

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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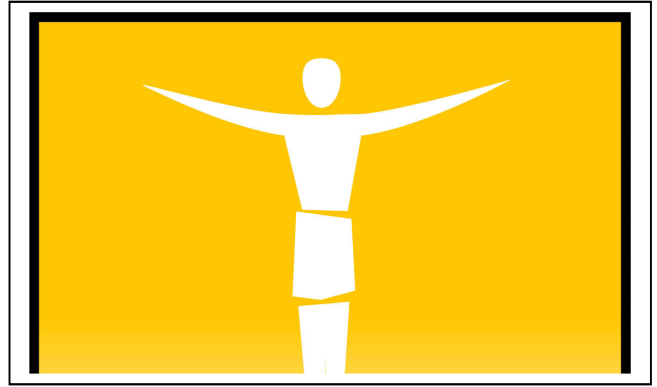
May 13th 2018 Ascension of the Lord (B)



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 19 th /20 th				Smythesdale	Skipton	Rokewood
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 Ascension of the Lord

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy

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 May 25th 6.00pm 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.

Collections Envelopes \$1906.00 Parish Loose \$313.55 Presbytery \$2,289.75

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 13th Team 1 Next week team 2.

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Gospel Reflection

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In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be open handed as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.