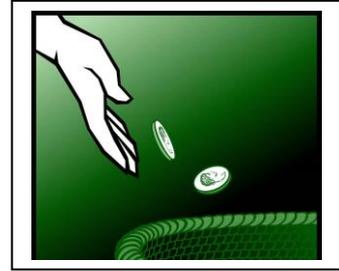


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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Sunday November 11th 2018 32nd Sunday (Year B)



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

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

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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 17th /18th November	Smythesdale	Skipton	Rokewood
6.30pm 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 12.05pm Cathedral

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 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the lord, my soul.

Next week's readings: *Sunday November 18th, 33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*

Daniel 12:1-3 Ps 15:5. 8-11 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

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: Mary Donegan, Liz Fitzpatrick, Lucy O'Donohue

Anniversaries: Basil Moss, Lyn O'Brien, Damien Rowan, Anna Vossem

Parish Stewardship Thanksgiving Envelopes

Envelopes for the next contribution period (November – March 2019) are now available in the south transept. Please collect your new envelopes. Many thanks to all contributors. If you would like to join by making a regular financial contribution to support the Cathedral Parish, please contact Kerrie McTigue (Finance Officer)

ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone the Cathedral Office 5331 2933.

Existing contributors with queries about their contributions (direct debit, credit card or envelopes) are encouraged to contact Kerrie who commenced as Finance Officer on October 29th. Welcome Kerrie!

Nazareth House Fete Saturday, November 17th 10.00am

A fun family day. A great chance to buy up on homemade goodies, grab a bargain and win a prize on the very popular spinning wheel.

Asylum Seeker Garden Party Fundraiser Sunday, November 18th 2.00pm – 4.00 pm

30 Waller Avenue, Newington, including 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

The gift shop has Columban calendars, \$9 each and packs of Christmas cards, \$5 pack.

Collections last weekend – thank you to all contributors, collectors & counters

Envelopes \$1,278.00 Parish Loose \$254.95 Presbytery \$1,958.85

Counters Team 6 Next Week Team 7

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 monthly cuppa and a chat after 10.30am Mass will take place next Sunday, November 18th to coincide with the Parish Expo. Enjoy a friendly cuppa while visiting the many exhibits. All welcome.

Cathedral Parish Plenary at the Expo

The parish has been taking part -in a range of ways- in the preparation for the Plenary Council 2020. The Parish Pastoral Council thought that it would be good to start at the “grassroots” and to that end, as part of the upcoming expo on Sunday the 18th of November, there will be an opportunity to register ideas/questions/feedback relating to Parish life. The PPC will be present at the expo after each Mass and are happy to listen and record ideas, to have a confidential suggestion box etc., for parishioners to focus on what we think God is asking of us in the Cathedral Parish, at this time. The PPC is newly established and is wanting communication with parishioners as to the direction we as a parish feel called by God to follow on the local level.

Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020 – Listening and Encountering

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 **Ray Austin** *An Australian Catholic bishop at a conference some years ago said that if Jesus came back today, He wouldn’t recognise the church he instituted. I believe that we need to return to the original teachings of Jesus without the add ons and literal interpretations referred to by a very famous Cardinal soon after Vatican 2, that stated “Liturgical forms and customs, dogmatic formulations thought to have risen with the Apostles now appeared as products of complicated processes of growth within the womb of history.” Most people today see the Old Testament as a contextual story told through myth, metaphor and poetry to convey sacred truths, but elements of the Church today cannot accept this also of the New Testament. Our duty as Christians is to preach the Gospel. If we continue to preach outmoded theology then we are not preaching the Gospel at all.”*

We Welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday

Bodhi Roy Halsall

son of Mathew and Annya

Thomas Patrick Knight

son of Jahn and Rachel



June 2019 Cathedral Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr Justin invites parishioners and friends interested in joining a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in June 2019 to an information session in the Parish Office on Wednesday November 21st at 6.00 pm.

Parish Census update

At each of the Parish Masses over the coming two weekends, the 6 Ballarat Parishes will be updating their parish census through the census cards at each of their Masses. If you need your reading glasses, please bring them.

Gospel Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

Jesus is teaching the crowds in the Jerusalem Temple. He knows the vulnerability of many of the people around him and issues a warning about the grandiose behaviour of the Jerusalem scribes. It is easy enough to be taken in by the posturing of those who present as superior and who look for status recognition. It is also easy to miss the goodness of those on the edge even if it is happening before our very eyes. The context presents Jesus as attuned to the plight of the widows. He now notices and draws the attention of his disciples to the action of one particular “destitute” widow. Her tiny contribution to the treasury of two copper coins for the upkeep of the Temple is far more significant than the big sums contributed by the wealthy out of their excess. Is this woman being presented as the victim of an unjust system that extracts from her what she cannot afford, as some commentators insist? Or is the Markan Jesus presenting her as a free agent, a model of discipleship, who offers everything she has to live on? It may not be necessary to choose between these two interpretations. It is clear that this woman’s action provides a striking contrast to that of the scribes, like the action of another woman who, a little later in the story, breaks a precious jar and pours an abundance of healing ointment over the head of Jesus as he faces the prospect of death. As the gospel draws to a close, then, we find two stories of extravagantly generous unnamed women, stories told in memory of their gospel foolishness.