

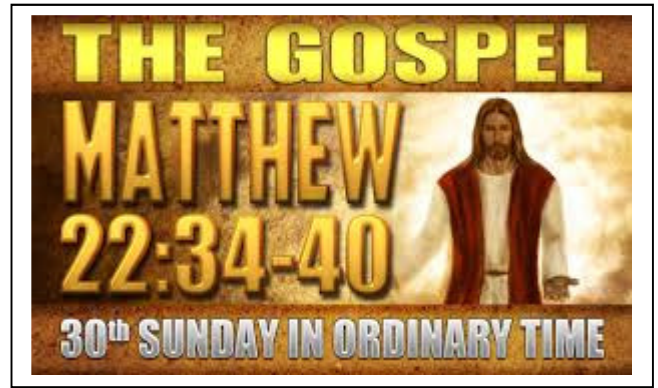
# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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29<sup>th</sup> October 2017



Parish Office hours  
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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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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	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> November	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 (All Saints)	8.00 am	Redan	12 Noon ACU Aquinas	12.05pm Cathedral
	6.00 pm	Sebastopol		
Thursday (All Souls)	9.30 am	Redan	11.30am St John of God	12.05 pm Cathedral
	7.00 pm	Cathedral (with supper to follow)		
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.

**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 November 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10 Ps 130 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13 Matthew 23:1-12

**Recent Deaths:** Aileen Harris, Leo Leonard, Dot (Dorothy) O'Brien, Trevor Plier

**Anniversaries:** Fred Coppock, Renee Daniels, Kitty Grose, Sr Rita Hayes RSM, Helena Iwanowski, Therese Kingston, John Kyatt, Mons Henry Nolan, Gemma Van Gaans

### **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 November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Cathedral Presbytery.

### **Catholic Women's League**

Members of the Ballarat Cathedral Branch will meet at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery meeting room on Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> 1.30pm. Visitors welcome. Enquires to Carmel 5332 2103 or Anna [0400 250 660](tel:0400250660)

### **Cathedral All Souls Day Mass**

Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00 pm in the Cathedral with supper to follow in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms (small hall) All welcome. This Mass is arranged by the members of the Cathedral Parish Funeral Team who have invited the families of those whose funerals have been celebrated through the Cathedral Parish over the past 12 months. Many thanks to the team: Yvonne Beaston, Tim Bennett, Helen Lee, Rosalie Molloy, Peter Morris, Lorraine & Frank Stuart.

### **Mercy Associates November 2<sup>nd</sup> liturgy**

It is 160 years this year since the Sisters of Mercy came to Victoria. The Ballarat Mercy Associates extend an invitation to any interested parishioners or friends to remember deceased Sisters of Mercy at a Memorial Liturgy at 11 am, All Souls Day, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017, at the Ballarat New Cemetery. Enter via Lydiard St. gate.

Lunch afterwards, at own cost, at North Ballarat Football Club. RSVP November 1<sup>st</sup> 0419 875 349.

### **Mass at Pootilla Cemetery**

Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 am. All welcome. Some chairs provided. BYO if possible. Information phone. 5334 0450



### **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.

## **Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill**

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria is available in each of the Churches this weekend. Parishioners are invited to contact James Purcell MLC T: 5568 2929 or 0407 550 707

## **Ministers of Holy Communion**

An opportunity for formation for Cathedral parishioners seeking to become a minister of Holy Communion at Masses (weekday and /or Sunday). Formation for this ministry will be offered at St Columba's Church Lydiard St Ballarat North on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. The Cathedral liturgy team warmly encourages and invites any parishioner who would like to commence this ministry to participate. Existing ministers of Holy Communion are also encouraged to attend. Please register with Jacinta in the Office.

## **Welcome to Fr Toan Nguyen**

Newly ordained priest for the Archdiocese of Melbourne who has been a student at Corpus Christi College Carlton, will spend this coming week in the Cathedral Parish for pastoral experience in health and aged care settings. He will minister at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat Heath Services and Nazareth House.

