

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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Sunday October 28th 2018 30th 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 (*beginning this week!*)

Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

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

Cathedral Parish Masses 3rd /4th November

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Linton

8.30am

Skipton

10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral 2.00pm Cathedral Funeral Prayers

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 7.00pm Mass of Remembrance

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday & Tues. 10.00am – 11.45am Friday 12.30pm

Sung Responsorial 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy.

Next week's readings: *Sunday November 4th 31st Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*

Deut 6:2-6; Ps 17:2-4; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

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: Marie Glenane, Mary Phyland, Trevor Thorpe, Joe van der Linden

Anniversaries: Peter Farley, Nancy Kearney, Gemma Van Gaans

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Quinn Annabel Baker daughter of Ashley and Lisa
Andie Lyla Forbes daughter of Daniel and Melissa
Bodhi Patrick McKenzie son of Luke and Kellie
Alex George Popovski son of David and Sarah



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

A Mission for Life presented by Fr Richard Leonard SJ

OLHC, Gillies St Wendouree October 29th -31st. Sessions at 9.00am and 7.00pm each day. 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.”* All welcome.

All Saints Day – Thursday November 1st, Cathedral Masses 7.30am & 12.05pm.

All Souls Day November 2nd– Remembrance Mass

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

Young Vinnies Bush Dance

Saturday November 10th 7.30pm St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall. Admission at the door - \$15 per adult, \$25 per family. All welcome!

Joy+ Youth Festival! Sunday, November 25th

For young people aged from 15-30, in the Cathedral Hall 2.00pm - 8.00pm. The festival will include fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, with special guests. Registrations and more details www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Envelopes \$1559.00	Parish Loose \$267.30	Presbytery \$1994.05
Counters Team 4	Next week Team 5	

Parish Expo for Cathedral Groups, Ministries and Organisations

A Parish expo of all groups, ministries and organisations will be held in the Cathedral Hall over the weekend of November 17th – 18th so that all parishioners can appreciate the great range of ministries, education, outreach, service, community building, prayer and worship that is undertaken in our Parish. The expo will be open after each of the weekend Masses (6.30pm, 8.00am, 10.30am and 5.00pm). The proposed Parish Assembly will not be held that afternoon but will be held in 2019 after each of the parish groups have held their listening encounter in preparation for the Plenary Council.

Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020 – Listening and Encountering

Have your say – respond online

The Listening and Dialogue Encounter can happen in many ways. 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

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 **Jeanette Smith**

In these changing times we are being challenged to take a new look at the ideas, laws and regulations of the Institutional Church to ascertain if they are relevant to the needs and expectations of the people. Take for example Reconciliation- there are 3 rites: 1st private reconciliation, 2nd reconciliation service followed by private absolution, 3rd community absolution service. A number of years ago the 3rd Rite, a thoughtful, meaningful community service with general absolution and emphasis on the real and current issues as well as the communal nature of sin, was available before Christmas and Easter. These services were embraced and well attended.

Recently the 2nd Rite only has been allowed and is poorly attended. What does this say? It seems to indicate that many people do not find this Rite relevant, spiritually nourishing or meeting their expectations. There are 4 times during the Mass when we ask God’s forgiveness for our failings-Penitential Rite, Our Father, Lamb of God, Lord I am not worthy. Private reconciliation is always available for those who feel the need for it. This traditional practice, however, has been rejected by many. Times have changed. Why not a return to the 3rd Rite?

Friendship Walk – Ballarat Interfaith Network, this Sunday, October 28th 2pm - 5pm

Come along and spend an afternoon walking together in friendship and goodwill
2.00pm – Islamic Mosque, 116 Elsworth St, Canadian, 3.30pm – Hebrew Congregation
Synagogue, Cnr Barkly St South, Bakery Hill, 4.20pm – Greek Orthodox Church, 116
Humffray St North.

St Thomas More Alfredton Family fun day, this Sunday, October 28th 10am – 2pm

Nazareth House Fete Saturday, November 17th 10.00am.

A fun family day. Donations of items for the spinning wheel, homemade wares or
food for selling at the stalls are most welcome. Donations will be collected, contact
Margaret 0419 003415 or leave at Nazareth House Reception.

Gospel Reflection – Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

What is it that we fail to see? Today's gospel reading brings to closure a long section of Mark's gospel that focuses on the journey of Jesus and his disciples from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Jericho in the south. Jericho is the final staging point in the journey to Jerusalem where the final act of the gospel drama will be played out. This section of the gospel (8:27-10:52) is prefaced by the story of a blind man who comes to sight in stages and ends with the story of another blind man, Bartimaeus, who comes from blindness to sight, as well as from insight to greater insight, and joins Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. On the intervening journey, Jesus endeavours to lead the Twelve out of their metaphorical blindness into an understanding of what it means to follow a suffering messiah. They remain for some time in their blindness, as subsequent events will demonstrate.

We can probably find some reflection of ourselves in all the characters in today's story. At times we are aware of our blindness and wait desperately by the roadside for the right person or circumstances to come along and give us the heart to rise up and live the journey of faith. At times, we are like the many who think we know what is best for others and who try to silence the voices of those who interfere with our plans. At other times, we respond to the cries for mercy and stretch out our hands to gather in those whose disabilities might otherwise exclude them.