

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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9th July 2017

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Parish Office hours
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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	15 th /16 th July	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	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 2nd & 4th Tuesdays during July and August. 7.00pm in the front meeting room of the Cathedral hall.

Next week's readings: Sunday July 16th 2017

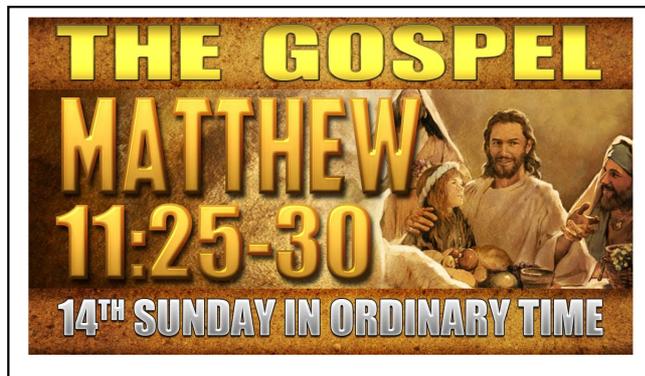
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Isaiah 55:10-11

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-9



Recent Deaths: Jill Doran, Gertrude Pollack,(Funeral Mass in the Cathedral at 10.00am Tuesday July 11th)

Terence Patrick Scanlon, Rosalie Topp

Anniversaries: Brian Foley, Br Andrew Kennedy CSsR, Vera McAloon, Fr Jack Moroney,

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Ryder Aaron Braxton Black

son of Kasey & Jessica

Zoey Harriet Canty

daughter of Benjamin & Carly

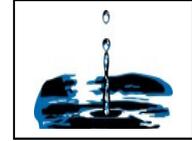
Harvey Gilbert

son of Brendon & Leesa

Walter Harrison Wilson

son of Martin & Lauren

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



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 1st 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 or phone the parish office: Mon – Fri 10.00am – 5.00pm

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) to register your interest.

Uniting Church 40th Anniversary Combined Churches Service

Will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2017, 7.00pm at the Ballarat Central Uniting Church preceded by a street party BBQ at 5.00pm. There are also other events throughout the week. For more information ph. 5333 1361 Tuesday-Thursday from 8.30am- 2.20pm

Annual collection for the Pope will be taken up today as a leaving collection.

Counters 9th July Team 6 Next week team 7 Thank you to all contributors and counters

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Proposals

In April this year, the bishops of Victoria published a pastoral letter in response to proposals to introduce legislation allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide. As a follow-up to that letter, a group of lay people has prepared a flyer encouraging people to write to parliamentarians and express their opposition to such legislation. Copies of the flyer have been made available for your consideration. You are invited to write to parliamentarians as suggested.

19th July National day of Action. Close the Camps. Bring them here

Please join us for an hours vigil to remember the 4th anniversary of the decision that people arriving by boat to seek asylum in Australia would be detained on Manus island and Nauru and never allowed to settle here. The Manus Island and Nauru centres have been condemned by the UNHCR, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, the Australian Human Rights Commission, Amnesty International and many other human rights organisations.

When: Wednesday 19th July **Where:** Queen Victoria Square (opposite the Ballarat Town Hall)

Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm Bring a candle

The Australian Refugee Action Network including Rural Australians for Refugees and the Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children

Gospel Reflection

Greg Sunter

When we hear the term, *yoke*, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder *my* yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus *was* easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot*(commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.