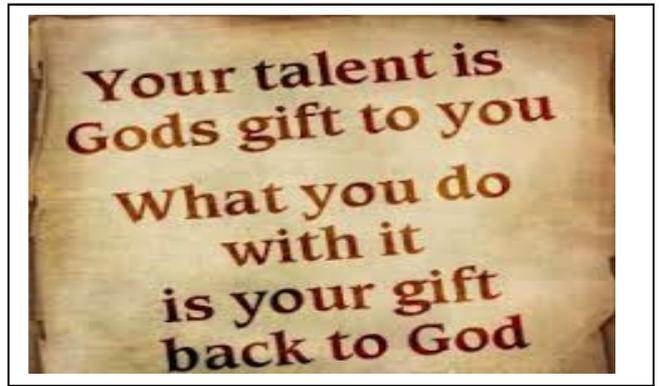


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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19th November 2017

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

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 Principals of our three Parish Schools

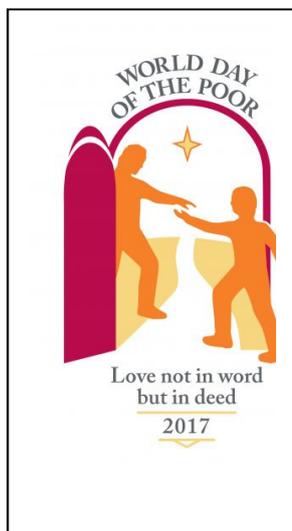
[St Patrick's Primary](#) Mark Hogbin, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) at Lucas Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses	25th/26th November	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	12.05 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 11.00 am Saturday 11.30 am



First World Day of the Poor (Pope Francis)

Pope Francis announced the World Day for the Poor in his concluding message for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. He said he wanted it to be celebrated annually on the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, a week before the Solemnity of Christ the King, as “yet another tangible sign of this Extraordinary Holy Year.” It’s also based on “our understanding that each of us is poor in some way, and that we need to empty ourselves of certain things so that God’s grace can fill us, God’s mercy can fill us,” he said, adding that “there’s so much we can learn from those who are poor as we try to provide.”

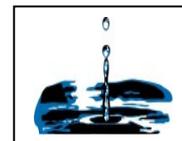
Next week’s readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1 Cor.15:20-26. 28 Mark 25:9-11

Recent Deaths: Basil Moss, Lyn O'Brien, Damien Rowan, Anna Vossem

Anniversaries: Rosa Casella, Jean Favaloro, Basil Maher, Andrew O'Brien, Ronald Rosser,
Molly Taffe, Don Warden, Daisy Watson

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Harriet Stella Wilson daughter of Samuel & Grace
Madison Veronica Westin daughter of Mark & Jaimee
Lacey Mary Boyce daughter of Claire & Callum



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

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 21st and Wednesday 22nd

From the Cathedral Parish Liturgy team

Preparations for the season Advent are underway with the Anointing Mass scheduled for 12.05 pm Mass on Thursday December 14th. This Mass, held in the Cathedral Hall is followed by lunch.

The 2nd Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at 7.00 pm on Wednesday December 13th. 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 rd
Damascus College	Year 12 Graduation Mass	5.30 pm Monday November 27 th
St Patrick's Primary	End of Year School Mass	6.00 pm Tuesday December 5 th
St Thomas More	End of Year School Mass	6.00 pm Wednesday December 6 th
Siena Primary	End of Year School Mass	Friday December 15 th

St Vincent de Paul Society Jesse Tree Christmas Appeal 2017

The Cathedral Parish Conference of the Society will again be distributing Christmas hampers. Over the years Cathedral Parishioners have been extremely generous to St Vincent de Paul, not only at Christmas time but also with our Winter appeal. Last Christmas we were able to provide support to over 130 families and individuals as a result of the generosity of the Cathedral parishioners.

Jesse Tree symbols will be distributed after each Mass commencing next Sunday the Feast of Christ the King and throughout the Season of Advent. We again ask that you support our Jesse Tree Appeal through the donation of non-perishable food items. Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes are available in the pews for those wishing to make a cash donation to the appeal.

