

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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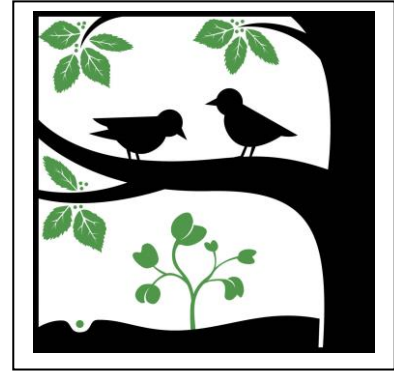
June 17th 2018 *Eleventh Sunday (B)*



Parish Office hours

Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Cathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses June 16th/17th **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 Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

Recent Deaths: Patricia Carey, Christopher Jones, John Kirby,
Imelda (Javier) Kirkpatrick, Sheila McCartin

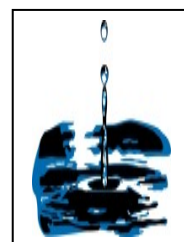
Anniversaries: Elsie and Laurie Bendall, Margrette Bouchier,
Peter Hammond, Con Howard, Russell Jebson, Ron Matthews,
Adrian Murnane, Irene Rose, Patricia Vaughan-Flood

Next week's readings:

Sunday June 23rd 2018 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (B)
Isaiah 49:1-6 Ps 138:1-3. 13-15. Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66. 80

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Harvey Hunter Sims, son of Jason and Nicole
Oliver James Adams, son of Bradley and Emily
Isabella and Logan Rizzo, children of Daniel and Deanna
Summer Tyla Sneddon daughter of Christopher and Rennae



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

Evening Prayer

On Monday June 18, there will be five seminarians from Corpus Christi, along with Fr Ed Moloney, coming to Ballarat. There will be Evening Prayer in the Cathedral at 6.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Alpha – Adult Faith formation opportunity

June 20 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Cathedral Presbytery.

Session topic: 'How does God guide us?'

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon - Asylum Seeker Fundraiser

On Wed, June 20th at 12.30pm, you are invited to the Annual Luncheon at Nazareth House Hall. Indigenous, Irish and Sth Sudanese dance groups will perform while you hear a presentation on Caroline Chisholm - The Immigrant's Friend. Entry \$20. All welcome. Performances begin at 1.10pm. Inquiries - 0401175045.

Urgent request for Rental Accommodation

A refugee family of two adults and three small children require a house to rent urgently. Reliable people. Short term or long term OK. Does anyone have a house available to rent? Please call Doreen 0417117382 or Des 0418537713

BBI eConference:

Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

The 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in this country. This can be viewed at the Cathedral Parish Mackillop & Glowrey Rooms on Wednesday, August 8th 2018 from 10.00am - 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend. BYO lunch. For more information go to: <https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/111/event/217/synodality-in-practice--listening-to-the-spirit-and-leading-change>

Collections Envelopes \$2,770.00 Parish Loose \$409.65 Presbytery \$1,770.00

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 June 17th Team 6 Next week team 7.

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

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

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