

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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June 24th 2018 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (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 June 23rd/24th **Snake Valley** **Beaufort** **Skipton**
5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm Vigil 8.30am 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 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist:

I praise you, for I am wonderfully made

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Noel Baxter, Phil Collins Michael Conroy, Alan Howard,
Mary Neville, Helen Roberts, Jim Walker

Next week's readings:

Sunday June 23rd 2018 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15 Mark 5:21-43

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ted Francis Allitt son of Rhys and Sarah

Archer Michael Fryar son of Bryce and Laura

Greyson Arlo Broadbent son of Luke and Renee



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

Alpha – Adult Faith formation opportunity

June 27 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Cathedral Presbytery.

Session topic: 'How can I resist evil?'

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

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 1 July 2018

Every year we have an opportunity to deepen relationships with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. As always, it will be held on the first Sunday of July. This year's theme is "Because of her, we can!" which focusses on the strength and roles that women have in families, communities and parishes. Electronic resources including a resource kit, a pastoral letter from Bishop Christopher Saunders and Youth Activities, are available at <http://www.natsicc.org.au/2018-aboriginal-and-islander-sunday.html>

Volunteer mentors needed

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Mercy Connect volunteers work with students during school hours; volunteer commitment is for approx. 3 hours per week. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but you will receive on-going training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in Third Term 2018.

Obtaining a current Working with Children Check and Police Check is part of the Application Process. Contact Donna Stewart on 0417 624 330 or email:

mercyconnectb@gmail.com

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 Ballarat Cathedral Parish Mackillop & Glowrey Rooms on Wednesday August 8th 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>

Confirmation Preparation Program

Families with children baptised Catholic and in year 3 or older are invited to enrol in the Confirmation preparation program. Parent information sessions take place on Tuesday July 31st at 10.00am and 7.00pm in the Glowrey/MacKillop Rooms (small hall of St Patrick's Hall). A parent/guardian should attend ONE sessions as part of their commitment in supporting their child through this program. For further details, contact Anita Houlihan, Family Ministry Coordinator at the Parish Office on 53 312933 on Tues/Weds 9.00am–3.30pm during school terms, or via email anytime anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Collections Envelopes \$2,557.00 Parish Loose \$244.40 Presbytery \$1,887.25

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 24th Team 7 *Next week team 1.*

Gospel Reflection

Like the feast of the nativity of Jesus, this feast falls on one of the solstices, a hinge point in the cosmos. Some of the patristic writings tell us that the birth of Jesus was placed in the calendar when, in the northern hemisphere, the days began to lengthen. So this day was chosen to celebrate the birth of John precisely because the days were getting shorter. 'He must increase while I must decrease' (John 3:30). This is the time of seasonal change, of cosmic reversal. The entire universe has been alerted. Something new is about to happen.

John the Baptist is the hinge between the old age and the new eschatological age of fulfilment. John himself was never a disciple of Jesus; he did not enter the age that he heralded. He was the trumpet that sounded the coming of the king; he was the rooster that announced the dawning of the new day. He brought the people to the threshold of the new age, but he himself never stepped over into it. The idiosyncratic character of his life caught the attention of the crowds, but he did not keep this attention upon himself. Instead, he used it to point to Jesus, who appears to have been so commonplace that he might have been overlooked had not John cried out. It was John's prophetic destiny to be the sharp-edged sword, the polished arrow. He was the voice that cried in the wilderness: Hear me! Listen! Behold, he is coming!