

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Communities of Alfredton, Ballarat, Cardigan, Lake Gardens, Lake Wendouree, Lucas, Newington

St Peter's Parish Linton

Communities of Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake, Valley



Sunday January 13th The Baptism of the Lord

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

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BHS Pastoral Care - Tracy Sillekens, Family Ministry & Safeguarding - Anita Houlihan

Finance Officer - Kerrie McTigue, Grounds - Tony McVeigh, Office Admin - Juanita Bongiorno

Linton Parish Safeguarding Officer - Cecelia Rowberry

Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Cathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) Jo Brewer

Masses January 19th – 20th Cathedral

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Skipton

9.00am

Rokewood

10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30am Redan

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

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday - Saturday 8.00am

Next week's readings: *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

Isaiah 62:1-5

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

O bless the Lord my soul, O bless the Lord my soul

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish and St Peter's Parish Linton respectfully acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Recent Deaths: Kevin Delmenico, Jim Doran, Carmel Ellis, Marlene Kirby,
Michael Shearer

Anniversaries: Robert and Natasha Davey and children, Lowen Hardy,
Thomas Hartigan, Margaret Holmes, Jillian Kors, Frank McGrath,
Mary McGuinness, Anne Packer, John Parkin, Glen Taffe

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism

Braxton Nathan Beaumont and

Hunter Ivan Beaumont sons of Nathan and Natalie

Avery Madison Kelly daughter of Christopher and Gemma



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

Office Hours over January

The Parish Office will be open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am until 5.00pm. Over these weeks with reduced office hours there will be a shared weekly newsletter for the Linton and the Cathedral Parishes.

Closing Mass for St Patrick's Church Springdallah

Following the sale of the Church at Springdallah last weekend, there will be a final Mass in the Church on Sunday January 27th 2019 at 10.30am. All former parishioners welcome. This Mass will replace the usual 10.30am Mass at Skipton that Sunday.

Organs of the Goldfields 24th Annual Programme

Welcome to all who are visiting Ballarat and our Cathedral as part of the Annual Festival! The opening performance in the Cathedral was Friday night. In the coming week, there will be a recital in the Cathedral on Sunday night, January 17th at 8pm, James MacMillan – *Since it was the day of preparation*.

On Monday afternoon at 4pm the recital will be *Les Angelus – Romantic Music for Soprano and Organ*. The Festival will conclude Sunday, January 20th at 8.00pm with a *Spiritual Forest – the Sacred Music of Claudio Monteverdi*. Supper will follow the final performance, \$8 donation, all welcome. Festival brochures for booking arrangements are available at the Cathedral entrances. At various times throughout the coming week there will be rehearsals for these recitals and we welcome those involved.

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes	\$2,125.10	Parish Loose	\$393.05	Presbytery	\$1,655.35
Counters	Team 1	Next Week	Team 2		

NET (National Evangelisation Team) Ministries Australia

In response to the Cathedral Parish contributing towards funding for her mission, Judith Sully writes: *“I would like to say a sincere thank you to the parish for their generous contribution towards my NET sponsorship. NET Ministries Australia is an organisation committed to providing peer-to-peer ministry to high school and university students. I am so excited to become a part of this program and help spread the message of God’s love to the young people of Australia. I have seen what a powerful difference NET has made in the lives of some of my closest friends, and I am so appreciative for this opportunity, and my sponsors who made this incredible adventure possible. Thank you so much.”*

2020 Plenary Council, *Share the Story, Shape the Future*

Over the past seven months, more than 30,000 people have generously shared their stories and experiences of life, faith and the Church with the Plenary Council. Those stories will help shape this historic process by forming the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Listening and Dialogue stage. If you haven’t yet shared your story, you have until March 2019 to do so. Follow this link to respond online to the preparatory questions

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

This week’s response comes from Kathleen Whelan who writes: *I feel the Holy Spirit is saying there is a great need to care for and help those who are suffering in silence in our church family. I would like to see a Healing Ministry team formed in every Catholic church. The group could consist of – Priest for Healing Sacraments (which we already have); Doctors who minister with the Word of God; Carers who journey alongside in friendship. The aim being to do good for those who are desolate, lonely, oppressed and sick. Looking out for our brothers and sisters. To encourage our community to join their faith with action by journeying together. This will bring ‘life’ to our Australian Catholic Church by mercifully walking alongside others without judgement. Asking them what ‘they need’. The old man on the beach stooping, picking up and throwing out to sea was asked by a young man – “What are you doing?” “Throwing starfish back into the ocean,” he said. “Why waste your time day after day” said the young man, “when on all the beaches, all over the world, every day, starfish are washed up? What difference does it make?” The old man opened his hand and said, “It makes a difference to this little one.” The Power of One!*

Reflection on the Gospel – Veronica Lawson rsm

Today's celebration of the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The liturgy of the Christmas season invited us to reflect on and to experience the various comings of Christ in our world. It invited us to open ourselves to the action of God's grace at work in our encounters with the living Christ. The readings from Luke's gospel led us from the story of the birth of Jesus to the story of his personal decision at age twelve to remain in God's house, the Jerusalem Temple, listening to the teachers of the Law and astonishing them with his answers to their questions. Now, as an adult and along with "all the people", Jesus receives John's water baptism. The crowds are wondering if John the Baptist is the Christ/Messiah, God's anointed one. John points the people away from himself and towards Jesus who "will baptise ...with the Holy Spirit and fire". Did Jesus also engage in a ministry of baptising the people "for the forgiveness of sins" or is John's reference to Jesus' activity of baptising with the Holy Spirit and fire a metaphor for the distinctive features of his future gospel ministry? It could well be both. As already noted in the reflection for the third Sunday of Advent, the three instruments of God's saving and purifying action for the Essene community at Qumran were fire, water and "a holy Spirit". In Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, the presence of the Holy Spirit is marked by tongues of fire. Fire is a powerful symbol that functions as a threat on the one hand and as a source of energy and light on the other. The gospel reading tells us that Jesus is God's Chosen One, the Beloved, on whom God's Spirit rests. In light of the first reading from Isaiah 42, the voice of God in the baptism scene commissions Jesus to bring forth justice, sensitively and without fanfare; to be a light to the peoples; to open the eyes of the blind and to set the captives free. Those baptised into Christ through the ages are baptised "with the Holy Spirit and fire" and are called to the same mission as Jesus and the same sensitive approach to that mission. The fire in our hearts sometimes flickers in the face of life's challenges. We are sometimes guilty of crushing "the bruised reed" or extinguishing the flickering flame of hope. As we move into Ordinary Time with its often extraordinary demands, we might think about stirring the embers and fanning the flame of God's love so that justice might prevail in our world and for our planet-justice without violence, if not without pain.