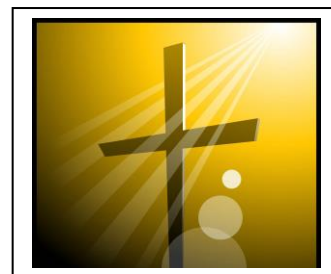


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat



Sunday November 25th 2018 Feast of Christ the King 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

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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 1st /2nd December

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Linton

9.00am

Skipton

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 7.30 am Cathedral 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

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday - Saturday 8.00 am

Next week's readings: *Sunday December 2nd, First Sunday of Advent (C)*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10.

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

Sung Responsorial Feast of Christ the King

The Lord is King: He is robed in majesty

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: Bruce Clifton, Bruce McCardle

Anniversaries: Toni Dianne McVeigh, Melva Suckling, Corrie van Raaphorst,
John Woof

We Welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday

Zachary Kingsley Allen	son of Graham and Shareen
Edith Nancy Canny	daughter of Timothy and Monica
Evie Milla Larkin	daughter of Damian and Lauren
Leo Francis Rogan	son of Paul and Ebonee



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

Parish Expo

Congratulations and thanks! The feedback from the Parish Expo last weekend has been so positive and hundreds of parishioners and visitors enjoyed the Parish Expo. Thanks for the participation and contribution of so many. Facilitated by the Parish Pastoral Council (Leo Styles chairman, Bethany Pennington, Tomy Theckamurry, Trudie Dickinson and Susan Crowe) we were grateful to the following groups, ministries and organisations serving in the Cathedral Parish: ACU Aquinas Campus Ministry, Alpha Adult Faith, Baptism Sponsors, Cathedral Cleaners, Catholic Women's League, Christian Life Community, Communion Ministry to the Sick and Housebound, Environment and Precinct team, Family Groups, Finance Committee, Funeral Ministry, Godstart Post Baptism Support, Jesus Christ the Returning King Lay Apostolate, Legion of Mary, Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group, Liturgical Art and Environment, Liturgy Team, Loreto College, Malayalum Kerala Community, Mountain of Praise, Pastoral Care at Ballarat Health Services, Padre Pio Prayer Group, Post Alpha, RCIA, Sacrament Team, St John of God Healthcare, St Patrick's Parish Primary School Drummond St, St Patrick's College, St Thomas More Parish Primary School Alfredton, St Vincent de Paul Cathedral Conference, Siena Parish Primary School Lucas, Ten Thirty Sunday Morning Choir, Visiting Team, YESS Youth, Young Vinnies, Youth and Young Adult Ministry from the Diocese.

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

First Saturday Devotion – December 1st, 2018 at 9.15am

Joy+ Youth Festival! Sunday, November 25th

Welcome to all who are joining us at the Cathedral for 5.00 pm Mass today.

St Vincent de Paul Society Jesse Tree Christmas Appeal 2018

Jesse Tree symbols will be distributed after each Mass commencing this weekend 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.

Collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,552.00 Parish Loose \$422.40 Presbytery \$2,141.75

Advent in the Cathedral Parish

7.30 am Mass each Friday morning in the Cathedral commencing this Friday

7.00 pm Holy Hour in the Cathedral each Friday evening

Tuesday December 4th,	6.30 pm	Mass with St Patrick's Primary School
Wednesday December 5th,	2.30 pm	Mass at the Jim Gay Unit (Q. E. Ascot St)
	6.00 pm	Mass with St Thomas More Primary School
Thursday December 6th,	6.30 pm	Family Group Leaders (presbytery)
Friday December 7th,	12 Noon	St V de Paul Assistance Centre bbq
	6.30 pm	Joy Spreading Young Adults event
Tuesday December 11th,	7.00 pm	Siena awards family evening at Lucas
	7.30 pm	Carols on the Turf at St Patrick's Primary
Wednesday December 12th,	12.05 pm	Anointing Mass and Lunch in the Hall
	6.00 pm	St V de Paul Cathedral Conference bbq
Thursday December 13th,	9.30 am	Mass with Loreto College Staff (Chapel)
Friday December 14th,	10.30 am	Mass with Kallara, Cuthberts Rd Alfredton
	2.30 pm	End of Year Mass at Siena Primary, Lucas
Wednesday December 19th,	7.00 pm	Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation
Friday December 21st,	10.30 am	Cathedral Volunteers Morning Tea
	7.00 pm	Cathedral Service of Carols and Readings

Cathedral Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve (Monday December 24th) 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm, 12 Midnight

Christmas Day (Tuesday December 25th), 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm (Syro Malabar)

St. Patrick's Cathedral Preschoolers Christmas Gathering

Thursday, December 6th, 9.30am-11.30am in St. Patrick's Hall. Morning tea for all parents and pre-schoolers. Please bring a plate for morning tea (nut-free food appreciated). All welcome.

Gospel Reflection Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kin-dom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century.

The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel, both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence and domination. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.