

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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April 8th 2018



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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

Cathedral Parish Masses April 14th/15th **Smythesdale** **Skipton** **Rokewood**
5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

Change of Saturday Night Vigil Mass Time

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

At St Aloysius' Redan the Vigil Mass will change from 6.00pm to start at 5.00pm.

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm	Cathedral
Tuesday	12.05pm	Cathedral
Wednesday	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral
Thursday	9.30am	Redan 10.00am 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

Recent Death: Margaret Christophers, Brian Kozchitzke, Jessie Naylor,
Connie Vincent.

Anniversaries: Sr Maureen Connelly (Mercy), Sr Margaret Houlihan (Mercy),
Jock Quigg, John Woof

Next week's readings: *Sunday April 15th 2018* *3rd Sunday of Easter (B)*
Acts 3:13-15. 17-19 Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7 1John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Pippa Elizabeth & Oscar Krijn Vinke

children of Shaun & Catherine

Isla May Nykoluk

daughter of Christopher & Melinda

Sadie Grace Morrison

daughter of David & Kim



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

First Eucharist Preparation

Children in year 4 or older who have already celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation will be invited to prepare for First Eucharist. An information session for parents will take place on Tuesday April 24th 2018 at 10.00am and 7.00pm in the Glowrey and McKillop Rooms (small hall of St Patrick's Hall). Parents please attend one session for your child to be included in the program of preparation. Any queries, please call Anita on 53 312933 during school terms or email anita.houlihan@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.

Congratulations Sr Caroline

To Sr Caroline Deutscher IBVM, celebrating 80 years of Religious life

Irish Heritage Exhibition

The Diocesan Archives is holding a small exhibition featuring the Irish contribution to our heritage as evidenced in the collection 9.30am – 4.30pm, Saturday April 14th & Sunday April 15th upstairs at St Patrick's Hall Ballarat. Entry gold coin donation.

Enquiries to Diocesan Archivist Michael Taffe 0401625236. - All welcome.

YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday)

The next gathering will take place on Sunday April 8th following the 5.00pm Mass. All of the YESS gatherings will take place in the smaller hall at the Cathedral.

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

To begin our preparation for this time of dialogue and discernment amongst all members of the Church in Australia, the Diocese of Ballarat will commence by **Praying Towards 2020** (April 21st – May 6th). In the Cathedral Parish there will be events every day in the week of April 29th – May 5th to which all parishioners will be invited.

Collections Envelopes \$1,383.00 Parish Loose \$379.15 Presbytery\$3,787.85

Good Friday Holy Land Collection \$1,860.50

Counters April 8th Team 3 Next week team 4.

Gospel Reflection:

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays after Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays of Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. In other words, he sends them to create communities of people who listen to one another and who love one another into life. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection our priority. The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We may do well to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We respond with love and generosity in times of crisis. How can we continue to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time"?