

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat



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Sunday September 2nd 2018 22nd Sunday (Year B)



Parish Office hours: Monday - 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 September 8 th /9th	Smythesdale	Beaufort	Snake Valley
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 2.00pm Cathedral Funeral Mass

Wednesday 12 Noon ACU Aquinas 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 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish respectfully acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Recent Deaths: Fr Tom Brophy (Melbourne, not Fr Tom of Ballarat),
Mark Noy (Funeral Mass 2.00pm Tuesday), Fr. Peter Wood MSC,
Chris Yates, Rosanna Yu

Anniversaries: Paul Aitken, John Alexander Askwith, Raymond Thomas Askwith,
Mary Drohan, Catherine Garvey, Josie Micich, John Nunn,
Francis Reidy, Fr Peter Taffe, Margaret Trevenen

Next week's readings: *Sunday September 9th 2018 23rd Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*
Isaiah 35:4-7 Ps 145:7-10. R St. James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37



Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for 15 retired priests including Frs Dan Arundell and Barry Ryan and other senior priests, many of whom regularly celebrate Masses in our parishes. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Flooding in Kerala, India

Our prayers continue for those affected by flooding in the state of Kerala, in the south of India. Many of our Malayalam parishioners have family and friends affected by these floods in their home state. Caritas India is providing support for the people of Kerala at this time. Caritas Australia, through our Asia Emergency Fund, is providing support to Caritas India and will continue to monitor the needs of the people of Kerala. To make a donation, go to the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au. For more information contact Caritas Australia on 1800 024 413. Caritas Envelopes are in the Church porches.

Catholic Women's League Invitation

The Cathedral Branch of the CWL warmly invites all women to a social afternoon on Wednesday September 5th at 1.30pm in the Glowrey Room. Guest Speaker is Sr Teresa Clare of Nazareth House who will share her journey from Vietnam to Victoria and her work at ACU Aquinas Campus Ballarat. Afternoon tea provided. Entry is free.

Cuppa after 10.30am Mass this weekend in the Glowrey/MacKillop Room.
Everyone is most welcome.

Season of Creation: September 1st - October 4th

Ecumenical Service to celebrate the start of the season, at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Wendouree Sunday, September 2nd at 2.00pm, with refreshments to follow.

RCIA – Rite of Acceptance and Welcome into the Order of Catechumens

This Sunday, September 2nd at 5.00pm Mass, those adults who have inquired into becoming Catholic will celebrate the first of the Liturgical rites on this faith journey.

Joy Spreading in Ballarat – Young Adult gathering

Stacey Atkins is the guest speaker at the next Joy Spreading event on Friday, September 14th, 6.30pm – 9.00pm at Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. An opportunity for young Catholic adults (18-30yo) to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. A free Year of Youth event. Info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7125.

Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020 – Listen, Dialogue, Discern

To promote our own prayerful thinking about our responses to the question – what is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in Australia? We look forward to the many varied voices of Cathedral parishioners being heard. Your 200 words are invited. This week Kevin Murphy of Ballarat writes

I think the Holy Spirit might be asking the Church in Australia that we learn from the experience of the Church communities that St Paul founded in the Mediterranean area during the years after his conversion. For example, he went to Philippi, a Roman colony, and established a church community during his short time there. Presumably, that church community celebrated baptisms when necessary and even what we now call the Eucharist. While St Paul does not ever mention the need for priests, it seems that he gave a new meaning to the meals that the new Christians had together.

In a mysterious way, Jesus was present at the meals of the new believers, though there is never any mention of priests for the new communities. But the new communities did learn the stories about Jesus, about his remarkable life and death and resurrection, and the remarkable stories told by Jesus in his teaching. They would have been moved by his Story and stories. The meals the new Christians had together seemed to be very important. Perhaps for them the "Mystery" gatherings were special occasions to enter into the Mystery of Jesus and be strengthened to live and work for the Kingdom of God.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

Over the coming two weekends, September 8th – 9th and 15th – 16th the sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the 5.30pm, 10.30am and 5.00pm Masses. We continue to pray for the 103 children and their families in their final week of preparation.

Parish Anointing Mass

On Wednesday September 12th, our Mass of Anointing for the Parish will be held in St Patrick's Hall at 12.05pm. It is our custom to serve lunch to the Parishioners following Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion. If convenient they could be left at the Hall before Mass. Assistance at 10am to prepare lunch and help with the serving would be very much appreciated. This is a great opportunity to catch up with other parishioners and have a chat over lunch. All are welcome. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 53312933.

Collections

Envelopes \$1,290.00 Parish Loose \$388.90 Presbytery \$2,150.00

Counters Team 3 Next week Team 4.

Gospel Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

After a lengthy detour over the past six weeks into the gospel of John with its focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life and the Bread of Wisdom, we return to Mark's gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity. The parties to the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes or teachers of the law. [It is worth noting that Mark's non-Jewish readers, at a later time and in another place, need to be given detailed information about certain Jewish traditions].

At issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the failure of Jesus' disciples to respect their oral tradition, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples are not "walking" according to the tradition of the elders. For the Markan Jesus, "the command of God" is paramount, not some distorted interpretation of it. He offers a hard-hitting counter-critique of their attitude to law. He calls them "hypocrites" and informs them that the condemnation of the prophet Isaiah was intended for them. They have so distorted God's law, substituting their own observances for the "commandment of God" that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service, their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless! For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared the leper clean (Mk 1:41-45). For Jesus, the "heart" is the locus of purity and impurity.