

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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24th September 2017

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



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Principals of our three Parish Schools

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Cathedral Parish Masses	30 th Sep/1 st Oct	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
6.30 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	12.05 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	10.00 am	Cathedral (Public Holiday)
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 Tuesdays at 7.00 pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms

Next week's readings: Sunday October 1st 2017

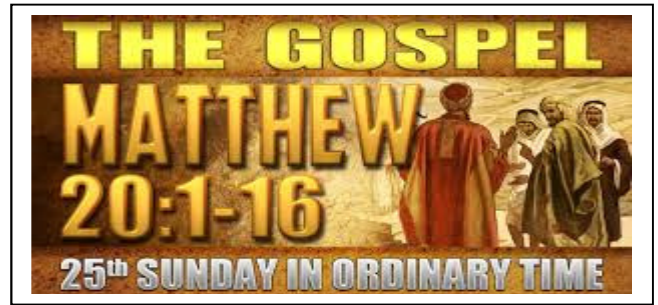
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A,)

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

Philippians 2:1-5

Matthew 21:28-32



Social Justice Sunday

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Recent Deaths: Sr Imelda Gallagher RSM, Margaret McManus, Steven Molloy
(Funeral Mass 2.30pm Monday in the Cathedral)

Anniversaries: Mark Bourke, Thomas Cafarella, Brian Frawley, Angela Lazzo, Noel Pidgeon, Ruth Rush, Soka Saric, Brian Scarffe, Garry Twyford, Ann Vivian

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Grace Margaret Dulude	daughter of Patricia & Benjamin
Lincoln James Greenbank	son of Amanda & Daniel
Sadie Elizabeth White	daughter of Georgia & Tehan
Massimo Sydney Iorlano	son of Elizabeth & Daniel



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

Caritas Leaving Collection at Masses today Famine in Africa affection 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. Enquiries to Sue Searls, ph. 0409 401 329 or email sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Australian Pastoral Musicians Network Conference – October 5th - 7th 2017

The APMN National Conference will be held in Perth from October 5-7, 2017. The conference will feature keynote address from David Haas, workshops, prayer and liturgy, showcase concert, conference dinner and resource display and sales. Further information & registration www.apmn.org.au. The Cathedral parish is willing to sponsor a musician or singer who wishes to attend this conference. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending this Conference.

Marriage according to Pope Francis. A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Paul Bird

Copies of the pastoral letter from Bishop Paul which offers some reflections about marriage, drawing on the writings of Pope Francis are available from the Cathedral Foyers.

Alpha - Got questions, try Alpha? Adult Faith Opportunity

Thursday evenings, 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm in the Cathedral presbytery, you are invited to join with others to explore your own adult faith. This week's presentation is **How can I resist evil?** Those who are inquiring into the Catholic faith are part of these Alpha gathering. The format is a viewing of the session from the Alpha film series (you can view these on youtube) followed by small group conversation concluding with prayer.

Season of Creation

An ecumenical service to complete the Season of Creation 2017 will be held at OLHC Church Wendouree on Sunday October 1st at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome

Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations at Nazareth House Chapel 28th September 7.30 pm - 9.00pm

Counters 24th September Team 3 Next week team 4. Thank you to all contributors and counters.

Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Cathedral parishioners are invited to a mission led by Fr Richard Leonard SJ which is being held across the Beaufort and Linton parishes commencing Saturday, October 14th with 6.30 pm Mass at Smythesdale, Sunday 9.00 am Mass at Skipton and 6.00 pm Mass at Beaufort. Weekday sessions will be on Monday 16th 11.00 am Skipton, 7.00 pm Beaufort, Tuesday 17th 11.00 am Beaufort, 7.00 pm Snake Valley, Wednesday 18th 11.00 am Skipton, 5.00 pm Beaufort. The morning session is repeated in the afternoon. For times and places please see the flyer on the notice boards or contact the Beaufort Parish Centre on 5349 2880.

