

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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3rd September 2017

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



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Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm
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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Priests, Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Mathew
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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	9 th /10 th September	Skipton	Beaufort	Snake Valley
6.30 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	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	12.05 pm	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

Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers, Who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifices. Who have worked to become good fathers. Who have to parent on their own. Who continue to offer their children, now grown, their love and support. Who, despite family breaks, have remained in their children's lives. Whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing. Who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their children's love and respect. Who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart. Let us praise those men. Who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own. Who have "fathered" us in their role as teachers, coaches, mentors and guides. Who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children. And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. AMEN

Recent Deaths: Rose Conway, John Coughlan, Ryan Engel, Jack Greig, Evelyn (Eppie) Heaps, John Vanderkley

Anniversaries: Bruno Bulich, Justin Driscoll (snr), Joseph Graafmans, Fr Bob Markey,
Thomas Chandy Moozhayil, Jack Nunn, Gladys Sait, Leo Sait, Danielle Sartori, Elizabeth Triado

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Ivie Harriet Moore

daughter of Michael & Jessica

May she grow in faith in her loving family and our Catholic Community.



Baptism Preparation

The six parishes of Ballarat (Ballarat, Ballarat East, Ballarat North, Redan, Sebastopol and Wendouree) come together to prepare parents for the baptism of their child. Two preparation sessions are held at the Cathedral on the first Thursday of each month – 10.00 am and 7.00 pm. The next preparation session will be held on Thursday September 7th.

Next week's readings: *Sunday September 10th 2017*

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Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Fatima Centenary 9 Day Novena

To celebrate the Centenary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, the Legion of Mary invite you to join a 9-day Novena commencing on Wednesday August 30th - Friday September 8th (Feast of the Nativity of Mary). A time is designated each day for Prayer in the Cathedral. Details are on the Notice Boards.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Thank you to all those parishioners who donated to this year's appeal, also to those who contribute to the poor box, your support is greatly appreciated.

Collections Envelopes \$1,833.00 Parish Loose \$385.50 Presbytery \$1,952.00

Counters 3rd September Team 7 Next week team 1. Thank you to all contributors and counters

Parish Finance Committee

The Committee held its quarterly meeting during this past week. Cathy Oakley and Andrew Ballesty have recently joined this committee, joining Joe Ballinger, Geordie Charles, Di Hanlon, Michael Kearney, Jamie Mulcahy, Jim Watson and ex officio members Jess Salazar (Finance Officer) and Fr Justin Driscoll. Michael Dunne has retired from the Finance Committee after many year service to the Parish on the Committee. Many thanks Michael for your service and wise counsel to our parish. All contributors to the Planned Giving Program (Stewardship) should have received a receipt of their contributions to the Parish and a statement of Parish income and expenditure for the past financial year. Please contact the Parish Office if you have not received yours via email or through Australia Post. An invitation is extended to all to join the Stewardship Program through the Planned Giving, making a regular financial contribution to the Parish either via direct debit or through the envelopes. Contact finance.stpatrickcathedral@gmail.com

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

Over the coming two weekends Confirmation will be celebrated at 6.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Masses.

Alpha Adult Faith Opportunity

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. This week's presentation is How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

Spiritual Care Program

A second program for parishioners engaged in pastoral ministry in its many expressions in our parishes is being offered soon. Bethany Pennington will facilitate this program on the following dates – September 20th, October 4th and 25th, November 8th and 22nd. Each of these sessions will be held in the MacKillop and Glowrey rooms in the smaller hall at the Cathedral beginning at 9.00am. Parishioners engaged in Funeral ministry, Visiting, Communion to those at home or in care are welcome to participate. Spiritual Care encompasses all the ways in which attention is paid to the spiritual dimensions of life. It is most commonly offered in a one-to-one relationship, is person centered.

Please register with Jacinta in the Cathedral Parish Office by Friday September 15th.

Ballarat Catholic Secondary College Information evenings

Damascus College Wednesday September 6th 5.00 pm Please arrive at 4.45 pm for registration

Loreto College Tuesday October 24th 7.00pm

St Patrick's College Thursday October 26th 7.30 pm Please register <https://www.trybooking.com/RCPH>

Palms Australia Ballarat Information Sessions

Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia. An information session will be held on Thursday, September 14th 5.30pm-7.00pm at the Australian Catholic University, Building 100 Torney Room, 1200 Mair St, Ballarat. RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333. Can't make it? Call now about applying for positions currently available or look first via Palms' [two-week Encounter](#) (palms.org.au/encounters/)

Caritas responds to the Famine in Africa affecting millions of people

The world faces the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war with more than 20 million people facing starvation and famine. Caritas Australia, as part of the Caritas Internationalis network, has helped provide lifesaving support to over half a million people impacted by the famine. We are seeking donations to scale up our efforts and get food and water to people and communities in dire need. Please support this humanitarian effort on Social Justice Sunday September 24th. Enquiries to Sue Searls, 0409 401 329 or email sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Child Protection Sunday “See Me, Hear Me”

As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. This year our theme is “See Me, Hear Me”. The question is how do we in the Cathedral Parish play our part in listening to children to ensure they are kept safe? Within our Catholic Communities there is horror, anger and sorrow over the abuse of children. As Pope Francis outlined before leading the crowds in the Angelus prayer in March last year it is important to “Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget, listen to the hurt, sick and marginalized, or among families” As a sentry, each of us plays a part in listening to what the children have to say, making sure that every child is safe and protected from abuse and harm.

Gospel Reflection

Veronica Lawson RSM

We all know people in leadership who take themselves a bit too seriously. Some confuse their role or title with their significance in the scheme of things. Some look for privilege and an easy life, forgetting that leadership of anything worthwhile involves hard work, misunderstanding, and invariably brings opposition. The first part of today’s gospel story presents Peter, who has just been declared the foundation rock of the church and given the “keys” of the kingdom, refusing to accept that Jesus’ mission will involve suffering, even death. The reader is confronted in this story with the expansive rock face at Caesarea Philippi, and invited to consider the friable properties of the seemingly indestructible rock. Even rocks can be reduced to sand or gravel and a humbler mode of being.

For all its seriousness, there is something quite comical about this story as it unfolds. Peter actually censures or reprimands Jesus. Jesus then sets him straight in no uncertain terms. The “rock” becomes the leader of the opposition, a serious obstacle to God’s purposes, a stumbling block. He is ordered back to the place where disciples properly belong, namely “behind” Jesus, “following” him. Matthew provides a striking contrast in this section of the gospel between Peter who “rebukes” Jesus and the Canaanite woman who respectfully and persistently implores Jesus to see from a new perspective. Peter receives a decisive rebuttal, while the woman’s plea is heard and she herself is praised for her great faith.

Peter’s impetuous outburst provides the trigger for Jesus to invite his disciples to think about what they really want. In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus is the teacher and the disciples are the students who have accepted the invitation to follow him. That means living out in their lives the pattern of his life. If they really want to be his followers, then they have to embrace the pain involved in his relentless program of teaching and of healing the sick and brokenhearted. They will also share the “glory”. If they choose to put their own interests first, then they will surely lose themselves. It is ultimately a question of choosing life. Peter forgets this for a while and has to be reminded to be true to what he has previously professed. He is not very different from the rest of us. We all need to rethink our choices and to reorder our priorities from time to time if we want to find life. September 1 was the World Day of Prayer for Creation and many churches are celebrating September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) as a Season of Creation. At a time when life on our planet is seriously endangered, we might attend more closely to the urgent gospel challenge of living in ways that help to sustain the life of the whole Earth community.