

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat



*Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2018*

*Second Sunday of Advent Year C*



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 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> December	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	5.00pm	Cathedral (Diocesan Education Team)
Wednesday	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas	12.05pm	Cathedral (Anointing Mass)
Thursday	11.00am	Redan	11.30am	St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral
Friday	7.30am	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 16<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent (C)*

*Zephaniah 3:14-18*

*Isaiah 12:2-6 R. v.6*

*Phil 4:4-7*

*Luke 3:10-18*

**Advent** *Wait in Joyful Hope a Saviour will come, Jesus Christ the light of the world*

*Wait in Joyful Hope a Saviour will come, welcome to the Word of God*

**Sung Responsorial Psalm** *The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy.*

*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:** Lynne Devlin, Diana Reynolds, Stjepan Salkovic, Margaret Studd, Roslyn Tobin

**Anniversaries** Eileen Buckeridge, Mary Clohesy, Denis Davey, Frank Giuliano, Joan Hayes, Edward and Mary Jones, John Lever, James and Alice Malone, Fr. John Martin, Ljubomir(Loui)Saric, Anthony Skobla, Vera Tempany

**We Welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday**

Brodie James Barnes son of Aaron and Ashley

Jonah Benjamin and Flynn Peter Murphy sons of Larissa



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

**Advent in the Cathedral Parish**

7.30 am Mass each Friday morning in the Cathedral

7.00 pm Holy Hour in the Cathedral each Friday evening

Tuesday December 11th,	5.00 pm	Diocesan Education Team Mass
	7.00 pm	Siena awards family evening at Lucas
	7.30 pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group
	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)
	7.15 pm	Mass with Ballarat Christian Life Community
Friday December 14th,	10.30 am	Mass with Kallara, Cuthberts Rd Alfredton
	2.30 pm	End of Year Mass at Siena Primary, Lucas
Sunday December 16th,	5.00 pm	Prayer of Sorrow & Promise @ Mercy Place
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)  
(Christmas Eve 6.00pm Skipton, 7.30pm Smythesdale, 8.00pm Beaufort, 9.00pm Snake Valley, Christmas Day 9.00am Linton, 10.30am St John of God Hospital Chapel)

## **Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Housebound**

Would those who take Communion to the sick and housebound please contact the Parish Office ([ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) 53 312933) with the name/s of those to whom you take Communion? We will develop a contact list for all involved.

## **Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees' Pizza Lunch December 16th 12noon**

All are invited to support a refugee family, at 136 Bogong Avenue, Invermay Park for a Pizza Lunch. Eat in or take away. \$15 per adult, children \$5. (Carmel Moloney)

## **Parish Anointing Mass Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our Advent Parish Mass of Anointing will be held in St Patrick's Hall at 12.05pm. Lunch will be served following Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion (they can be left at the hall before Mass). Can you assist preparing lunch at 10.00 am? Can you help with the serving of the lunch at 1.00pm? Please contact the Parish Office to register your assistance. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone the Cathedral Parish Office on 53312933.

## **Cathedral Cleaning working Bee in preparation for Christmas**

Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.00 am. If you have time, please come and join in.

## **St Vincent de Paul Society Jesse Tree Christmas Appeal 2018**

Jesse Tree symbols will be distributed after each Mass 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.

## **OLHC Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch**

Christmas Day Lunch (no cost), 12.00 Midday -2.00 pm (Meal at 12.30 pm) to be held at OLHC Parish Hall, 482 Gillies St. Wendouree. Transport available. 0419 975 914

## **Thank you for contributing to the collections last weekend**

Envelopes \$1,294.00 Parish Loose \$324.35 Presbytery \$1,902.25

Counters Team 3 Next Week Team 4

## **Thanksgiving (Planned Giving) Envelope No. 4**

Please contact the parish office to confirm your current details 53 312933,  
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## **'Life in the Spirit' Charismatic Prayer Group**

The group will hold a Christmas break-up in the Presbytery Dining Room on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m. Please bring a plate.

## **Prayer of Sorrow and Promise**

The Catholic Religious of Australia encourage the people of the Diocese to join them in prayer for those who have been abused, their families, and communities on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 5.00 pm Mercy Place Chapel, Ballarat East. All welcome.

## **Position Vacant, Part time Cathedral Parish Administration Officer**

Contact the Cathedral Parish office for a complete position description.

## **Gospel Reflection**      Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

*Like Luke, author of the third gospel, Pope Francis recognises that this message is for the whole world and not simply for the Church community. Luke situates his gospel drama on a national and international stage and in relation to global events. He wants to insist that religion is no private affair and that the story of the movement around Jesus of Nazareth is no ordinary, everyday story. It is rather a story with momentous political and religious significance. Luke is strong on dramatic impact and less concerned about the facts. He situates events in the "pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas", implying that there were two high priests at the same time. In fact, Caiaphas succeeded his father-in-law Annas as high priest, even if the influence of the latter persisted into Caiaphas' pontificate.*

*Luke 3:1-6 contains some of Luke's favourite themes: prophecy and its fulfilment; the word of God; reversal of expectations; conversion or repentance; proclaiming the good news; forgiveness of sins; salvation. As in Israel's past, the wilderness or desert is the locus of God's revelation. The prophet John calls on the people of the region around the*

*Jordan River to turn their hearts and their lives around, to accept “a baptism of metanoia or conversion for the forgiveness of sins’.*