

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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Sunday September 30th 2018 26th Sunday (Year B)

Social Justice Sunday



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 6 th /7 th October	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
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

Thursday 9.30am Redan 11.30am St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol 11.30am St John of God (Foundation day)
12.05 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

Legion of Mary First Saturday Devotion – October 6th, 2018 at 9.15am in the Cathedral

Sung Responsorial 26th 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: Kathleen Hunt (Tamworth), Luigi Palanca, Kathy Sims,
Wilma Tagliabue, John & Margaret West

Anniversaries: Jack Burcon, John Cotter, Zilla Fay, Norma Horgan, Albert Rose

Next week's readings: *Sunday October 7th 2018* *27th Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*
Genesis 2:18-24 *Ps 127.v5* *Hebrews 2:9-11* *Mark 10:2-16*

Farewell to Rev. Kate Tierney

Today the Ballarat Central Uniting Church will farewell Rev Kate Tierney who has been in ministry here in Ballarat for many years. We give thanks to God for Kate's ministry in Ballarat and pray God's blessing on her for her retirement. We also pray for the Ballarat Central Uniting Church Parish as they discern a new minister for their Parish.

Sr. Dominica, Sisters of Nazareth

We pray for Sr Dominica Cooper, formerly of Nazareth House, Ballarat, who will become part of the international leadership team of the Sisters of Nazareth, based in Hammersmith (London). We pray for Sr Dominica and the new leadership team of the Sisters of Nazareth.

Meeting of the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council

A forum for all coordinators, leaders and contact persons of all groups, ministries and organisations of the Cathedral Parish 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).

Saving Our Common Home and the Future of Life on Earth

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

Social Justice Statement, *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*

The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. It is estimated that 116,000 Australians are homeless.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 1st, 2018

Catholic Women's League

Members of the Ballarat Cathedral Branch will meet at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery meeting room on Wednesday October 3rd at 1.30pm. We extend a warm invitation to any women who are interested to come and see what we are all about.

Enquiries to Carmel 5332 2103 or Anna 0400 260 660.

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 Pauline Kendrick:**

I believe the Holy Spirit is very sad with us. We should be starting with the schools, a lot of our teachers don't know how to pray, so how can they teach the children to pray? It is OK to say to parents to teach the children to pray, but we have lost generations of parents who don't know how to pray the Rosary, Apostles Creed and most other prayers, so how can they teach their children? I heard a priest here in Ballarat speaking to school children at Mass. He said the four most important things in the Church are: The Lectern, the table they call an Altar, the priests' chair AND the seats you are sitting on. When I asked the priest why he did not tell the children about the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, he said it was not his job, and walked away. Read Ezekiel 34:1-11. If you don't have God in your life, you have nothing. So we have to get back to the beginning and start with the children.

Our Lady says Pray, Pray, Pray. Jesus I trust in You.

Thank-you for the Collections last weekend:

Envelopes \$1,867.00 Parish Loose \$349.25 Presbytery \$1,814.20

Retired Priests Collection \$3,535.50 Thankyou to all contributors to the special collection.

Counters Team 7 Next week Team 1

Aled Jones in Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral – Friday October 5th 6.30pm

Once the world's most famous boy soprano and still a singing celebrity to this day, ALED has hosted the TV series *Songs Of Praise* and *Escape To The Country*. This is Aled's first time performing in regional Australia. The concert will be approximately 75 minutes in duration with no interval. Aled will be signing albums for 30 minutes after each concert.

Change of time for Saturday evening Vigil Mass

After the commencement of daylight saving (October 7th), the Saturday Vigil Mass will return to 6.30pm from Saturday, October 13th.

A Mission for Life presented by Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Our Lady Help of Christians, Wendouree is hosting "A Mission for Life" presented by Fr. Richard Leonard SJ from October 29-31, 2018. Topics are "*Going out into the world we need all the help we can get*", "*Nine steps to making better choices for my life*" and "*Where the hell is God – Holding on to Faith through the tough times.*" More information from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au All welcome to this Mission at OLHC.

Gospel Reflection - Dianne Bergant CSS

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.