Hampers will be delivered on Wednesday December 20th 2017 therefore it would be appreciated if non-perishable food items could be placed under the Jesse Tree prior to this date.

What next after Alpha?

Following the success of the Alpha adult faith education program, a regular Thursday evening adult faith formation opportunity is open to all Cathedral parishioners and friends. Fr James Mallon's Divine Renovation will be the focus for the coming weeks. A shared meal, presentation and open dialogue is the format to be held from 6.30 pm in the Cathedral Presbytery, next Thursday November 23rd. All welcome!

Building a Healthier Church. Where to from here?

Continuing the conversation following the presentations by Maria Kirkwood, Bishop Vincent Long and Francis Sullivan (these can be accessed through the [YTU Website](#)). All welcome to the Cathedral presbytery on Thursday November 23rd at 4.00 pm.

Opportunities for Adult faith formation

Heart of Life Spirituality Centre

Would you like to become a Spiritual Director? The 'Siloam' Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors can be studied on Mondays (9am-5pm) over two years at Heart of Life in Box Hill. The program fosters a discerning, contemplative approach whereby spiritual directors-in-formation become more and more attuned to the movement of God's spirit in themselves and in their directees. The Program may be studied as a Grad Dip in Spiritual Direction for those who meet the criteria. Further information holsc@bigpond.com or tel 03 9890 1101.

Pastoral Care Education

An exciting opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care recognised and accredited towards theological studies through the University of Divinity is now available in regional Victoria. A newly created South West Victoria Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Centre has been registered through the Association for Supervised and Clinical Pastoral Education Victoria (ASACPEV Inc.). An extended part-time program will commence in February and conclude in November 2018. For more information and an application form, go to the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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. 10.00am: Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral followed by light morning tea and Guest Speaker in Mary Glowrey Room. 12.30pm: Lunch. 1.30pm: Guest Speaker, 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 As soon as possible: 0401 175 045 or Anna: 0400 260 660

Collections Envelopes \$1,857.00 Parish Loose \$359.85 Presbytery \$1,941.00

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 19th November Team 4 Next week team 5. Thank you to all contributors and counters.



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

Some reflections and statements on the plebiscite on Marriage Equality

Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney

“I recognise that for some people this debate has been a cause of distress. It is time now to come together as a nation, renew our friendships with those who think differently to us, and ensure that respect for different beliefs is clearly enshrined in our laws and customs.” Archbishop Anthony Fisher said it was vital that new marriage legislation protects rights to religious belief and expression, free speech and association, in education and parenting. *“Polling data shows both yes and no voters support robust religious liberty protections.”*

Bishop Vincent Long of Parramatta

“It is important to remember from the very outset that the postal survey is about whether or not Australians want the legal definition of civil marriage changed to include same-sex couples. It is not a referendum on sacramental marriage as understood by the Catholic Church... For many Catholics, the issue of same-sex marriage is not simply theoretical but deeply personal. These may be same-sex attracted people themselves or that may be the case with their relatives and friends. In such cases, they are torn between their love for the Church and their love for their same-sex attracted child, grandchild, sibling, cousin, friend or neighbour.”

Archbishop Denis Hart (Melbourne)

“The Catholic Church continues to respect the dignity of LGBTIQ Australians and our ministries will continue to care deeply about the dignity and value of all people we encounter. “Parliamentarians must recognise and respect the concerns of the more than 4.8 million Australians who opposed a change to the definition of marriage by putting in place strong conscience and religious freedom protections. “These protections must ensure that Australians can continue to express their views on marriage, that faith-based schools can continue to teach the traditional understanding of marriage and that organisations can continue to operate in a manner that is consistent with those values.

Bishop Gerard Holohan (Bunbury)

‘Sadly, in the recent debate about gay marriage, many gay people – along with their parents, families and friends – have been hurt by what they have been told is Catholic teaching on homosexual people. Catholic teaching on the dignity of gay people is one thing: Catholic teaching on marriage is another.’