

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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*Sunday October 14th 2018 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Year B)*



Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Mathew

Family Ministry – Anita Houlihan Ballarat Health Services Pastoral Care – Tracy Sillekens

Grounds – Tony McVeigh Finance Officer – Kerrie McTigue has been appointed

Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Cathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) Jo Brewer

**Cathedral Parish Masses 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October**

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

**Smythesdale Skipton Rokewood**

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 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 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time:**

*Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

**Next week's readings: Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)**

Isaiah 53,1-11, Psalm 32, Hebrews 4, 14-14, Mark 10,35-45

*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:** Frank Doherty Joan McDonald Phillips

**Anniversaries:** Alf Besmeres, Sharon Edgar, Josephine Reilly

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;**

Ivy Therese Ackland	daughter of James and Kate
Imogen Rose Hogan	daughter of Shaun and Claire
Joshua Joseph Van Gaans	son of Matthew and Tessie
Oscar Francis White	son of Jonathan and Sonja



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

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day – Remembrance Mass**

At 7.00 pm on Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Cathedral Parish Funeral Ministry Team invite all parishioners to the annual Mass of Remembrance. Mass will be followed by supper in the Presbytery Dining room.

**Joy+ Youth Festival!**

Joy+ Youth Festival for 15-30yo. Sunday, November 25th, Ballarat 2.00pm - 8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, special guests and Bishop Paul. This is a free event and includes lunch. Registrations and more details on youth ministry page [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Liturgical Ministries formation and renewal**

The parish liturgy team invite all engaged in liturgical ministries to gather for ongoing formation and renewal for their ministry – three opportunities to gather, Sunday October 21st at 2.30pm, Wednesday October 24th at 10am, Friday October 26th 7pm.

**A Mission for Life presented by Fr Richard Leonard SJ**

Our Lady Help of Christians, Wendouree October 29-31. 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) All welcome.

## **Parish Forum for Cathedral Groups, Ministries and Organisations**

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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. A Parish expo of all groups, ministries and organisations is being proposed for the weekend of November 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> with a Parish Assembly scheduled for Sunday 2.30pm – 4.30pm

## **Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020 – Listening and Encountering**

### **Have your say – respond online**

The Listening and Dialogue Encounter can happen in many ways. You can get a few of your friends and family together at a time and place that suits you. Invite your friends and family to have a conversation about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Ask everyone – “What do you think God is asking of us at this time?” And have them send in their [responses online](#). Go to [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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?

You are invited to offer your 200 words to the Parish Office.

This week’s response comes from **Josephine Salazar**

*God wants us to be like an open field where He could scatter seeds of faith and these seeds be nurtured and grown... when these grow, they can give shade to others, they bear fruits and their fruits will produce more. God wants us to be sowers in this field where we invite more to join in the harvest... where there will be an abundance of fruits of love, hope, forgiveness, peace for everyone. God wants us to be a nurturing church where every life is valued, where each soul is cared for and where faith is strengthened and shared with others. God wants us to be an inviting church where each one is embraced for who they are regardless of who and what their levels are in society. God wants us to be a listening church where each voice is listened and heard and acknowledged and not judged nor condemned. God wants us to be a healing church where every wound is dressed and allowed to heal, where sickness and ill health is prayed for and lifted up. God wants us to ask and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit so we can empty our hearts of all selfish desires and instead be filled with love and peace and compassion for each other.*

## **Thank-you for the Collections last weekend:**

Envelopes \$3380.00      Parish Loose \$334.55      Presbytery \$1857.30  
Counters Team 2      Next week Team 3

## **Social Service Needs in Regional and Rural Victoria**

Catholic Social Services Victoria has commissioned a report into the Social Service needs in Regional and Rural Victoria. Many regional and rural communities are supportive, vibrant, and thriving. However, there are a number of communities that are doing it tough, where disadvantage has become entrenched and persistent. The demand and unmet need for services identified in this paper are similar to those in many metropolitan areas, but the lack of service accessibility and availability, the high cost of transport, energy and technology and the decreased opportunities for education, training and jobs, are factors that increase disadvantage for people living in regional and rural Victoria. There needs to be greater coordination of infrastructure and service planning to address the long-term underlying causes of disadvantage – such as changes in rural economies, housing and access to education, training and job opportunities. There is a need for greater integration between social service, health and education planning and other strategies such as the Regional Growth Plans and Homes for Victorians, to ensure a whole-of-government approach that targets and addresses place-based disadvantage. This paper calls on Government to sustain and increase investment to ensure rural and regional communities have the foundations for human endeavour and flourishing. This paper identifies service gaps that include: a need for more community mental health services, greater access to medical specialists and drug and alcohol treatment services, increased access to financial counselling and better support for those involved in the criminal justice system. The paper describes a number of examples where place-based approaches at the grass-roots level are making a difference and makes a range of recommendations to address the social service gaps identified. In rural and regional Victoria there are many vibrant communities that foster attachment to the local area and where diversity and inclusion are embraced and contribute to positive life outcomes for residents. Given the State's economic wealth and resources, we all have a responsibility to ensure that the distribution of resources and services reach the areas in most need to ensure a just, equitable and compassionate society. [Download report](https://www.css.org.au)      <https://www.css.org.au>