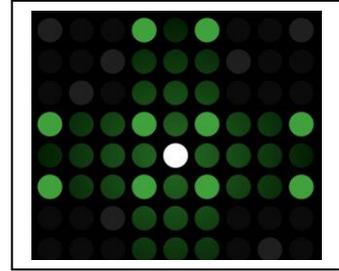


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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Sunday September 23rd 2018 25th 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 29 th /30 th	Smythesdale	Linton	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	10.30am	Cathedral Funeral Mass (Kenneth Wilson)		
	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas	12.05pm	Cathedral
Thursday	9.30am	Redan	11.30am St John of God	12.05pm Cathedral
Friday	9.30am	Sebastopol	10.00am Cathedral (Public Holiday)	
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 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

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: John Molony (former priest of the Diocese of Ballarat),
Kathleen Moran (Waubra), Ken Wilson

Anniversaries: Mary Connellan, Francis Curran, Maree Maddison,
Fr Paul Mercovich, Dinny Murphy

Next week's readings: *Sunday September 30th 2018 26th Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*
Numbers 11:25-29 Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. St James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Oliver Cameron Jeffrey	son of Nathan & Alexandra
Oliver Stephen Mills	son of Gareth & Alexandra
Leo John Taylor	son of Benjamin & Corinne
Isabelle Grace Vanderkley	daughter of Anthony & Jenny



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

Parking in the streets around the Cathedral

With City of Ballarat revising/reviewing parking in the CBD, which includes and may affect the Cathedral area, parishioners have the opportunity to visit the Smarter Parking Plan Pop-Up Shop before September 28th at 315 Sturt Street (just up from Myer) or call 5320 5500.

Meeting of the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council

Members of the Council (Susan Crowe, Trudie Dickinson, Bethany Pennington, Leo Styles, Tommy Theckamurry & Fr Justin) met last week and are planning a forum for the coordinators, leaders and contact persons from all groups, ministries and organisations of the Cathedral Parish. This will include Parish Schools, Prayer groups, Pastoral Care, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Sacramental teams, Liturgical ministries and many more. The forum will be held on Tuesday October 16th, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. Please contact the Cathedral Parish Office to ensure that your group, ministry or organisation is included in this forum. The focus will be the Plenary Council and the Synodal style of Pope Francis. A Parish expo of all groups, ministries and organisations is being proposed for the weekend of November 17th – 18th with a Parish Assembly scheduled for Sunday 2.30pm – 4.30pm (Same day as Ballarat's [Run 4 a Cause](#) which you can participate in with Fr Justin, then come to Mass and join your fellow parishioners at the Parish Assembly).

Thank-you for the Collections last weekend:

Envelopes	\$2,389.90	Parish Loose	\$408.95	Presbytery	\$2,477.70
Counters	Team 6	Next week	Team 7.		

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

Two gatherings here in the Cathedral Hall will provide an opportunity to hear from and meet Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team. She will give insights into the process of Listening and Dialogue that is now open to hear the voices of all who wish to respond. Lana will also talk about the overall three-year process of preparing for the Plenary Council 2020 and answer any questions.

Wednesday October 10th 7.00pm- 8.30pm Glowrey-MacKillop Hall Cathedral precinct,

Thursday October 11th 10.00am -11.30am Glowrey-MacKillop Hall Cathedral precinct.

These gatherings are part of a series of gatherings in Horsham, Mildura, Warrnambool.

To promote our own prayerful thinking about our responses in the Cathedral Parish to the question – what is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in Australia? We invite the many and varied voices of Cathedral parishioners to be heard within our Parish. You are invited to offer your 200 words to the Parish Office. **Our response this week comes from Julie Chandler:**

I am very fortunate in that I have a husband who is a wonderful travelling companion. I mostly do the planning and Ian usually goes along with my suggestions. In 1998 we had a month in Tuscany and Provence. A visit to Assisi was also a priority for me...that I might go to Mass in the Basilica! As we wound our way down into the medieval Assisi village I was fixed on the Italian words....Could I say the prayer?...Could I sing the song? My mind was a blank, how could I not remember the words of something so familiar. On arrival the scaffolding shrouded Basilica was surrounded by a field of tourist buses and it was now raining! Within minutes I found myself alone seated on a stone bench in the most simple and humble space I could have been...I was in the Crypt of the tomb of St Francis. I burst into tears and in the lone silence came the words...Not so much to be Understood as to Understand. That these and only these words from that prayer pounded in my thoughts was a faith-filled moment. Might I be understanding and not expect to be understood.

Might our journey to the Plenary Council be one of understanding through listening to one another and to the Spirit who undoubtedly spoke to me that day in Assisi!

Catholic Prison Ministry Pastoral Care Practitioner at Langi Kal Kal and / or Ararat

Drawing on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to inspire and direct our endeavours, we value; Dignity, Compassion, Collaboration, Inclusion, and Responsibility. This position seeks to be an integral part of the pastoral care team, contributing to the high quality of pastoral care practice for prisoners, to prisoners' families, to ex-prisoners and to staff within the Prison. Applications close COB Monday October 8th. Please email your application to Recruitment@ccam.org.au For further information on these positions vacant, please contact Human Resources on (03) 9287 5554.

Season of Creation: September 1- October 4, 2018

Sr Adele Howard RSM attended the two-day conference at the Vatican on July 5-6 titled, *“Saving Our Common Home and the Future of Life on Earth.”* Sr Adele will present on this conference on Saturday, September 29th 10.30am- 12 noon, following 10.00am Mass at the Cathedral. All are invited to the smaller hall following the 10.00 am Mass.

Gospel Reflection - Facing Death/ facing truth (Mary Coloe PBVM)

Many people confront the reality of their own death quite prematurely. It may be a car accident, or a diagnosis of a serious medical condition; however it comes, the confrontation with death is life changing. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus confronting this reality and trying to explain this to his obtuse disciples. Jesus did not need a crystal ball to realise that if he travelled to Jerusalem and continued to teach about God's reign as he had been doing, then his teaching would put him in conflict with the authorities. He had the examples of prophets in the Old Testament who were persecuted and killed because their message was unacceptable. In our own time the leader for democracy in Burma, Ang San Suu Kyi would surely have known that her decision to return to Burma and enter into its political struggle would place her freedom and life at risk. Knowing the likely consequences, she, like Jesus, chose to be faithful to her vision. Oscar Romero, Benazir Bhutto, Martin Luther King provide further examples of men and women who faced the reality that the likely consequences of their choices would be death. If Jesus looked to his disciples for support, he was sadly let down. While he walked towards his death, the disciples had plans of their own – who would be the greatest in the coming Kingdom! In this section of Mark's Gospel the structure is quite deliberate and shows Jesus taking the path to Jerusalem deliberately knowing the cost, while the disciples consistently fail to understand. The 'blindness' of the disciples is framed by the two healings of blind men. Mark frequently uses this type of a structure to bring narrative and theology together. The outer 'frame' acts as a commentary on what is happening in the narrative – in this case, it points to the deep blindness of the disciples. From this point in Mark's Gospel, the disciples will consistently fail in the understanding of Jesus and fear will undermine their loyalty to him. Remember that the gospel was produced decades after the Resurrection, and it was written for a particular community. It is worth considering why the Gospel author presented the disciples in such a negative light. By the time of the gospel some of these disciples, such as Peter and James have died for their faith, so it is strange that these great figures are presented so poorly. Scholars believe this is a deliberate technique of Mark to teach his community and Christians of all time that disciples do not have to be perfect, that failure does not stop one from being a disciple. Jesus remains faithful even to failing disciples.