

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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April 15th 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 21st/22nd **Snake Valley** **Beaufort** **Skipton**
5.30pm 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
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 3rd Sunday of Easter

Let Your face shine on us,

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Recent Death: Sam Camilleri, Shaun Kelly

Anniversaries: Roger Phillip Arnold, Kevin Cunningham, Kevin Foley,
Geordie Hayes, Fr Frank Madden, Harry Morris,
Patricia Morris, Elin O'Siochain, Roma Vaughan.

Next week's readings: *Sunday April 22nd 2018* *4th Sunday of Easter (B)*
Acts 4:8-12 Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22 1John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Harper Kate Ashley Neal	daughter of Ashley & Kathryn
Percival James Beggs	son of Jeremy & Jayne
Billy George Turkenburg	son of Michael & Melinda
Louis William Turkenburg	son of Jason & Sheree



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 (smaller 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.

'Risen', the story of the Resurrection

On Tuesday April 17th the Legion of Mary will screen the DVD 'Risen', the story of the Resurrection told through the eyes of a non-believer, a Roman Tribune. A light lunch will be provided after 12.05pm Mass followed by the movie at 1.30 pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. All welcome

[Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation, "Gaudete et Exsultate"](#)

("Rejoice and Be Glad") offers Christians a rich reflection on the "*Call to Holiness in Today's World.*" It is both steeped in the church's spiritual tradition and at the same time is a passionately personal document. This is the third of the pope's apostolic exhortations.

YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday)

The next gathering will take place on Sunday April 22nd following the 5.00pm Mass. All of the YESS gatherings will take place in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms (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 \$1,667.00 Parish Loose \$297.45 Presbytery \$1,909.90

Good Friday Holy Land Collection \$1,860.50

Counters April 15th Team 4 Next week team 5.

Alpha – Adult Faith formation opportunity

Commencing in May - Parishioners and friends are invite to register with the Office.

Gospel Reflection:

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on the road of life. That is one of the elements in today's gospel that forms the conclusion to the Emmaus story. When I was a student at Trinity College in Dublin researching Luke's depiction of women in the Acts of the Apostles, I would often take a detour on my way home to visit the National Gallery of Ireland. Velázquez' remarkable oil painting, Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus captured and held my attention. We have here a painting within a painting. The kitchen maid pauses from her tasks to listen, through the window between kitchen and dining area, to the conversation between Jesus and his table companions. His hosts have not yet recognised the companion they had encountered on the road from Jerusalem. Velázquez seems to be suggesting that the young servant woman in the foreground, a woman from another place and another time, has sensed what they have still to discover.

Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on the road from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his death has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes. He engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he opens to them the meaning of their sacred scriptures. They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus then disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that he is alive.

Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share the good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They share a meal with him. He opens their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything falls into place. They not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They now know that they will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery, and to preach forgiveness to all peoples "beginning from Jerusalem".