

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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May 20th 2018 Pentecost Sunday (B)



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Priests, Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Mathew
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Cathedral Parish Pastoral Carer at Ballarat Health Services Tracy Sillekens
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 26 th /27 th | | | | Snake Valley | Beaufort | Skipton |
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| 5.30pm Vigil | 8.00am | 10.30am | 5.00pm | 6.30pm Vigil | 8.30am | 10.30am |

Masses during the coming week

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| 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

Next week's readings: *Sunday May 27th 2018* *Trinity Sunday (B)*

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40 Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28-16-20

Recent Deaths: Cathy Auchettl, Tessa Hayes, Brian Molloy, Michael O'Connor,
Marlene Ann Odlum, Trish Wilson,

Anniversaries: John & Eileen Ancher, Stefan Burcon, Nancy Colasante,
Amelia Croagh, Patricia Firns, Bill Grogan, Peter Hammond, Nance Madigan,
Leon Patrick Martin, Justine Lunel Miranda, Andre Mongelard,
Fr Barry Stickland, Diny Verdoorn, Kevin White

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism
these children who have been preparing through the Rite of
Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)



Matilda Catalina Aguilar Coates daughter of Erwin and Suzanne
Alison, Madison and William Robinson

children of Trent and Karen

Bella and Maiya O'Neill daughters of James and Anita
Amelia, Mason, Memphis and Preston Walker

children of David and Melissa

Junaid, Laila, Michael and Noah Ali

children of Stefanie and Abdirisak

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

Alpha – Adult Faith formation opportunity

May 23rd from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Cathedral Presbytery.

Session topic: 'Why did Jesus die?' Contact Parish Office – 5331 2933

Annual Mass Count

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count commenced last weekend. It is counted
over four weekends at all Masses and Lay-led Assemblies.

The last weekend is 2/3rd June.

From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course in both Melbourne and Geelong. In Melbourne it will be run on at the ACU Mercy Lecture Theatre and Chapel on 4 Wednesday evenings in June, and in Geelong over two Saturdays (June 16 and June 23) at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Parish, Pioneer Room and Basilica. Leading scholars will investigate a Christian theology of dying and death and explore how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrates death in a specifically Catholic way. Experienced priests and funeral directors will discuss how they care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will also be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or a loved one.

Registration is essential, at:

http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses.

For more information phone 02-9701 4751.

Ballarat NILS

A service provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society to assist low income earners in the Ballarat region to purchase essential goods and services up to the value of \$1500. We currently require volunteers to assist in running this service. The role would include being an independent witness in the interview process. No previous experience is required, simply to be available four hours a fortnight on a Thursday between 9.00am - 1.00pm. If you can assist, please call Richard Francis on 5331 3907 for more information

Collections Envelopes \$2895.00 Parish Loose \$254.10 Presbytery \$2,182.65

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 2 Next week team 3.

A Prayer for the Plenary Council:

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You have given us life and light and all the wonders of the world. You have sent your Son Jesus to be our Saviour and your Holy Spirit to be our guide.

As we prepare for the plenary council, we ask you to come into our hearts with your Son and Holy Spirit. Come to us and make your home in us. We pray for our local community, for the people of our diocese and for the Church throughout Australia. May your wisdom show us the way, for your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Come and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, that we may live by your gospel and share your good news with all we meet.

Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour, pray for us. St. Mary MacKillop pray for us.

Gospel Reflection

Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation. For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.