

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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March 25th 2018



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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Holy Week in the Cathedral Parish

Monday March 26 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Mass of the Oils
Tuesday March 27 th	12.05pm	Morning Prayer
	12.05pm	Mass
	5.30pm	Reconciliation
Wednesday March 28 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Stations of the Cross
	12.05pm	Mass
	5.30pm	Reconciliation
Holy Thursday March 29 th	7.00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
	9.30pm	Night Prayer to conclude the watch
	10.00am	Ballarat North Way of the Cross
Good Friday March 30 th	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	10.00am	RCIA Preparation Rites
Holy Saturday March 31 st	11.30am	Reconciliation
	8.00pm	Easter Vigil
	8.00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm	Masses
Easter Sunday April 1 st	6.30pm	Syro Malabar Mass

Sung Responsorial Psalm for Palm Sunday

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Recent Death: Peter Burke, Rita Gorman, Fr Peter McGrath (Passionist Priest, Founder of the Family Groups), Elizabeth Smith.

Anniversaries: Kevin Buckle, Margaret Button, Charles Coughlan, John Hayden, Anne McDonald, Patrick McDonald.

Next week's readings: *Sunday April 1^s 2018* *Easter Sunday (B)*
Acts 10:34. 37-43 Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24 Colossians3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Change of Saturday Night Vigil Mass Time

Commencing on Saturday April 7th the Vigil Mass time will change from 6.30pm to 5.30pm until the recommencement of daylight saving time.

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.

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 – April 24th rsvp@svdp-vic.org.au 9895 5935. To attend by bus please, the Ballarat Vinnies Conference invites you to join them, contact Alan West 0407 120 943.

St John of God Past Trainees Reunion

April 14th at The Ballarat Golf Club from 11.00am. Tickets are \$55.00 for 3 course meal. Tickets phone Geraldine Vagg 0418554096

Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service

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

WYD 2019 Pilgrimage to Panama – calling for pilgrims!

Interested in being part of the Ballarat Diocese World Youth Day Pilgrimage (18-35 year olds) to Panama in January 2019? Express your interest to youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au Go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

2019 Enrolment in our Cathedral Parish Primary schools

St Patrick's Primary School, St Thomas More School and Siena @ Lucas, are now taking enrolments for the 2019 Foundation (Prep) students.

Applications due by April 23rd. Contact the schools for more information.

The Neil Street Uniting Church Choir Presents

An Easter Musical “This We Believe” Arranged by Tom Fettke, Orchestrated by Russell Mauldin. Tuesday March 27th, 7.30pm Admission is Free ~ Freewill Offering. Cnr Neill St & Macarthur Streets Soldiers Hill.

Plenary Council 2020

Everyone is invited to reflect on the question: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?” www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Appointment of Vicar General

Bishop Paul has appointed Fr Kevin Maloney (PP of Redan & Sebastopol) as the Vicar General, replacing Fr Justin who has completed his five-year term.

Collections Envelopes \$2,186.00 Parish Loose \$469.55 Presbytery \$2,655.55

Counters March 25th Team 1 Next week team 2.

Gospel Reflection:

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

The gospel account of the suffering and death of Jesus opens with the story of an insightful but unnamed woman who pours out healing ointment on the head of Jesus. We might reflect on the Eucharistic character of her actions of breaking and pouring and of Jesus' assurance that what she has done will be told in memory of her. She did "what she could". The story of her support for Jesus is sandwiched between two stories of opposition: an assassination plot on the part of the religious authorities, and the foreshadowing of Jesus' betrayal at the hands of a close follower. Status does not guarantee goodness or insight. As the story unfolds, we hear that, despite his earlier instruction to "stay awake", Jesus' closest followers fall asleep when he most needs them. Worse than that, they betray, deny, and abandon him. Some Galilean women remain faithful. They have followed him and looked after him on the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. They become witnesses to his death and burial. These women will also discover the empty tomb and take the message of the resurrection to the male disciples. A foreign passer-by, Simon, whose sons are known to the Markan community, shoulders part of the burden. An ordinary Roman soldier realises and proclaims that Jesus is of God.

The story has come full circle: the first verse of the gospel announced the beginning of the good news of Jesus, the Christ and the Son of God. Now the reader understands what it means to make such a proclamation. The final chapter is to be celebrated next weekend. The mystery is to be lived every day of every week. As we enter into the holiest week of the liturgical year, we might consider our call to bring the power of Christ's redeeming love to those who suffer crucifixion in our own times: the more-than-human Earth community that suffers the effects of climate change; the desperate asylum seekers who remain on Manus Island and Nauru; the war-torn lands of Yemen and Syria.

For stories of hope in the face of despair, you may like to visit the Mercy Works website (mercyworks.org.au). It is all too easy to deny, betray, and abandon the suffering other. Like the woman who poured out the healing ointment on the head of Jesus, we also must do what we can.