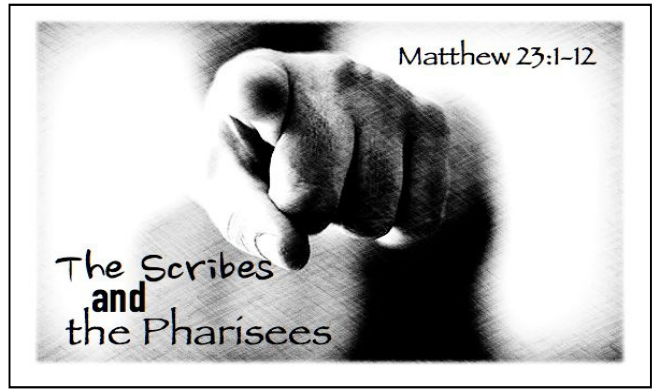


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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5th November 2017

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm
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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	11 th /12 th November	Skipton	Beaufort	Snake Valley
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm		6.30 pm Vigil	8.300am	10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Wednesday	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas	12.05 pm 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 (Ballarat Show Day Holiday)	
Saturday	10.00 am	Cathedral		

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 9.30 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 11.00 am

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 12th 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 6:12-16 Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2 Thessalonians 4:13-14 Matthew 25:1-3

Anniversaries: Frances Canty, Olive Edith Conroy, Jack Elliott, John Gannon, Veronica (Zella) Kelly, Zena Lewashkewicz, Molly Maher, Gerald Meich, Ronald Oakley, Jack Rody, Caroline Sinclair.

Cuppa & Chat after 10.30 am Sunday Mass in the smaller Cathedral Hall. Everyone is most welcome.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday November 12th, 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 7th – 9th. 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

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 8th 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.

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 8th at 2.30 pm. Cathedral parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete

Nazareth House Saturday 18th November 10.00 am Stalls galore, Handball competition, Morning Tea, Spinning Wheel, BBQ Lunch and much more... *Fun for all the family*

Found

Rosary beads were found at the Rotunda in Sturt St after the Fatima Rosary on Saturday 14th October, if they are yours please phone Pauline on 0409171291, so that they can be returned to you.

Alpha – What next?

Following the conclusion of the recent Alpha adult education in faith program, parishioners interested in ongoing adult faith formation opportunities are invited to gather at the Cathedral presbytery on Thursday November 9th at 7.00 pm. Those who have completed the Alpha series have indicated a desire to continue with opportunities to share faith in a trusting, small community environment.

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

Those interested in continuing the conversation as to how we build a healthier Church are invited to gather on Thursday November 9th at 4.00 pm in the Cathedral Parish office.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser

Carmel Kavanagh invites all the fundraiser at 30 Waller Avenue, Newington to assist local asylum seekers and their families 2.00 pm Sunday November 19th "Sweet Monas" Gospel Choir, singers, musicians, stalls, cakes, prize roses, face painting...afternoon tea. Entry \$20 Children free. Inquiries 0401175045.

Leadership for Mission 2018-2019

A Graduate Program for Young Catholic Women aged 25-35. Combines theological education, faith formation and preparation for mission in a multi-faith world. For more info and an application form go to <http://www.opw.catholic.org.au/young-women-s-interfaith-fellowship/leadership-for-mission-2018-2019>. Applications close Sunday, November 26th.

“Family Matters Forum” Website Resource

For those who missed Fr Frank Brennan and the *Family Matters: Strengthening Respectful Relationships* opening address, you can now watch or listen to his entire presentation. Other resources can also be accessed via this page that has been built for your use. The site also contains information about workshops (Tuning in to Kids, Keeping the focus on children in blended families, having the suicide conversation and family violence) and prayers: 2017familymatters.weebly.com/

Collections Envelopes \$2,245.00 Parish Loose \$333.50 Presbytery \$2,125.35

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 5th November Team 2 Next week team 3. Thank you to all contributors and counters.

Gospel Reflection

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

Shortly after I took up a five-year term as elected leader of my religious congregation, I handed the members of my council an article about leaving office gracefully. They objected that we had only begun our ministry of leadership. What was I suggesting? I was convinced then as now that gospel-inspired leadership requires that one hold one's position lightly, ever aware that leadership is a service for a time, an opportunity to create or maintain the conditions for all in the community or organisation to take their own power and to exercise it responsibly within the parameters of their core commitment. Leaders can only call their members to authentic living of their commitment if their own lives are congruent with what they profess.

Today's gospel has particular relevance for all in positions of authority, whether as teachers or leaders of organisations or communities. Appointment or election to such positions is not for the sake of status or self-aggrandizement. Neither does the specialised knowledge associated with such roles bring with it the right to special privileges. Sadly, both civic and religious leaders can easily develop a sense of entitlement that shifts the exercise of their authority from service to privilege and oppression. That seems to have been the case for certain religious leaders in first century Palestine.

Within Second Temple Judaism, the Pharisees were the respected teachers and interpreters of the Law of Moses. Some of them abused their positions and so became the subject of Jesus' scathing and cumulative criticism. They exploited their specialised knowledge to exercise power over the people and create intolerable burdens while at the same time failing to observe their own rules. They sought the adulation of the people through their exaggerated and ostentatious observance of certain religious customs. They are accused of broadening their phylacteries, the little leather boxes containing the words of the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:5) that observant Jews bound to their heads and arms, and of lengthening the tassles attached to their cloaks (in observance of Deuteronomy 22:12). They looked for special treatment, for places and titles of honour, and for public recognition.

*Matthew attaches to this condemnation of the scribes and Pharisees several loosely connected sayings of Jesus that link service and humility. Greatness lies, not in the pursuit of power over others, but rather in knowing one's proper place in the scheme of things and so recognising that God is the source of all human power and authority. In *Treading Lightly: The Hidden Wisdom of the World's Oldest People*, Karl-Erik Svelby and Tex Skuthorpe demonstrate how the story of one indigenous community, the Nhunngabarra, offers a compelling alternative to hierarchical leadership in our times, namely the age-old "context-specific" leadership for sustainability. *Treading Lightly* offers a vision utterly congruent with the gospel-inspired earth-conscious leadership of Pope Francis.*