Ballarat Catholic Secondary College Information evenings

Loreto College Tuesday October 24th 7.00 pm

Damascus College Thursday October 26th 6.30 pm (Registrations by 6.15 pm)

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

Centenary of Fatima Apparitions of Mary

Evening of Recollection and Devotion, St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat Friday October 13th

- 6.30pm – Sacrament of Penance
- 7.00pm – Reflection – Fr. Gerard Ryan
- 7.30pm – Mass, Exposition and Benediction

A bus will leave Ballarat Cathedral Car Park at 8.45am for Mass in the Bendigo Cathedral at 11.00am on October 8th. BYO lunch. Contact Joan 53382484 or Maureen 0431273953 by October 2nd to book attend.

30th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Gary Jones

The Parish of St Peter's Daylesford will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Fr Gary's Ordination at 10.30am Mass on Sunday, October 15th 2017 followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.

All welcome. Please RSVP to daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au to assist with catering.

Bikes for Humanity Collection Day

International charity *Bicycles for Humanity* gives old bikes a new home. They collect old bicycles, refurbish them and send them to Africa where the shipping container they came in transforms into a bike workshop providing employment, skills, training, economic development and ongoing benefits to the local community as well as all the 'new' bikes! Collection of your old bikes and parts Thursday October 5th, 9am -3.00pm St Patrick's Cathedral car park.

50 year celebration of Mercy education at Damascus College Mt Clear site

Past students and staff of Damascus College and the three foundation Colleges, Sacred Heart College, St Paul's Technical College and St Martin's in the Pines are invited to the opening of the Commemorative Walk, a 240 metre bush walking track. Please register your attendance by Friday 27th September, by going to the Damascus website: <http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/news-and-events-50-year-celebrations>

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel reading for this Social Justice Sunday is Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard. Using an everyday example of economic hardship, Jesus teaches how the reign of God is open to all, generous, and especially mindful of those left behind. God provides sufficiently and fairly for each person, all the while attentive to the needs of those who experience exclusion and have little hope.

The vivid image of market place and vineyard still resonates. That the employer goes four times during the day to find workers in desperate need speaks of the precarious existence of the day labourer, and a market that fails to serve the whole community.

This Social Justice Statement considers Australia's economic priorities. It draws from the teachings of Pope Francis and his predecessors, highlighting how extreme versions of free-market economics have failed to serve all. Inequality has been growing in Australia. Many have missed out on opportunities to secure stable employment and a just share in income and wealth – even after 26 years of continuous economic growth. When it comes to the social justice of the entire economic system, the statement draws on new understandings of human development from economics and social policy that emphasise how the wellbeing of humans and all of creation must be an economy's central purpose.

The Church has been part of a global movement for 'inclusive growth'. It is not just about improving sections of the economy that have failed the poor. It is not about continually picking up people who have fallen through the system and placing them back into a market place that cast them aside in the first place. The Bishops of Australia are calling for a new approach that prevents exclusion from the outset and, like the owner of the vineyard in our Gospel reading, engages all people as dignified, active contributors to sustainable and inclusive growth.

The parable may seem unfair to us. Not only does the owner of the vineyard employ workers who, through no fault of their own, find themselves locked out of the market system, he also pays all of them one denarius – even those who completed only one hour's work. But the denarius was the basic daily pay of labourers, sufficient for a living wage, and akin to our notion of a minimum wage. The payment given by the owner recognises the dignity of all, regardless of the hours they worked. The generosity of the owner is shown in how he places the human person, not the prevailing standard of the market, at the centre of his concern.

We see a vineyard in which all are engaged as active contributors to the economic enterprise. We are called to work for an economy that is inclusive and capable of putting the needs of the poor before the wants of the rich. We envisage an alternative to market places that are harsh and inhospitable: the vineyard, lush and green, sustainable in its growth and inclusive in its economy.

As we have said, Jesus' parable speaks as much to us now as it did to the listeners of his time. The Church does not believe an ideal world is possible on earth. Only God can fully usher in the perfection of His Kingdom. But Christ's promise of that Kingdom calls us to work for just social transformation based on the great commandment to love God and to love our neighbour, especially the most vulnerable (Matthew 22:34–40).

Jesus invites us to see others as God sees them, as unique and precious, and to treat them accordingly. It is an offence in the eyes of God to treat people simply as commodities, to be discarded when no longer commercially profitable. We are called to challenge commonly held assumptions and ways of operating that undermine human dignity and damage the most vulnerable of our neighbours.