## **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

A gathering to share the experience of recent pilgrimages to the Holy Land with Fr Justin, including photos, stories, people and places will be held over a cuppa and light refreshments at OLHC Parish Centre, Gillies St Wendouree on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm. Cathedral parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

## **Workshop on Gregorian Chant**

Facilitator: Ronan Reilly of Australian Sacred Music Association Monday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 5.30 pm – 9.30 pm. MacKillop/Glowrey rooms (Smaller hall), St Patrick's Cathedral

## **The Ballarat Interfaith Network – 2017 Friendship Walk**

Come along on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> and spend an afternoon walking together in friendship and goodwill between St Alipius Catholic Church, Ballarat Hebrew Congregation Synagogue and Islamic Mosque.

Commencing with a prayer for peace we will then learn about some of the history and traditions of each of the places we visit. Meeting Place & Planned Walking Route:

2.00 pm – St Alipius Catholic Church, 84 Victoria St, Ballarat East,

2.45 pm – Hebrew Congregation Synagogue, 2 Barkly St, Bakery Hill

3.45 pm – Islamic Mosque, 116 Elsworth St, Canadian

**Registration:** Margaret 0400 650 234 | Maureen 0418 383 802

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



Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting the forgotten farming families of Vietnam, and throughout the world. Your considered gifts will help provide a new clean drinking water filtration system for the people of the coastal mountain region of Xuan Son. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of Catholic Mission.

**Collections**    Envelopes \$2,326.00                  Parish Loose \$261.25                  Presbytery \$1,441.55

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**    29<sup>th</sup> October    Team 1    Next week team 2. Thank you to all contributors and counters.

## **Building a Healthier Church**

A recent public lecture series at YTU in Box Hill has provided the impetus for further reflection and dialogue within our own Ballarat community, asking what we need to do to build a healthier Church? The following leaders spoke on three aspects of building a healthier Church (click on the links):

Bishop Vincent Long -                  [How are you going to approach these issues in your diocese?](#)

Maria Kirkwood -                  [Sharing Leadership in a Collaborative Church,](#)

Francis Sullivan -                  [What are the challenges that are coming from the Royal Commission?](#)

The website for the Truth Justice and Healing Council will direct you to these three presentations.

Amongst the many aspects that have been identified as being needed to build a healthier Church are

- the need for greater transparency in our decision making and stewardship of our resources
- the participation of more people in the governance of the Church, especially women
- participation in the National Redress scheme
- continued work to ensure the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults
- ongoing education and monitoring of professional standards
- challenging a culture that fosters clericalism

## **Gospel Reflection**

**Sr Veronica Lawson RSM**

*Until fairly recently, the Jewishness of Jesus was often downplayed, even ignored. Today's gospel passage has Jesus affirming the most central of Jewish traditions, namely the command of Deuteronomy 6 known as the Shema (so called from the first word in the statement meaning "hear"). The words of the Shema are recited repeatedly every day by every faithful Jew. Although not a prayer in itself, the Shema is an integral part of Jewish liturgy and prayer. It is a creedal statement that continues to function like an overture to Jewish life and practice. The doorpost at the entrance to a Jewish home generally features a tiny rectangular box known as a mezuzah. It contains a scroll bearing the text of the Shema. Those who enter touch the mezuzah with the greatest reverence. When I first encountered this practice, I was deeply affected by the power of the symbol to link one with the deep story of a people, in this case with that of the Jewish people.*

*In Matthew's story, Jesus the Jew provides an honest response to the less than honest questioning of an expert in Jewish law. He overlooks the hostility of the lawyer and evokes the text of the Shema. Jesus thus invites the lawyer to return to the heart of their shared tradition. He links the teaching of the Shema on wholehearted love of God with a second commandment taken from Leviticus 19: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". The lawyer's unfair "testing" of Jesus is evidence that this is precisely what he fails to do: he addresses Jesus as teacher, a term of respect, and yet fails to show him the respect due to him as neighbour.*

*For Jesus, the whole of the Torah and the teaching of the prophets can be summed up in the commandments to love God with all one's being-heart, soul, and mind, and to love one's neighbour as oneself. Not just love, but intensity of love is the issue here. We see such intensity of love in the lives of people like Dr Catherine Hamlin and the late Dr Reg Hamlin whose fistula hospital in Addis Ababa has, since 1959, restored health and dignity to the most marginalised of women. I see it in the heroism of my own friends who pour out their lives for the sake of those in communities remote from the centres of power. The witness of their commitment functions like the mezuzah in our lives: it draws us back into the heart of the gospel tradition and calls us to a deeper, more intense love. It also helps us to deal with the insincerity of those who seek to score points and undermine the dignity of others.*