

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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Sunday September 9th 2018 23rd 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 15 th /16 th	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 Noon	ACU Aquinas	12.05pm Cathedral (Anointing Mass)
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 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Praise the Lord, my soul.

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.

Anniversaries: Pat Clark, Olive Conroy, Frank Fenwick, Clarrie Maher,
Dr Tim McArdle, Tony McLean, Anne Nuttall, Patrick O'Driscoll,
Leo and Gladys Sait, Norm Wallis

Next week's readings: *Sunday September 16th 2018 24th Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*
Isaiah 50:5-9 Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. St. James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35



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. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. Special envelopes are available for this collection. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible

Flooding in Kerala, India

Over recent weeks our thoughts and prayer have been with those in Kerala, India who have been affected by the worst floods in 100 years. Thank you to those who have already contributed. If you wish to make a donation, Caritas Asia Emergency Fund can be accessed through the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au. Any parishioner seeking more information can contact Caritas Australia on 1800 024 413.

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

Following the Inquiry process and the Alpha program, at the 5.00pm Mass last Sunday, Anita, Felicity, Julie-Ann, Leela, Robert and Tess were received into the Order of Catechumens and Candidates for Reception into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter 2019. Their Sponsors Bill, Gabe, Kerry, Liz, Mandy & Tracy, together with our RCIA team and Catechists have, on behalf of us all, have undertaken to accompany our catechumens and candidates on their RCIA journey. Would you like to be part of this journey or help in any way? If so, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you to all who were part of the Alpha pre-evangelisation program conducted in previous months.

Reviewing Alpha

Following the 10 week Alpha program, a review of the Alpha program as part of the RCIA will take place in the Parish Office at 5.30pm, Thursday September 13th

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

Welcome to the children and the many families and friends who are celebrating Confirmation this weekend. We pray *Come Holy Spirit and kindle in your faithful the fire of your love.*

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 Maria Madden of Ballarat writes - *Reflecting on the Hymn Christ be our Light (GA 404): **Longing for light we wait in darkness: we know the darkness that affects our communities. Longing for Truth we turn to You: we are all equal before God, we have different gifts to be shared with all, we turn to Jesus in the Eucharist, we share a meal, prayer, community. The Truth is we are nourished @ Table, so as to be nourishment for others. Jesus is in me, surrounds me and He asks me to be Him to others. Make us your own, your Holy people: Light for the world to see. Jesus asks me to be, to listen & act-*** (James 1: 27).

*Mark 7: Jesus said to the Pharisees: You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions- We need to be re-educated in the ways of Jesus, a new understanding of community. Challenge the misbeliefs. **Make us Your living voice** to reach out to our wider communities. If we act locally we can then use our local experience to springboard us Australia wide.*

Christ be our Light, Shine in our hearts, Shine in your Church gathered today.

Collections

Envelopes \$2,452.10 Parish Loose \$483.90 Presbytery \$1,900.35

Caritas Collection for the Kerala Flood Relief \$2,052.65

Counters Team 4 Next week Team 5.

Parish Finance Officer

The position of Parish Finance Officer has been advertised. This position is now full time, serving the parishes of Ballarat, Ballarat East, Ballarat North, Linton, Redan, Sebastopol and Wendouree. A position description can be obtained from the Cathedral Office with applications closing on Friday September 14th.

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.

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.