

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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March 18th 2018



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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Cathedral Parish Masses March 24th /25th	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm	6.30pm Vigil	8.30am	10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm	Cathedral
Tuesday	12.05pm	Cathedral
Wednesday	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral (Anointing)
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

Holy Week in the Cathedral Parish

Monday March 26 th	6.30pm	Mass of the Oils
Wednesday March 28 th	7.00pm	Tenebrae
Holy Thursday March 29th	7.00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
	9.30pm	Night Prayer to conclude the watch
Good Friday March 30 th	10.00am	Ballarat North Way of the Cross
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday March 31 st	10.00am	RCIA Preparation Rites
	8.00pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday April 1 st	8.00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm	Masses
	6.30pm	Syro Malabar Mass

Sung Responsorial Psalm for this forth Sunday of Lent

Create a clean heart in me O God, Create a clean heart in me

Recent Death: David Hayes, Jim Ryan, Doreen Mary White

Anniversaries: Max Hemmy, Michael Andrew McLaughlan

Next week's readings: *Sunday March 25th 2018* *Palm Sunday (B)*

Isaiah 50:4-7 Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 15:1-49

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Seb Steven & Lulu Allira Lench

children of Graeme & Jade

Honora Lilian Baker

daughter of Scott & Hana

John Samuel baker

son of Luke & Naomi

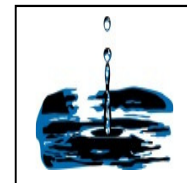
Ashby Ej Freckleton

son of Adrian & Danielle

Spencer Jack Manning

son of Bowen & Jacquelyn

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 at 7.00pm.

Preparing for the Easter Triduum

Sunday, March 18th 7.00pm Fr Justin will share insights and understandings of the Triduum to enhance our Parish celebration. In the Glowery Room.

This feast, which is the summit of the Liturgical Year, spread over three days, celebrates Christ's Paschal Mystery. All welcome.

Lenten Anointing Mass

Wednesday March 21st 12.05pm Mass of Anointing will be held in the Hall at 12.05pm, followed by lunch. Donations of cakes or slices appreciated (please leave in the Hall before Mass). Assistance to prepare lunch at 10am and help with the serving would be very much appreciated. Transport available (contact the Parish Office on 53312933).

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.

Hospitality for the Celebration after the Easter Vigil (8.00pm March 31st)

After our Parish celebrates the Easter Vigil with Bishop Paul and members of the Parish, together with visitors and our RCIA catechumen Kirby and candidate Alan, there will be supper in the Hall. Donations of Sandwiches, cakes or savouries appreciated. These may be left in the kitchen prior to the 8.00pm Vigil. We also require people to assist with serving the supper as well. If you can assist please contact Jacinta in the office on 53312933.

Parish Celebration of the Second Rite of Reconciliation

As preparation for Easter, all are invited to the celebration of the Second Rite of Reconciliation, Wednesday, March 21st at 7.00 pm in the Cathedral. During this liturgy there will be opportunity for Individual Confession as well as prayer and reflection on the Holy Scriptures. All welcome.

Pre-School Easter Celebration

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

Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service

9.20am from the Queen Alexandra bandstand in Sturt St (between Dawson & Doveton), join the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting Church congregations for a simple service before we each process to our respective Churches to commence Holy Week.

Building a Healthier Church

The Ozanam Conversation is a free annual event in honour Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Guest speakers Bishop Vincent Long in conversation with Geraldine Doogue. Thursday April 26th 6.30pm – 7.45pm, Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Drinks and canapés served from 6.00pm. RSVP – 20/4/18 Email: rsvp@svdp-vic.org.au Phone (03) 9895 5935. If you wish to attend by bus please contact Alan West phone 0407 120 943.

Collections Envelopes \$1,955.50 Parish Loose \$423.05 Presbytery\$2,135.50

Counters March 11th Team 6 Next week team 7.

Thank you to all contributors and counters.

Preparing for the Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Bishops at their November meeting decided that the Plenary Council will be held in two sessions, one in October 2020 around the tenth anniversary of Mary Mackillop's canonisation and the second in May 2021. One of these sessions will be held in Central Australia and the other in one of the major cities on the East Coast. The official launch will be on Pentecost Sunday 2018. That will begin a year of consultation through diocesan and parish meetings, family conversations, facilitated community discussions, meetings with schools, health care, social welfare agencies, with aboriginal groups, the poor, listening sessions with the bishops and so forth. There will also be consultation and reporting back through the website, discussion through social media, and other ways. The hope is that many Catholics, active and disaffected, will take the opportunity to help plan the future of our Australian Church. After Easter 2019 we will try to review and consolidate what has been said in the hope of beginning a second phase of consultation and prayerful discernment after Pentecost 2019. Early in 2020 the main issues and directions should be clearer and we can prepare documents, merciful and inspiring ones along the lines of the Vatican II documents. These can then be shared and attract feedback and discernment before the October 2020 first Session. They may also be accompanied by legislation to ensure they are implemented.

Because this is meant to be an open consultation where "everything is on the table" it is difficult to say at this stage what the major themes will be and what legislation will be required. But one thing is clear, whatever legislation is required our bigger need is to talk to and appreciate one another. There is a certain amount of fatigue in the church these days that no law will resolve. We need to discover the Spirit in the church and among ourselves. Pope Francis is convinced that it is by listening to one another that we listen to God and that "open and fraternal debate makes theological and pastoral thought grow". He is also convinced in the power of face-to-face encounter. Hopefully, there will be plenty of opportunities for personal encounters in the process.