

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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March 11th 2018



Parish Office hours

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Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Cathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses March 17th /18th **Smythesdale** **Skipton** **Rokewood**
6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	10.00am	Cathedral (Labour Day public holiday)
Tuesday	12.05pm	Cathedral
Wednesday	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral
Thursday	9.30am	Redan 11.30am St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral
Friday	9.30am	Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral
Saturday	10.00am	Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10.00am – 11.45am Friday 12.30pm

Sung Responsorial Psalm for this forth Sunday of Lent

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.

Recent Death: Stephen Heys

Anniversaries: Philip Franklin, Pat O'Halloran, Jeffrey Page, Les Pearce,
Maree Rantall

Next week's readings: *Sunday March 18th 2018* *5th Sunday in Lent (B)*

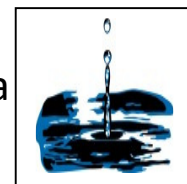
Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Bailey Isabelle Ellul daughter of Kevin & Renee

Ava Rose Julian daughter of Jonathon & Samantha

Archie John Kieran Oram son of Thomas & Grace



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

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Wednesdays in the Cathedral at 11.30am

Fridays with Fr Sajan and the Malayalum community at 7.00pm

Preparing for Easter

Fr Justin will present an evening on The Easter Triduum in the Glowery Room, Sunday March 18th 7.00pm. Join us for insights & understandings of the Triduum to enhance our Parish celebration. All welcome.

St Patrick's Day Saturday March 17th 2018

Celebrating the Feast Day of our Patron, St Patrick with Mass at 10.00am followed by morning tea. All are welcome to join us and If you are able please bring something to share for morning tea.

Celebrating the Ministry of Lector

Bishop Paul will celebrate 5.00pm Mass this Sunday at which our two 3rd year seminarians for the Ballarat Diocese – Bill Lowry and Matt Restall will be admitted to the Ministry of lector. Welcome and congratulations!

Lenten Anointing Mass

Wednesday March 21st 12.05pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall followed by lunch. Donations of cakes or slices appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the Hall before Mass. Assistance to prepare lunch at 10.00am and help with the serving appreciated. If you require transport on the day phone the Parish Office on 53312933.

RCIA Celebrations on the Night of the Easter Vigil, Saturday March 31st

An invitation is extended to all who have walked the RCIA journey in our Parish to celebrate the anniversary of your Initiation into the Catholic Church by attending the 8.00pm Easter Vigil. At supper it will be a great time to renew friendships, as well as welcome Kirby who will be baptised and fully initiated into the Catholic Church and Allan who will be received into full communion of the Catholic Church at the Vigil.

Ministries for the Easter Triduum

Are you available for liturgical ministry at the Triduum? If so, please place your name on the roster on the table in the Cathedral's Sth transept.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Irish Music Afternoon

Nazareth House Hall Friday March 16th 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Admission \$5 Entrance prize, afternoon tea, raffle and a cake stall.

Pre-School Easter Celebration

Cathedral Preschool Easter celebration - a fun filled morning of Easter crafts, singing, story time, Easter egg hunt, and socializing with other families. Please bring a plate of morning tea, to be shared with children and parents (nut-free food is greatly appreciated). St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Thursday March 22nd 10.00am- 12noon.

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony

Consecration to Our Lady will be held on Saturday March 24th following the 10.00am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome to participate.

Did Jesus Truly Rise from the Dead?

Come and join Raymond De Souza KM at Mountain of Praise Retreat Centre, 23 Cemetery Hill Rd, Carngham 8.00pm, Saturday March 17th.

Collections Envelopes \$1,900.20 Parish Loose \$340.30 Presbytery \$2,349.20

Counters March 11th Team 6 Next week team 7.

Thank you to all contributors and counters.

Project Compassion



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A Just Future starts with your support! Donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413.

Reflection on the Gospel, 4th Sunday of Lent -Veronica Lawson RSM

The gospel for today is the concluding section of Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee called Nicodemus, who comes to him "by night". It features a number of typically Johannine themes: life, eternal life, believing, seeing, God's love, salvation, judgment, light, darkness, the world, truth. John loves to play on words. Without losing sight of the material reality underlying each image, we need to keep asking: how is this word or expression to be understood in this particular context? In John's gospel, the characters often misunderstand and this gives Jesus the opportunity to lead his hearers to a deeper or different understanding of his words.