

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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15<sup>th</sup> October 2017



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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  
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	21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
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	11.30am	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** Tuesdays at 7.00 pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms  
Fridays at 8.00 pm in the Presbytery Meeting room

**Next week's readings:** Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 45:1.4-6 Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

**Recent Deaths:** Carmel Edwards

**Anniversaries:** Alf Besemeres, Sharon Edgar, Shane Ferrari, Josephine, Reilly Bill Squire

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;**

Evelyn Ann Creati	daughter of Anthony & Carly
Oliver Francis Roche	son of Lester & Michelle
Sybille Jane Rogers	daughter of Glenn & Stephanie
Jack Thomas Molloy	son of Thomas & Karin



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

**MENTal Brekky**

Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> at St Patrick's College OCA Pavilion from 7am – 8.30am, come and join a conversation about men's mental health. Tickets \$50 including breakfast. Funds raised will go to the Chris Yeung Fund which seeks to raise awareness of men's mental health issues and to support St Patrick's students impacted by it. Tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/PJNX>

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants**

Low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for people of the Diocese. A wide range of subjects: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the October study cycle closes on **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. A study cycle means you do one subject over 5 weeks. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one. [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (link is on home page), or contact Amanda, phone 5337 7125 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Senior Reconciliation**

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is inviting enrolments from fully initiated Year 5 and 6 children to participate in the preparation program for reconciliation, part 2 (senior). It is the continuation of part 1 of reconciliation at junior level (year 4). An information session for parents to attend will take place on **Thursday October 26th at 7.00pm in the small hall of St Patrick's Hall.**

As part of your commitment to support your child through the Sacraments, a parent/guardian is required to attend the information session.

For further information please contact Anita, Family Ministry Coordinator at the Parish Office on 53 312 933 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.00am – 3.30pm (during school terms), email any time [anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or phone Jacinta in the Parish Office Monday – Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm.

**Mercy Associates Fundraiser**

"Victoria and Abdul" Film and High Tea luncheon on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 10.00am, Regent Theatre, Ballarat. Cost is \$25.00pp. Raffle and door prizes. Proceeds raised are for Mercy Works. Contacts for tickets are Ursula ph. 0407717626 or Monica ph. 0438601856. All welcome



### **Australian Catholic Youth Festival**

The Youth Festival is being held in Sydney on December 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. Twenty young people from the Cathedral Parish have registered to attend the festival. The Diocese of Ballarat will be providing the funding for bus transport of the young people to and from Sydney. The Cathedral Parish will contribute \$5,600 which cover the accommodation costs for our young people to stay in Sydney. Each of the young people attending will pay \$190 for their own registration. Many thanks to Michaela Corrigan and the YESS Leadership for their ongoing ministry.

### **Loreto College Events**

#### **Experience Loreto College Day – “Beyond the Historic Fence”**

This is an opportunity for prospective families to visit the College in action. You will be taken on a guided tour of the College by current students and staff who will show you the grounds and facilities and share their insight into being a student at Loreto College. Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 12.00pm

Must register to attend [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au)

#### **Past Pupils’ Annual High Tea & Mass of Remembrance - Tuesday 24 October, 2017**

The Past Pupils Annual High Tea & Mass of Remembrance is the main annual gathering for past pupils of all ages. All past pupils and friends are warmly invited to attend Mass in the Chapel at 5pm in remembrance of all deceased members of the Loreto family.

Past Pupils High Tea will be held in the Mary’s Mount Centre Foyer before the Mass between 2pm and 3.45pm. High Tea Bookings are \$10 per head. To book: <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/events-publications-media/loreto-event/> or Ph: 53296137 Past Pupils Association AGM will be held in the Mary’s Mount Centre Foyer between 3.45pm and 4.45pm. Mass of Remembrance will be held at 5pm in the Chapel For further information please contact the Loreto College Marketing & Development Office on 53296137.

#### **Loreto Old Boys Twilight Beverages - Friday 27 October – 5pm, Mary’s Mount Centre Courtyard**

The Annual ‘Old Boys’ event is a fantastic opportunity for the past Loreto boys catch up and reconnect over a drink on the College grounds. To RSVP: To book: <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/events-publications-media/loreto-event/> or Ph: 53296137

### **Catholic Theological College**

*Open Day Wednesday 8 November, 2017* Study options, Library and Building tour, Refreshments, Two programs: 4.30pm–6.30pm or 6.00pm–8.00pm Bookings essential RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by Friday 3 November Phone: 9412 3314 Email: [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au) 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC

### **Whoever Drinks of The Water That I Shall Give, Will Never Thirst Again - John 4:14**

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to share our support for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Nha Trang,



Vietnam as they work tirelessly to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country’s 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam](http://catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam)

## Liturgical Ministries

We are currently preparing rosters for November - January, if you are going to be away during this time please contact your Mass co-ordinator, before 22nd of October.

Contact details can be found on the current roster. Liturgy Team.

## The Four Seasons Fine Music Festival

Saturday 28 October @ 7pm Babaganoush Gypsy Ensemble Venue: St Paul's Church, Clunes

Sunday 29 October @ 2pm Rhys Boak and Bruno Siketa Venue: St John's Church, Creswick

More information: Creswick and Clunes Information Centres or [fourseasonsmusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:fourseasonsmusicfestival@gmail.com)

book online: [www.ballaratanglican.org.au/fourseasons](http://www.ballaratanglican.org.au/fourseasons)

**Collections**      Envelopes \$1,771.00                  Parish Loose \$210.50                  Presbytery \$2,113.75

New Stewardship envelopes are available for collection in the south transept. Thank you to all contributors to the Cathedral Parish Stewardship program. If you would like to join the Stewardship by making a regular financial contribution to the Cathedral Parish, you can do so by either direct debit or the envelopes. Please contact Jess Salazar in the Parish Office.

**Counters**      15<sup>th</sup>October      Team 6      Next week team 7. Thank you to all contributors and counters.

## Gospel Reflection

**Sr Veronica Lawson RSM**

*The increasing wealth of the mega rich and the growing divide between rich and poor, particularly in the developing world, are challenging us all to consider our attitudes to the planet's resources. Today's gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to share the riches of God's creation. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all. Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. The privileged are the first to be invited while the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally. Rather, it invites the reader to critique interpretations that see the king's behaviour as a reflection of how God deals with God's creation. So, what might this story be telling us? If we look again at the despotic aspects of the king's character, we might find there a reflection of our own capacity to look after ourselves at the expense of the poor and vulnerable of our world. We might find an image of our nation's long-term redirecting of the foreign aid budget in order to keep asylum seekers off-shore at staggering expense, some \$6,000 per person per day on Nauru for instance. On the other hand, if we put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet. If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a "right" disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company, and the riches to be shared, we might be drawn to handle Earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good of all the inhabitants of our planet. Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will only be realised when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.*