

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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Sunday November 4th 2018 31st 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 10th /11th November	Smythesdale	Beaufort	Snake Valley
6.30pm 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 12 Noon ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral

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

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 & Tues. 10.00am – 11.45am

Friday (public holiday) – Holy Hour following 10.00am Mass, 11.30am Benediction

Sung Responsorial 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time:

I love you Lord, my strength. I love you Lord my God.

Next week's readings: Sunday November 11th, 32nd Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)
1 Kings 17:10-16 Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

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: Leo McGoldrick, Francis Nolan, Mary Phyland

Anniversaries: Scott Brooks, Jack Elliott, Margaret Haintz, Bill O'Loughlin,
Mollie Taffe, Mary Taranto, Verna Walsh

Catholic Women's League

Members of the Ballarat Cathedral Branch will meet in St. Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery meeting room on Wednesday, November 7th at 1.30pm. This will include the AGM where office bearers will be elected and installed. The regular monthly meeting will follow. Members are encouraged to attend if possible. Enquiries – Carmel 5332 2103 or Anna 0400 250 660.

Young Vinnies Bush Dance, Saturday November 10th

Come and join the fun at the Young Vinnies Bush Dance, 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Admission at the door - \$15 per adult, \$25 per family. All welcome!

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.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser

A Garden Party will be held on Sunday, November 18th at 30 Waller Avenue, Newington, 2pm-4pm. The annual fundraiser will include Celtic music, Irish dancing, children singing and a guest speaker. Cake stalls, plant stall, face painting, mini auction and lucky dips. Entry \$20. Children free. 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

St. Vincent de Paul Gift Shop – open after Masses each weekend

In preparation for Christmas, the gift shop has in stock Columban calendars, \$9 each and packs of Christmas cards, \$5 pack.

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 **Trudie Dickinson**, *An Uplifting Confirmation Ceremony*

A celebration which represented the Church as we want it to be. Firstly the celebrating Bishop Mark Edwards sat down surrounded by the 50 or so in the meeting place, part of St Therese Church, Torquay. Bishop Mark spoke simply to the children explaining about his Bishop’s regalia, the Confirmation names they had chosen and the ceremony of the Sacrament. He actually created a truly friendly relationship with the children.

Inside the Church he welcomed all the parents, families and friends emphasizing he wanted everyone to feel welcome especially those who had never been to a Confirmation Ceremony before. He apologised for all the harm that had been done by members of the Church to children and for the Bishops who did not stop it happening.

Bishop Mark spoke to us all about the Holy Spirit being with us in a special way that day and the importance of praying to the Spirit for each child as they were confirmed. He spoke really directly to the children about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and more especially about the fruits of joy, love and peace and how to apply these fruits in their daily lives....playing football, making friends and being good at home. He urged them to look over their day at night and look at the good and the less good! The children were called up by Bishop Mark by their Confirmation names. This ceremony was followed by Eucharist celebrated by the Bishop. At the end of the Mass he asked the children to do one thing... go and give their parents a big hug & they did. This was to me a truly meaningful ceremony inclusive of everyone.

Collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,772.00 Parish Loose \$298.25 Presbytery \$2,376.05
Counters Team 5 Next Week Team 6

Breaking Open the Word of God

Biblical Scholar, Sr Liz Dowling will lead the RCIA formation session on Thursday November 8th at 7.30pm in the MacKillop and Glowrey rooms at the Cathedral. Parishioners and friends are welcome to join the RCIA Catechumens and Candidates for this adult faith event.

Gospel Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

In today's gospel reading we encounter a good scribe, while in next week's we find some not so good scribes. This seems to fit the pattern of the Markan gospel. There are faithful disciples and not so faithful disciples.

For a Jew, the first and best choice is to love the God of Israel with one's whole being and then to love one's neighbour as oneself. Jesus and his questioner are agreed on that. Jesus is presented in today's gospel as a Jew who knows and observes the Law of Moses. He wins the respect of the scribe, a specialist in the Law, who has overheard him debating with the Sadducees.

Jesus recognises the sincerity of the scribe and takes seriously the question that this teacher of the Law puts to him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" He responds in the words of the "Shema Israel" from Deuteronomy 6, today's first reading. Love of God comes first. It is a love that derives from gratitude for God's liberating action in the lives of God's people. Israel has known the unconditional love of God. Those who know anything about human behaviour would probably agree that the experience of unconditional love engenders an increased capacity for love. For the Jews, including those who throw in their lot with Jesus the Jewish Galilean, to love one's neighbour is to keep the second commandment of Leviticus 19:18, "...you shall love your neighbour as yourself".

In first-century Judaism, love of God was expressed in worship and in the prayers and rituals of daily life. Love of others likewise found expression in action, not only in care of family and close friends, but also in support of "the poor and the needy and the stranger." To seek peace was also a feature of neighbourly love. To accept and follow such a program is to be, with the scribe, "not far from" God's kin-dom or empire. Contemporary sensibilities might lead us to include the other-than-human among the neighbours or "kin" we are called to love. If we learn to love the earth and all that inhabits it, the birds and the beasts, the plants and the soil, the sky and the sea, then we are more likely to tread lightly upon it.