

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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6th August 2017

Transfiguration of the Lord (A)



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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	12 th /13 th August	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 2nd & 4th Tuesdays during July and August. 7.00pm in the front meeting room of the Cathedral hall.

Next week's readings: Sunday August 13th 2017

1 Kings 19:9-11-13

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33



Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

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Recent Deaths: Ivan Kovacic

Anniversaries: Fr Brendan Davey, Hilda Mary Duggan, Des Elliott, Pat Liston, John McCarty, Bill O'Donnell, James O'Donnell, Alphonsus O'Loughlin, Wendy & Rod Page, Bill Wilson



“Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos:

the Hope of Pope Francis” National eConference

Thursday, August 10th, 10.30am-2.45pm. For the program to go

<http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short->

[courses/eConference-2017](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/eConference-2017). The econference will be offered here in Ballarat in the MacKillop room of smaller hall at St Patrick's Cathedral from 10.00 am.

Byo lunch. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend this adult faith formation opportunity.

Preparing for Confirmation

This weekend at the 5.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Masses, the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented. We welcome them, together with their families as they commence this sacramental preparation. Dismissals for the children will occur at each of these Masses during the month of August. The dismissals will be held in the smaller hall and led by members of the parish sacrament team. It is a requirement that sacrament team members hold a current Working with Children Check. Confirmation will be celebrated over two weekends in September; 9th – 10th and 16th – 17th.

Baptism preparation in the six parishes of Ballarat

The first of the monthly baptism preparations sessions for parents of children to be baptised was held on Thursday at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm. These will be held within the Cathedral precinct on the first Thursday of each month. Thanks to the Parish Baptism Sponsors for their ongoing involvement in the support of families preparing for baptism and to those who offer follow up support through the GodStart program. All families seeking to have their children (under 7) baptised will be invited to attend a preparation session. For baptims enquiries please contact Anita or Jacinta in the Parish office. The celebrations of the sacrament of baptism will continue to include the first part of the Rite of Baptism being celebrated during a Sunday Mass with the Rite of Naming, Signing of the Cross and the Profession of Faith (the Creed) with the remainder of the Rite celebrated after Mass.

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.

Parish Appointments

Bishop Paul has appointed Fr Matthew Thomas Parish Priest of the Parish of Sea Lake in addition to being Parish Priest of Swan Hill, forming the Swan Hill Ministry district. Fr Michael McKinnon has been appointed Parish Priest of Ouyen which will join the Sunraysia Ministry district of Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs. These appointments will be effective from September 1st 2017.

Alpha Adult Faith Opportunity

Each Thursday evening, 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm you are invited to join with others to explore your own adult faith. The Alpha format is very accessible, involving a 25 minute presentation on some aspect of our faith which is followed by small group conversation, then some whole group reflection and prayer. Some of those who are inquiring into the Catholic Church and who will join the RCIA have joined the Alpha experience together with existing Catholics at every stage of the faith journey. This past week the presentation was on Prayer- Why and how do I pray? Next week's presentation is on reading the Bible.

ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to 'book in' your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867. More information on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages.

Mass times for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Tuesday August 15th

Cathedral 7.30 am, 10.00 am, 12.05 pm, 5.30 pm
St Thomas More School Alfredton (parishioners welcome) 9.15 am
Skipton 5.30 pm, Snake Valley 7.00 pm.

Catholic Women's League Centenary Year State Conference

In their centenary year the CWL will hold their conference here in Ballarat in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall on Wednesday – Thursday August 16th – 17th with the Conference Mass being celebrated at 12.05 pm on Wednesday.

Counters 6th August Team 3 Next week team 4. Thank you to all contributors and counters

Gospel Reflection

Veronica Lawson RSM

The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he continues to confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with that realisation in the wilderness at the outset of his ministry. He comes to peace with what it involves on the mountain top. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. Rather, he and his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God.

Mary MacKillop and Mary Glowrey *Naming of the rooms in the smaller Cathedral Hall*

Our smaller hall in the Cathedral is in two parts and each will bear the name of an extraordinary woman. The larger room will be named after St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the smaller after Mary Glowrey. Australia's first saint (canonised in 2010), was a passionate traveller, diarist and letter writer and left a clear trail of the times she passed through Ballarat.

In a letter to a colleague on July 20, 1891, **Mary MacKillop** refers gratefully to the hospitality she received from Mother Gonzaga Barry and the Sisters at Mary's Mount, Loreto Abbey, Ballarat while establishing the Bacchus Marsh school and when on a country tour begging for funds for the Surrey Hills home. (Mother Gonzaga stayed in the Josephite Convent in Sydney when founding the Loreto Sydney houses in 1892). A diary entry from about the same time says: "*Left early for Ballarat. A traveller in the train gave us five shillings. Warmly received by Loreto nuns.*" While here Mary visited the nuns at Nazareth House, and met with her own sisters at Bungaree.

Dr Sr Mary Glowrey follows Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as the second Australian on the road to becoming a canonised saint. Born in Birregurra on June 23rd 1887 and raised in Watchem, Mary received a scholarship to attend Melbourne University. In 1910 one year after the death of fellow Victorian and religious, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, she graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (in 1919 she graduated as Doctor of Medicine). In 1916, she was elected as the founding president of the Catholic Women's League, Victoria and Wagga Wagga, seeking to transform society through prayer and action. In 1917 Mary Glowrey addressed a large gathering of women in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat, inaugurating the CWL in the Ballarat Diocese. Mary's brother Ed was ordained a priest in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat (the image in the room named in her honour was taken as part of the family portrait at the ordination in Ballarat). Fr Glowrey, who was Administrator of the Cathedral 1942 -1947, died in 1950 and is buried in St Arnaud where he had been Parish Priest.

In 1920, Mary sailed to Guntur, India (hometown of Fr Anthony Nagothu), to become the world's first nun-doctor missionary, joining the Congregation of the Society of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, a Dutch order of Religious Sisters.

Mary Glowrey spent the next 37 years involved in medical work in India. In 1943 in the midst of World War II she founded the Catholic Hospital Association of India (CHAI) and several years later established a Catholic Medical College in India to train health professionals both in medical care as well as in Catholic teachings and the understanding of the inviolability of human life. Today Catholic Health Association of India auspices the care of about 21 million people annually.

In 2013 Mary Glowrey was declared a Servant of God and the cause for her canonisation continues.