

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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	18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> November	Smythesdale	Skipton	Rokewood
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm		6.30 pm Vigil	9.000am	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	12.05 pm Cathedral	
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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

**Next week's readings:** Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31 127:1-5. R. v.1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

**Recent Deaths:** Scott Brooks, Margaret Haintz, Bill O'Loughlin, Verna Walsh

**Anniversaries:** Patricia Gersch, Bob Harty, Angus MacDonald, Gerald Meich, Brian Stevenson, Christopher Storey

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

Hudson James Illingworth

son of Scott & Natalie

Mia Angela Bruty

daughter of Mark & Michelle

Bella Rose Pett

daughter of Andrew & Rachael

Arlo Roy Wilcox

son of Brendan & Tegan



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



**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

**Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete**

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

**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 19<sup>th</sup> "Sweet Monas" Gospel Choir, singers, musicians, stalls, cakes, prize roses, face painting...afternoon tea. Entry \$20 Children free. Inquiries 0401175045.

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Over forty children in the senior levels of primary school are participating in the senior Reconciliation sacramental program that the Cathedral parish is currently offering. In addition to the preparation within the family context at home, these children are participating in dismissals from the 5.00 pm Mass each week. They will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Gordon Cemetery Mass**

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. Some seating supplied. Cup of tea available afterwards at Donegan's Farm. Please pass information on to interested people.

## **Centenary of the Ballarat Cathedral Branch of the Catholic Women's League**

Celebration of the centenary of its foundation in Ballarat by Dr Mary Glowrey on Saturday November 25th 2017. 10.00 am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral followed by light morning tea and Guest Speaker in Mary Glowrey Room. 12.30pm Lunch. Guest Speaker at 1.30pm, Very Rev John Salvano, Spiritual Director, CWL Victoria & Wagga Wagga Inc and Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. Afternoon Tea Entry \$25 (includes Lunch and Refreshments). All are welcome to attend. RSVP Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>. Carmel 0401 175 045 or Anna 0400 260 660.

## **From the Cathedral Parish Liturgy team**

Preparations for the season Advent are underway with the Anointing Mass scheduled for 12.05 pm Mass on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>. This Mass, held in the Cathedral Hall is followed by lunch.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at 7.00 pm on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Masses celebrating the end of the school year for our Parish Primary Schools and Secondary Colleges will be celebrated as follows

Loreto College	Year 12 Graduation Mass	7.00 pm Thursday November 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Damascus College	Year 12 Graduation Mass	5.30 pm Monday November 27 <sup>th</sup>
St Patrick's Primary	End of Year School Mass	6.00 pm Tuesday December 5 <sup>th</sup>
St Thomas More	End of Year School Mass	6.00 pm Wednesday December 6 <sup>th</sup>
Siena Primary	End of Year School Mass	Friday December 15 <sup>th</sup>

## **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/](http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/)

## **Proclaim 2018 – Early Bird Registrations Now Open**

This exciting conference will engage parishes in an ongoing conversation focusing on Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation. This conversation will draw together over 500 participants from across Australia for keynote presentations, facilitated conversation sessions, peer learning, expert discussion panels and future visionary planning. Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane). 12 – 14 July 2018 in Brisbane. To find out more visit [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) and register at the early bird rate.

**Collections**   Envelopes \$1,477.00   Parish Loose \$341.50   Presbytery \$2,268.25

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**   12<sup>th</sup> November   Team 3   Next week team 4. Thank you to all contributors and counters.

### **Gospel Reflection**

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The last section of Matthew's gospel, before the narrative of the passion and resurrection, is a collection of Jesus' teachings urging readiness for death and judgment. The gospel readings for the liturgies of today and next Sunday (the last Sundays of the year's cycle) are from this section. Today we hear the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. The stern tone of the parable should not obscure for us the festive background this story would have called to mind for the original audience. The wedding customs of Palestine – different from our own – have not changed much over the centuries. They come to a climax with the arrival of the bridegroom and his friends at the home of the bride. Upon his arrival, the friends of the bride, who have been waiting with her, go out to join the groom's party for a ceremonial entrance. Those who heard the parable would have recalled that in the Old Testament, Israel's God was called the bridegroom of Israel. The rabbis used the espousal imagery of the Song of Songs in recalling this theme. The members of Matthew's community would have recalled that Jesus referred to himself as 'the bridegroom' (cf. Mt 9:35). The whole emphasis of the parable story, it is clear, is readiness for the coming of the Bridegroom. The 'cry' that goes up when he arrives, capturing the festive joy of the occasion, tells us of the eagerness with which the first Christians looked forward to the Lord's return. All the bride's friends are asleep – the Saviour's return, whether in the moment of death or at the end of the world's history - will come as a surprise to all. Though they are asleep, the wise bridesmaids are ready. Like the lover in the Song of Songs, they can say, 'I sleep, but my heart is awake'. We should not be distracted by their abrupt refusal to share their oil. Remember, in their original form the parables have one point to make. The foolish bridesmaids are removed from the scene to emphasize the point that only those who are ready will join in the festivities.

The first reading, from the book of Wisdom, is well chosen. In his story, Jesus calls the maidens who are ready 'wise'. Wisdom is greatly prized by the traditions of the world; it is a knowledge that helps us understand the things that really matter. Wisdom belongs to a set of Old Testament writings that give expression to a spirituality nourished by an outlook that comes from living one's life in harmony with the ways of God. As the parable invites us to ask ourselves whether we are ready to meet our Lord, and to review the loyalties and values that shape our lives, we may well ponder what is offered to us by God's Word in the first reading: the joy and peace that come from being in tune with God is there to be 'found by those who look'.

The first Christians looked forward eagerly to the Lord's return. With the passing of time, it became clear then to their period of waiting would be long. With the Saviour's resurrection, the last moment of God's plan has come; but as the second letter of Peter reminded those concerned about this delay, 'With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years' (3:8). These developments are echoed in the reading from 1Thessalonians. It seems that when they embraced the faith and rejoiced in the union with Christ brought by baptism this community thought that they would not see death before the Lord's return. Some have died, however, and Paul is instructing them to remove their confusion. With them we can look forward to festivities in store for us. 'The Spirit and the Bride say, Come! ... Come, Lord Jesus' (Rev 22, 17, 20).