

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

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Cathedral Parish Pastoral Carer at Ballarat Health Services Tracy Sillekens  
Cathedral Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Jess Salazar who may be contacted through the Cathedral Office

Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Kathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet,

[Siena](#) at Lucas Jo Brewer

**Cathedral Parish Masses 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January 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	12.05pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Wednesday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Thursday	9.30 am	Redan	11.30am St John of God	12.05 pm Cathedral
Friday	9.30 am	Sebastopol	10.00am Cathedral (Australia Day holiday)	
Saturday	10.00 am	Cathedral		

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Tuesday 10.00 am – 11.45 am, Friday 12.30 pm

**Recent Deaths:** Lowen Hardy, Margaret Holmes, Jillian Kors, Anne Packer, John Parkin,

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Coffey, Jack Curran, Frank Godfrey, Neville Joseph Grace,  
Sr Ellen Holland (Cluny), Morrie Holloway, Bill & Mae Martin,  
Peter McLean, Fr Joe McMahon, Graeme Phillips, Linda O'Reilly

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017*     *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9     1 Corinthians 7:32-35     Mark 1:21-28

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

Alexander Benjamin Glover

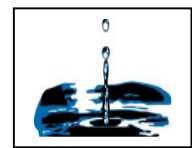
son of Jonathan & Stephanie

William George Ryan

son of Michael & Belinda

Harriet Lola Jens

daughter of Tristian & Jane



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

**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 February 1<sup>st</sup> in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms in the small hall.

**Developments at Siena Catholic Primary School, Lucas**

Since its opening in February 2017 with 70 students, our third Cathedral Parish Primary School has continued to flourish and grow. A second building has been installed to cater for the growing numbers of students enrolled. Forty Foundation (Prep) students will commence next month with a total enrolment of 140 students. More staff have been employed to cater for the growing numbers.

**Post Alpha adult faith formation**

The first gathering for 2018 will be on Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> with a light meal from 6.30 pm before continuing with Fr James Mallon's [Divine Renovation](#). All parishioners and friends are welcome to gather in the Dining room at the Cathedral presbytery.

## **Celebrating the Year of Youth in the Diocese of Ballarat**

The new young adult leadership team for the Cathedral Parish Youth Ministry will be attending '*Called and Sent*', a weekend offered by the Melbourne Archdiocesan Youth Office for developing foundations in youth ministry. This will be held at Don Bosco Camp Safety Beach, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> with the Cathedral Parish providing the sponsorship for our youth leaders to attend. The Australian Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry is [\*Anointed and Sent\*](#) which has eight focus areas: *Prayer and Worship, Evangelisation, Catechesis, Pastoral Care, Community life, Justice and Service, Leadership development and Advocacy.*

In commencing the new year for youth ministry we express our appreciation to Michaela Corrigan and Daniel Van Styn for their leadership throughout 2017.

## **Seeking a Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Project Worker**

Ballarat Diocese will be employing a Project Worker in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2018, the Year of Youth. This will be a 12 month position, fulltime preferred but not essential. A position description will be available on the diocesan website in January or you can contact [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) to have the position description emailed to you.

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Organs of the Goldfields Festival**

The festival will close on ***Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>*** in St Patrick's Cathedral commencing at 8.00 pm with the *Missa Salisburgensis* of Heinrich Biber, a giant composition of Baroque Sacred Music, bringing together two University choirs of Queens & Newman Colleges, directed by Gary Ekkel. We welcome the many performers, musicians and visitors to Ballarat and the Cathedral for the organs of the goldfields festival.

**Collections**            Envelopes \$1,854.00    Parish Loose \$367.10  
                                 Presbytery \$2,221.10

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**            January 21<sup>st</sup>            Team 6    Next week team 7.

Thank you to all contributors and counters.

## **Gospel Reflection:**

John Thornhill sm

Today's liturgy invites us to take up again the reflections on Christian discipleship that we began last Sunday. Last week we considered what Christian discipleship has in common with the following of inspiring human leaders. The vivid picture painted by Mark in today's gospel reading highlights characteristics of Christian discipleship that have no parallel in the world of human discipleship.

In our common human experience, the decision to become a disciple is first and foremost a decision made by the follower. The decision to become a disciple of the Saviour has its origin in the decision and call of the Lord himself. Mark's brief narrative probably has its basis in a more complex sequence of events - in which the four fishermen have already heard the 'Good News' preached by Jesus, that 'the kingdom of God is close at hand': alluded to in the previous verses. But Mark wishes to emphasise the authoritative call of Jesus as the basis of the relationship they enter into, and the unconditional nature of their response. 'You did not choose me, no. I chose you' – these words of Jesus at the supper, in John's gospel, are addressed to each of us. Our relationship with the Lord is grounded in his decision on our behalf and his eternal fidelity.

Responding to the call of Jesus – like all the great decisions of a full and generous life – is not without its cost. We are reminded of this by Mark's stark narrative - as the four leave behind old securities and their kinsfolk to throw in their lot with Jesus.

The choice of Jesus is not related to any previous formation or qualifications. Mark describes the call as coming to them unexpectedly, in the midst of their daily work. As successful fishermen, with hired labour, they were probably literate and relatively well informed in the faith of old Israel. But this is of no consequence in Mark's narrative. We who are called together to form the community of the Lord's disciples come from different backgrounds and outlooks, young and old, rich and poor; united in our discipleship of the one Lord we must show the world all that a generous following of Christ has to offer the human family – nothing less than a foretaste of the final Kingdom.

'I will make you fishers of men' – the call to discipleship is an invitation to share in the mission of Jesus, to share his responsibility for the whole human family. If the Church in which we believe is the community of those who have responded to this call, Mark's account presents Jesus as beginning to create the Church at the very outset of his ministry.

The contrast between the relationship entered into by Jewish rabbi of the time of Jesus, and the relationship the Saviour entered into with his disciples has often been remarked upon. 'Follow me' – these words give expression to a decision made from all eternity, a decision that will never be revoked, as he leads us to share in his own eternal destiny.