

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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

Sunday January 27th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu and Sajan Mathew

Visiting Priests: Frs Dan Arundell and Barry Ryan

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

Finance Officer - Kerrie McTigue, Grounds - Tony McVeigh, Admin Officer - Selina Gaden

Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

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

Masses February 2nd- 3rd Cathedral	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm	6.30pm Vigil	9.00am	10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	10.00am	Cathedral (Australia Day Public Holiday)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Cathedral (Catholic Education)	12.05pm	Cathedral
Wednesday	12 noon	ACU Aquinas	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

Legion of Mary First Saturday Devotion Saturday February 2nd, 9.15am

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

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19 Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 Luke 4:21-30

Responsorial Psalm

Your words Lord, are Spirit and life.

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: Theo Bloemendaal (Holland), Lorna Annie Brown, Lisa Hayden, Adam Jenkins, Michaela Murphy-Engeler

Anniversaries: Sr Elide Beltrome, Eileen Bongiorno, Monica Cashin, Kevin Daly, Gerard Dumaresq, Mate Medved, Barbara Quanchi, Peter Sargeant, Kaye Theobald, Lance Vagg

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism

Frankie Joan Byrne daughter of Linnea and Timothy

Isla Hazel Michelson daughter of Hannah and Mark



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

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,610.00 Parish Loose \$258.50 Presbytery \$2,085.35

Counters Team 3 Next Week Team 4

Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group meetings resume on Tuesday, January 29th at 7.30pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey meeting rooms.

Part-time work opportunity

The Sisters of Mercy are in need of a person with skills in property maintenance to undertake the care of some of their properties in Ballarat. A background in a trade would be an advantage but is not essential. The current position is for 3 days per week at the award rate, commencing early February. Interested persons are asked to contact 5331 7774 during office hours for more information.

Theology Course – *Thirsting for God: Faith Seeking Understanding*

Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson invite parishioners to sign up for five 2-hour sessions on faith commitment in the contemporary world. Venue: Mercy Gathering Room, Gent Street, Ballarat East. February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 6. Afternoons (1-3pm) or evenings (7-9pm). Donation of \$25 to cover costs. Contact Sr. Veronica by email veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au or phone 0408392297 before February 4th. *This is a new course, not a repeat of sessions held over the past 4 years.*

Parish Stewardship Renewal, February - March 2019

Our Parish Stewardship Program commences in two weeks – with our Welcome Weekend. The Program recognises that ‘Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church’ and will invite us to reflect on what it means to be a member of our parish community.

Frank Schobben from the Development Office will facilitate this renewal with the assistance of our own Stewardship Renewal Team of Michael Kearney (Chairman), Andrew Ballesty, Ed Browne, Geordie Charles, Kevin Elliott, Cheryl McIntosh, John Mulcair, Cathy Oakley.

Parish ‘Our Future’ Forum

All parishioners are warmly invited to special forums as part of the Program – the Our Future Forum on Wednesday February 27th at 10.30am and 7.00pm in the small hall. This is a great opportunity to make your contribution to the discussion. Please mark this date in your calendar. Full Program details will be available on the dedicated Program page on our parish website – which will be updated regularly throughout the Program.

Diocesan Social Justice Commission

Over the years, the Commission has conducted conferences dealing with such matters as the role of families, refugees and asylum seekers and domestic violence. It has organised ecumenical welcomes to social justice statements by the Australian Catholic Bishops and has corresponded with politicians. It is a sponsor of the Palm Sunday March in Melbourne in support of refugees and asylum seekers. It has set up a social justice noticeboard which is linked to the Diocesan website.

Members of the Commission are: Bishop Paul Bird, Anthea Hinchey, (Chair), Tony Fitzgerald (Centacare), Sue Searls (Catholic Missions and Caritas), Jo Rix (Catholic Earthcare), Mary Rita Thomas (St Vincent de Paul Society), Rachel Smith (Executive member), Stacey Atkins (Catholic Education), Fiona Tonkin (Minutes), Jim Ryan and Noel Gregory (Parishioners). The Commission would like to make contact with parish and other local groups interested in social justice issues for a number of reasons. First, to inform them of its activities. Secondly, to give publicity to their activities. Thirdly, to seek opportunities for co-operation and mutual support.

Please contact Noel Gregory 5334 5544 pyramidhill@hotmail.com

Reflection on the Gospel – Veronica Lawson rsm

The liturgy for today juxtaposes the introductory verses of Luke's gospel and a passage from the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry that encapsulates and sets the tone for the whole gospel. If we had no other part of Luke's gospel than these twelve verses, we would know a great deal about the gospel and its author's intentions.

From the first four verses, we know that Luke is not an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus but is endeavouring to provide an orderly account on the basis of reliable eyewitness accounts handed down to the community by "servants" or ministers of the word. We know that Luke's is one of many and not just four gospels. We also learn that the gospel is carefully researched and addressed to a person of influence called Theophilus, a name that means "lover of God" or "beloved of God". We might guess that Theophilus is Luke's patron, someone who provides the necessary funds to produce this work. He is possibly the early equivalent of an RCIA candidate, one seeking to become a full member of the worshipping community. We know from the grammatical construction that the author is male. And most importantly, we know that Luke sets out to place on a firm foundation the teaching that Theophilus has received about Jesus. The word translated as "truth" (*asphaleia*) in our lectionary can also mean "certainty" or "assurance". Our English word "asphalt" is derived from the Greek *asphaleia*. Luke wants the gospel message to be well grounded. When we turn to Luke 4:14-21, we find a dramatic scene set in the Nazareth synagogue. This programmatic scene sets the tone for the whole gospel. Luke's gospel story is about the release that comes from the gracious and expansive love of God mediated through God's anointed and Spirit-filled prophet. Every significant event in Luke is powered by the Spirit of God. This event is no exception. The Spirit-filled Jesus searches out and proclaims a passage from the prophet Isaiah, a combination of Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:9. He then points to his own mission as a fulfilment of the Isaian prophecy. Jesus thus presents himself as the Spirit-filled anointed one of God who brings good news to the destitute or homeless poor, release to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. The Greek word translated as "oppressed" literally means "shattered". It evokes images of asylum seekers in detention centres and of the hundreds of thousands displaced by war or persecution. It evokes the pain of the Earth itself and the other-than-human inhabitants of our planet suffering the effects of climate change and ecological destruction. If the gospel message is to be well-grounded in our times, the "destitute" and "shattered" of our Earth community must find the "release" of which the gospel speaks.