

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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16th July 2017

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Parish Office hours
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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	22 nd /23 rd July	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
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 2nd & 4th Tuesdays during July and August. 7.00pm in the front meeting room of the Cathedral hall.

Next week's readings: Sunday July 23rd 2017

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Wisdom 12:13.16-19Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43



Recent Deaths: Daniel Cooper, Cori Stewart,

Anniversaries: Wanda Biala, Peter Bolte, Joe Donegan, Michael Flynn, Margaret Hyland, Stanislaw Iwanowski, Annam Kutty, Catherine Laffey, James Christopher O'Sullivan, Bernie Sculley, Y.V.S. Vined,

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Hamish Alistair Nicholls

son of David & Sharne

Patrick Ned Sullivan

son of Eamon & Michelle

Ryder Leigh Buntsma

son of Kevin & Mellita

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



Parish Office The office will be closed on Monday 17th, 24th & 31st of July.

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

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

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party on Friday 28th July 2017 at 1.30pm.

Ballarat Interfaith & Uniting Church Movie Screening

The screening of the movie The Other Son will take place on Sunday 23rd July at Central Uniting Church, Lydiard St Sth at 4.30pm followed by a shared meal. Donations welcome.

Enquiries to Maureen Doonan on 0418 383 802

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

Youth Synod Questionnaire:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017.

For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Counters 16th July Team 7 Next week team 1 Thank you to all contributors and counters

Gospel Reflection

Greg Sunter

The teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the Jewish world of the 1st Century. For most of his listeners, that world was an agricultural one and so the stories Jesus told were about the everyday realities of peoples' lives. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, building houses, planting seeds and reaping harvests. The imagery he used was drawn from the lived experience of those he taught. Jesus used a style of storytelling that was popular at the time: parable. A parable is a story with a moral or a lesson. A parable usually involves an extended metaphor and, at its heart, is teaching the listener about how to live or how to behave.

Another feature of parables is that they can be understood at different levels. At one level, there is the literal meaning of a parable – what it says is what it is about. In today's gospel, the parable of the sower can be read or heard as a literal story about sowing seed and the lesson one might take from it is to be careful where you throw the seed when sowing. At another level, parables have a metaphoric meaning. In this instance, Jesus actually explains the symbolism of the parable to his disciples. There is a further, interpretive level of a parable where a modern reader asks, 'What has that story got to say to me here and now?'

In his conversation with the disciples, Jesus makes clear that only some people are open to understanding the depth of the message contained within his parables. Some people will only ever hear the story and never hear the message. Mind you, he still has to explain the parable to the disciples! He has just chastised those who fail to understand and yet walks the disciples through the parable step by step!