

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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Sunday July 8th 2018



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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 July 14th/15th **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 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Our Eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy

Recent Deaths: John William Conroy, Molly Gallagher,

Anniversaries: Daniel Cooper, Brian Foley, Br Andrew Kennedy, Cori Stewart,

Next week's readings: *Sunday July 15th 2018 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Amos 7:12-15 Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8. Ephesians 1:3-10 Mark 6:7-13

Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group will not meet during school holidays.

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Charlotte Olivia McFadden daughter of Dale & Jessica

Luca Christopher Miles son of Troy & Georgia

Sebastian Timothy Piatkov son of Timothy & Caroline



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

Alpha – Adult Faith formation opportunity

July 18th from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Cathedral Presbytery.

Session topic: 'Does God heal today?'

Annual Collection for the Pope – weekend of July 7 & 8, 2018

Once again, the annual collection for the Holy Father is taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (Jun 29). This collection will be taken up this weekend as a leaving collection. Through this collection, we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

Collections: Envelopes \$2,241.80 Parish Loose \$284.00 Presbytery \$1,932.50

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: July 8th Team 2 Next week team 3.

Three New Parishes

Our Ballarat diocese now has three new parishes – formed by joining groups of neighbouring parishes that have already been working together and sharing a parish priest. The new parishes are Saint Mary MacKillop Parish, Western Border; Holy Family Parish, Northeast Mallee; and Mary Glowrey Parish, East Wimmera.

The Western Border parish covers Casterton, Coleraine, Edenhope, Hamilton and Harrow. The Northeast Mallee parish covers Swan Hill, Sea Lake and the northern part of Quambatook parish. The East Wimmera parish covers Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St Arnaud, Wycheproof and the southern part of Quambatook parish.

The formation of these new parishes is the fruit of several years of consultation, including the Looking Forward gatherings that have been held since 2014. The detailed proposals for the new parishes developed through discussions among priests and parishioners over the past few months and were endorsed by the Council of Priests at their meeting on June 19. I confirmed the formation of the new parishes on July 1.

These new arrangements will make it easier for the local communities to share the tasks involved in pastoral care and parish administration and will give the priests more time for pastoral and sacramental ministry.

The priests who have been caring for these regions will continue to do so. I have appointed Fr Patrick Mugavin as Parish Priest of the Western Border parish, with Fr John Corrigan as Assistant Priest. Fr Matthew Thomas is Parish Priest of the Northeast Mallee parish. Fr Eugene McKinnon is Parish Priest of the East Wimmera parish, with Fr Peter Jose as Assistant Priest.

I thank all the parishioners, parish staff and priests who have been involved in the consultation and planning. I pray that the formation of these new parishes will bring new blessings for our local communities. May we continue our journey of faith with confidence in Christ who has promised to be with us always.

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Reflection on the Gospel (Mark 6:1-6)

Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of us have known the experience of feeling powerless in the face of rejection, especially when it is rejection from those who are closest to us, from those who might normally be expected to understand and affirm us. Mark presents such rejection as the experience of Jesus. Earlier in the gospel (3:20-21), we find that Jesus is misunderstood by his family who consider him to be out of his mind. Members of his family try to take responsibility for him, to take hold of him and to save him from himself. When they come to take him away, he leaves them outside and continues to teach those gathered around him about a new sort of kinship, kinship that is based on doing God's will. In today's gospel reading (6:1-6), we find that the neighbours and friends of Jesus' family have trouble coping with him. They admit that his teaching demonstrates considerable wisdom. They also acknowledge his extraordinary power as a healer. From their perspective, however, something does not add up. After all, he is basically just one of them, "the craftsman". Jesus' hometown people do not simply puzzle over his extraordinary powers. They are actually "scandalised" by him. He experiences their response as rejection and tells them how he feels. In so doing, he identifies himself with the rejected prophets of old. The townspeople's lack of faith renders Jesus, the prophet in their midst, powerless: he is simply unable to perform any mighty deeds among them. There is a hint in the text, however, that some few do have faith: "he cured a few sick people." He cures these people "by laying his hands on them". We have seen, in the request of the man with leprosy (1:41) and the action of the crowds (3:10,) the people's well-founded faith in the healing power of touch, of bodily encounter. Touch is once more the agent of healing. At times, we may be like Jesus, bringing the wisdom and power of God to our families or local communities, only to meet with rejection. Sometimes, we may be like the few who come in faith and experience a healing touch. At other times, we may replicate the behaviour of the opponents of Jesus and discount the achievements of those who excel or whose message challenges us or our lifestyle. To refuse to listen to a prophetic message because the messenger fails to meet our preconceived ideas about prophets may have something to do with a lack of faith. It may actually stymie the power of God. Finally, the emphasis on healing in this reading invites us to pause and consider the intrinsic value of all, human and other-than-human, so often denigrated and devalued by attitudes that dichotomise the material and the spiritual with dire consequences for the Earth community.