

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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April 22nd 2018 4th Sunday of Easter

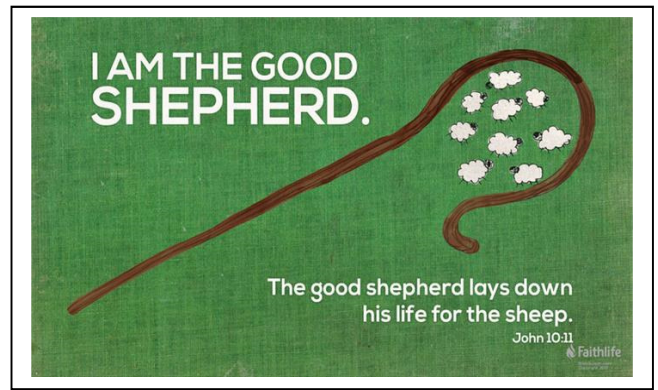


Parish Office hours

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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 28th/29th **Smythesdale** **Linton** **Skipton**
5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm	Cathedral
Tuesday	12.05pm	Cathedral
Wednesday	9.15am	Cathedral (ANZAC Day)
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 4th Sunday of Easter

The stone rejected by elders has become the corner stone

Recent Death: Sr Dominic Foley RSJ, Jodie Hughes, Frank Rieniets

Anniversaries: Helen Lange, Kath O'Keefe, Andrea Pagliaro,

Fr Frank Pidgeon CSsR

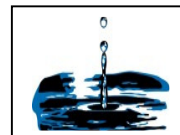
Next week's readings: *Sunday April 29th 2018* *5th Sunday of Easter (B)*

Acts 9:26-31 Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26 1John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Scarlett Skye Kinnane

daughter of Mark & Renae



May she 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.

Welcome to Steven Smith

On this 4th Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, Steven Smith, a 5th year seminarian for the Archdiocese of Hobart in formation at Corpus Christi College Carlton will speak at all Masses. We pray for the three Ballarat seminarians Peter Cay, Bill Lowry and Matt Restall.

Life in the Spirit Prayer group

Meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday in the Cathedral Presbytery

Alpha – Adult Faith formation opportunity

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of Christian faith. **Who is it for?** Alpha is for anyone who is curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and leaning. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. **How does it work?** Typically run over eleven weeks, no two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common; food, a short talk and a discussion Where you can share your thoughts. There is no pressure and no follow up. **How much is Alpha?** There is no charge for Alpha. Commencing May 9th from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Cathedral Presbytery Enquiries in person to Fr Anthony, Juanita Bongiorno, Kay Curran, Beth Pennington, Jess Salazar Contact Parish Office – 5331 2933

A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters,

harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creatures we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Praying Towards 2020

The 2020 Plenary Council of the Australian Catholic Church will be an act of faith undertaken by a pilgrim people as we enter into dialogue, involving listening and discernment. In the Cathedral Parish we will have a Redemptorist with us at next weekend's Parish Masses and then in the week that follows there are a series of events, beginning with the gathering of our young people (YESS) on Sunday April 29th at 6.00pm.

Monday, April 30th - **Praying Towards 2020 to be Reconciled**, an Evening service of prayer with the sacrament of Reconciliation, 7.00pm

Tuesday, May 1st - **Praying Towards 2020 at Siena Catholic School, Lucas**. All are welcome to come to our newest Catholic school in Lucas (Eleanor Drive) where we will celebrate Mass together at 7.00pm, followed by a cuppa and chat.

Wednesday, May 2nd - **So what is a Plenary Council?** It's been so long since there has been such an event in the Catholic Church in Australia that we have no experience of such a gathering. Information sessions will be held on this day at 10.00am and 7.00pm in the Hall at the Cathedral.

Praying Towards 2020 at ACU - 12 Noon Mass in the Chapel of the Aquinas Campus of Australian Catholic University, Mair St Ballarat.

Thursday, May 3rd - **Praying Towards 2020 at St John of God Hospital**
11.30am Mass in the Chapel of St John of God Hospital, Drummond St Nth.

Praying Towards 2020 St Thomas More Alfredton Come and join in whole school prayer in the school Multipurpose, Cuthberts Rd Alfredton, 2.45pm.

Friday, May 4th - **Praying Towards 2020 - Come Holy Spirit**

A vigil of prayer that we may listen to the Spirit and discern what God is asking of us in Australia. Commencing in the Cathedral with 12.05pm Mass, continuing for 12 hours until midnight. The Cathedral will remain open for this vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

Praying Towards 2020 at St Patrick's Primary, Drummond St Sth

Join the school community at 3.00pm as they pray together.

Saturday, May 5th **Praying Towards 2020 at Nazareth House** 9.30am Mass