

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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February 11th 2018



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

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Project Compassion



In Nepal, a Caritas supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in Nepal to build a just future for their families and their communities.

Envelopes & Boxes are available in the Cathedral foyers.

Cathedral Parish Masses 17th/18th February **Smythesdale** **Skipton** **Rokewood**
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 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05 pm Cathedral

Ash Wednesday 7.30 am, 10.00 am, (12 Noon ACU) 12.05 pm & 7.00 pm Cathedral
(Skipton 7.30 pm Tuesday, Beaufort 7.00 pm Wednesday, Snake Valley 7.30 pm Wed.)

Thursday 9.30 am Redan 11.30am St John of God 12.05 pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30 am Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral

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

Next week's readings: Sunday 18th February 2017 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Genesis 9:8-15 Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

Recent Deaths: Sr Margaret Gray (Loreto), Barbara Melican, Des Nolan

Anniversaries: Alexandra Chivers, Ellen (Nell) Nunn, Sr Rosalie Rowley SJOG, Win Westenberger

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Nevon Deo Thuse son of Pubudu & Disanayaka

Elodie Vesper Wealands daughter of Ashley & Lena

Aubrey John Sullivan son of Liam & Emma



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

Junior Reconciliation Program

Enrolments from year 4 children (or older) who have celebrated Confirmation, to participate in the Reconciliation, part 1 (junior) program. It is a requirement before preparing and celebrating First Eucharist (Communion) in term 2.

An information session for parents to attend will take place on:

- Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 10.00am and 7.00pm in the Glowrey & McKillop Rooms of St Patrick's Cathedral Hall.

Parents only (no children required) will need to attend ONE of the information sessions please. For further information please contact Anita or Jacinta at the Parish Office on 53 312 933

Lenten Study Group

Beth Pennington will facilitate a Lenten study on Tuesday evenings commencing February 13th at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery meeting room, following a contemporary and communal version of the ancient Christian practice of Lectio Divina ('holy reading') a prayerful meditation on the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent. Register with Jacinta 5331 2933

Parish School Opening Masses

Siena @ Lucas – 9.00 am Thursday February 15th at the school.

St Patrick's Primary – 10.00 am Tuesday February 20th at the Cathedral.

St Thomas More – 9.30 am Thursday March 1st at the school.

RCIA Rite of Election Saturday February 17th at 12.30 pm

The Rite of Election for catechumens, candidates and children of catechetical age will take place on in the Cathedral with Bishop Paul. Kirby and Allan, the Cathedral Parish RCIA Candidate and Catechumen will celebrate the Rite of Naming in preparation at 5.00 pm Mass today.

Celebrating the Year of Youth in the Diocese of Ballarat

YESS Youth Ministers invite any parishioners, parents and participants (ages 13-18) interested in YESS Youth Group to come to our Information Night to launch our 2018 program for YESS, on Sunday the 11th at 6.00 pm in the MacKillop/ Glowrey rooms (small hall). See you there!

Sunday February 18th

6.00 pm-8.00 pm Janak Prasad Sharma, Regional Program Manager of Caritas Nepal & Eleanor Trinchera, will be a special guest of YESS. For catering purposes RSVP to the office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au by Monday February 12th.

Counters February 11th Team 2 Next week team 3.

Thank you to all contributors and counters.

Collections

Envelopes \$1,489.90 Parish Loose \$301.00 Presbytery \$1,929.00

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.

Days of Fasting and Reparation
following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to
Child Sexual Abuse, February 14-17, 2018

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims and survivors, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience. Our apologies have at time seemed too little – not because they were insincere, but because trust has been broken. We stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust. With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with four days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace.

*Heavenly Father, who loves and cares for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable,
we entrust to you the lives of the many children and vulnerable
adults, who have been sexually abused,
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.
Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for so many broken lives.
We pray that within their communities and families
they may find understanding and support
so that with the help of your grace their wounds may be
healed, and they may again know peace.*

**There will be Evening Prayer of the Church in the Cathedral on Thursday,
February 15th at 6.00 pm and the Holy Hour on Friday at 12.30 pm.**