10.30am Mass with Bishop Paul. Registration is available via the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).
2. Have you wondered what is involved in the *Funeral Ministry* and would like to find out? Then you might like to attend the Formation Day being offered by the Liturgical Commission at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday July 9th. Information flyers and registration available via the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)
3. Do you think you might be able to help with the Parish Sacramental program - but are not sure what it involves? Come along to the Diocesan Formation Day on Sunday July 9th at St Patrick's Cathedral and learn about "Let the Children Come" the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation program. Information flyers and registration available via the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**St Vincent de Paul** Winter in July Appeal envelopes are available in the pews.

## **The Nazareth House Auxiliary's Annual Meeting**

Will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017. A mass in the chapel will commence at 1.00pm followed by the annual meeting. New members welcome.

**Counters** 2<sup>nd</sup> July Team 5 Next week team 6 Thank you to all contributors and counters

## **Confirmation Preparation Program**

Children who are in year 3 or older and who have been baptised Catholic are now invited to enrol in the Confirmation preparation program.

There will be a parent information/enrolment session held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017** in the small hall of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall. We are offering two sessions, the requirement is to attend only ONE. These meetings will be at **10.00am OR 7.00pm**. It is an expectation that a parent/guardian attends the information/enrolment session as part of your commitment in supporting your child through the Confirmation program.

If you have any questions please contact Anita Houlihan, Family Ministry Coordinator at the Parish Office on 53 312933 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.00am – 3.30pm (during school terms), email anytime on [anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or phone the parish office:  
Mon – Fri 10.00am – 5.00pm

## **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.

## **Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn And The YCW In Australia**

Commemorating The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries Of The Deaths Of Cardinal Joseph Cardijn And Fr Frank Lombard. Saturday 29 July 2017 Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne  
Cost \$20 per person: Morning Tea, lunch & afternoon tea Registrations: by Wednesday 26 July  
Jill Doncovio, [jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au) or 9412 3304. Numbers are strictly limited

## ***Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants***

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the July study cycle closes on 10 July - or you can start in September or later in the year. Details on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (link is on front page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## **Expression of Interest – Becoming a Baptism Sponsor**

The very important role of Baptism sponsors within the Cathedral Parish requires minimal time but has a great impact on the meaningful and memorable experience that Baptism is for families; being welcomed into our Church and school communities.

The clergy, staff and Baptism coordinators of the six parishes of Ballarat continue to plan for the centralised Baptism preparation meetings commencing in August.

Can you see yourself becoming a part of our Baptism Sponsors Team? We will meet again shortly and welcome your expression of interest to be part of our team moving forward. (Current sponsors will be contacted.)

Please contact Jacinta, Parish Secretary in the parish office 53 312933 or Anita, Family Ministry Coordinator ([anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au)) to register your interest.

## **Prayer of the Aboriginal People**

Father of all, You gave us the Dreaming, You have spoken to us through our beliefs, You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus We thank you for your care. You own us, you are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change. We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture. Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people, So that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land. Amen  
Prepared by Aboriginal people for Pope John Paul II's visit to Alice Springs 1986

## **Gospel Reflection**

**Greg Sunter**

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.