

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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Sunday November 18th 2018 33rd Sunday (Year B)



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Parish Expo for Cathedral Groups, Ministries and Organisations

A Parish expo of all groups, ministries and organisations will be held in the Cathedral Hall this weekend, November 17th – 18th so that all parishioners can acknowledge and 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 this Sunday, to coincide with the Parish Expo. Enjoy a friendly cuppa while visiting the many exhibits. All parishioners, visitors and friends are very welcome!

Cathedral Parish Masses 24th /25th November	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm	6.30pm Vigil	8.30am	10.30am

Masses during week, Monday – Friday 12.05 pm, Saturday 10.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30am

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

Morning Prayer of the Church, Monday – Friday at 8.00 am

Next week's readings: *Sunday November 25th, Feast of Christ the King, Ordinary Time (B)*

Daniel 7:13-14

Ps 92:1-2. 5.

Revelations 1:5-8 John 18:33-37

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

Envelopes \$1,619.00 Parish Loose \$441.80 Presbytery \$1,965.90

Counters Team 7 Next Week Team 1

Sung Responsorial 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Keep me safe O God, you are my hope

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: Phillip Auer, Doug Gillett, Bruce Green, Lucille Hogsett, Ken Stout, Jim Walters

Anniversaries: Sally Begbie, Felix and Jean Favaloro, Margaret Little, John McDowell, Bill O'Loughlin, Basil Maher, Ted Murphy, Andrew O'Brien, Dan Warden, Franka Zelencich

We Welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday

Florence Isla Davis daughter of Alexandra & Nathan

Clay Robert and Maysi Raine Le Marshall children of Scott & Dayna

Isobel Rosalie Wealands daughter of Scott & Jessica

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



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.

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!

Parish Census update at each of the Parish Masses this weekend and next weekend.

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

30 Waller Avenue, Newington. Entry \$20. Children free. All welcome.

Joy+ Youth Festival! Next 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

Senior Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers those children who are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm following their four week preparation.

St Vincent de Paul Society Jesse Tree Christmas Appeal 2018

Jesse Tree symbols will be distributed after each Mass commencing next weekend the Feast of Christ the King and throughout the Season of Advent. We again ask that you support our Jesse Tree Appeal through the donation of non-perishable food items. Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes are available in the pews for those wishing to make a cash donation to the appeal.

June 2019 Cathedral Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr Justin invites parishioners and friends interested in joining a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from June 9th – 22nd 2019 to an information session in the Parish Office on Wednesday November 21st at 6.00 pm. Contact Leonie at Lifestyle travel 53331 8227

“Get over yourself: the only way to prepare for the Plenary Council” by Shane Dwyer
If by now you haven't heard that the Church in this country is preparing for its first Plenary Council since the 1930's you may not have been paying attention. Since the formation of the Plenary Council Planning Committee I have acted as a consultant, in theory providing assistance on any theological matters that arise. I say 'in theory' because I've seen that the committee members themselves have this area pretty well covered. I continue to attend the meetings not so much because I believe I am needed, but because I find myself inspired as I listen to the way those attending to this important work talk about their hopes and desires for the Church in this country. A guiding conviction that has emerged from this committee is that all people, no matter

their degree of affiliation with the Church, be welcomed to the discussion and have a voice on who we are as Church into the future. This is not an easy road to take. Having sat with a number of groups throughout Australia as they seek to prepare their submission to the Plenary Council, I have come across a recurrent snag. It relates to how groups instinctively go about the listening and dialogue process. From what I have seen it comes down to the basic predisposition of the more forthright members of the group. For those where the dominant figures are comfortable with prayer and open dialogue, the group functions more or less as the planning committee has intended. The discussion begins with prayer and silence, where each person present attempts to get in touch with what they believe God is asking of us today. Because the discussion is grounded in prayer, people then more easily share their stories and insights, knowing that while not everyone might connect with what they are saying, they will be heard and respected. This allows them to be non-defensive and, therefore, open to modifying their views when they listen to what others have to say. It becomes another matter altogether if the dominant figures either foreshorten the prayer and silence, or dispense with it altogether. In those circumstances I notice a more adversarial approach. Instead of focusing on what each of us believes God is asking of us, the question much more quickly becomes what do I think is wrong with the Church? Or, what are my personal opinions about what 'the Church' should be doing? In these circumstances I notice two inevitable outcomes. The dialogue either curtails very quickly or it becomes argumentative. Instead of the inspirational sort of encounter that I referenced above, people feel shut down and confirmed in their view that the Church is not a place where their experiences and insights are welcomed. Hope begins to fade, and those who are already disillusioned with the Church remain so. So I end with a plea. The journey to the Plenary Council began in 2013 with the Year of Grace: a year in which we were invited to 'Contemplate the Face of Christ'. We were invited to do this, not as a 'one off' but as the beginning of a deep conversion process. We are being invited to reflect again on what it truly means to be the disciples of Jesus Christ. When we take our eyes off him we experience the very thing that happened to St Peter when he got out of the boat and began to walk towards Jesus (Matthew 14: 22). Peter was fine as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. The moment he ceased to contemplate the face of Christ he began to drown. Which will we be: the Church of Jesus Christ with our eyes on him, or a self-focused group of people in danger of going under?