

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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May 6th 2018 6th Sunday of Easter



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 May 12 th /13 th				Smythesdale	Beaufort	Snake Valley
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	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 6th Sunday of Easter

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Recent Death: Gerald Dobson, Mary De Graaf

Anniversaries: Gerard Madden, Kathleen Mary Martin, Alma Norden,
Nell O'Loughlin, Mark & Michael Ryan, Wendy Shea,
Dominic Varghese, Kathleen Walsh

Next week's readings: *Sunday May 13th 2018* *6th Sunday of Easter (B)*
Acts 1:1-11 Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6 Ephesians 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20

The Legion of Mary have re-commenced the First Saturday Devotion at 9.15 am. All are welcome to join in this devotion.

Alpha – Adult Faith formation opportunity

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of Christian faith. 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. 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. 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

Nazareth House Auxiliary

Fundraising concert, featuring Regina Caeli Choir & Kerin and Kyle. Sunday 20th May at 1.45pm. Nazareth House Mill St. \$20 Adults \$25 family (afternoon tea included) Tickets at the door or call Margaret on 5332 4454 or Pat on 5332 4543

Mass Count starts on weekend 12-13 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May/June. It will start on 12-13 May (Week 2 of May) with the Count being done on Weeks 2, 3 and 4 of May and then Week 1 of June

Joy Spreading! New social gathering for young adults

New from Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry. **Joy Spreading** is a regular social gathering for young adults 18-30yo. With a short presentation from guest speaker, Q&A, informal conversation and socialising, meal available if you wish. Come along Friday 25 May, 6pm onwards, Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. Free entry. More information www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7160. This is a Year of Youth initiative, 'Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy'.

St Alipius Parish Coordinator Position

St Alipius Parish Ballarat East invites applications for the part-time position (16 hours per week) of Parish Coordinator. A Position Description and Application Form can be accessed on the Parish website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/employment.

Fr Justin – extended leave

Having concluded his 5 year term as Vicar General and having been at the Cathedral for 10 years, Fr Justin has commenced a period of leave. He will undertake the Portugese Camino (630km) walk from Lisbon – Santiago. He thanks parishioners for their cards, gifts, good wishes, blessings and prayers.

The Power of Simple Prayer

Our 4 session video & discussion exploring the very heart of simple prayer to approach God with confidence will run fortnightly commencing Thurs 10 May 7 pm in the presbytery. Everyone is welcome.

Collections Envelopes \$1,992.00 Parish Loose \$406.60 Presbytery \$2,398.60

If you would like to join the Stewardship by making a regular financial contribution to the Cathedral Parish, you can do so by either direct debit or the envelopes. Please contact Jess Salazar in the Parish Office.

Counters May 6th Team 7 Next week team 1.

Gospel Reflection

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

*The constitutions of my religious institute remind me that “the tender mercy of our God has given us one another”. The implications of this profoundly beautiful truth are spelt out thus: “In our communities, we try to live in the friendship of Christ’s disciples [Jn 15:15]. To so live calls forth relationships of equality, a real acceptance of ourselves and others, a forgetfulness of anything that does not make love its message.” Living in the friendship of Christ’s disciples is at the heart of a gospel way of living. It is the commission at the heart of today’s reading and seems to be exactly what Pope Francis wants to say to all believers in his new Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exultate* (Rejoice and be Glad).*

As we listen to the proclamation of the gospel, we might attend to the repetition of “joy”, the three-fold repetition of “friends” and the nine-fold repetition of “love”. We might attend to the way in which the pronouns I/my/me and you/your function in the passage. We may also notice the reference to “commands” and “commandments”. We tend not to associate “commands” with friendship and love because those we count as our friends are not usually in the habit of commanding or ordering us to do what they want. We derive little joy from being told what to do. And yet, there is no resiling from the juxtaposition of these terms. God, imaged in the gospel passage as “Father”, loves Jesus. Jesus remains or abides in God’s love so deeply that this love flows on to his friends. They are to love one another as Jesus has loved them. This is his commandment or commission to them, and by extension to us. It directs them/us to live for each other and put their lives/our lives on the line for one another. It means being faithful to the teaching of Jesus as he has been faithful to God’s commandments. Remaining in the love of God or of Jesus and doing what God or Jesus commands seem to be one and the same thing. In other words, love is not just an emotion: it is always expressed in action that is in tune with and for the sake of the other. The disciples need no further explanation. Jesus’ whole life and his courage in the face of impending death have shown them what it means to love one another. Living in the friendship of Christ’s disciples is not some abstract goal. Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest. As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends, for their witness to holiness and for the joy that they bring to our lives.