

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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

**Sunday February 10th**      **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

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

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Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Mathew, Vincent Pham CSsR

Visiting Priests:      Frs Dan Arundell and Barry Ryan

BHS Pastoral Care - Tracy Sillekens, Admin, 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 16<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> 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 noon ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30am Redan 11.30am St John of God 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:** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

*Jeremiah 17: 5-8*

*1 Cor 15:12, 16-20*

*Luke 6:23*

*Luke 6:17, 20-26*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises Lord.**

*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:** Rhonda Bateman, Margaret Harty, Clare Humphrey, Moira Sculley

**Anniversaries:** Therese Black, Mychajel Dyhin, Bessy Gallagher, Louisa Fay, Sally Hayes, Jackie Jones, Bridget Keighery, Lorraine Lock, Sr Rosalie Rowley (SJOG), Petronella (Nell) Van Der Ploeg

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

Avery Madison Kelly daughter of Gemma and Christopher  
Mason Thomas James Meehan son of Jennifer and Jay



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

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

Envelopes \$1,985.00 Parish Loose \$358.05 Presbytery \$2,035.90  
Counters Team 5 Next Week Team 6

**Plenary Council Listening encounters**

The Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council will host a number of meetings for Plenary listening encounters for parishioners as part of the first part of the Plenary Process. These will be opportunities for prayer, reflection, listening, and discernment that will be facilitated by members of PPC. They will all be held in the dining room at the Presbytery and will be for a about one hour duration. Parishioners are welcome to participate in one of the following listening encounters throughout February:

Tuesday 12th	10.30am	Bethany Pennington & Fr Vincent CSsR
Wednesday 13th	7.30am	Leo Styles & Fr Justin (coffee/tea with toast!)
Wednesday 13th	7.30pm	Bethany Pennington & Susan Crowe
Sunday 17th	11.30am	Bethany Pennington & Tomi Theckkamurri
Sunday 17th	3.30pm	Susan Crowe & Fr Justin
Wednesday 20th	7.30am	Leo Styles & Fr Justin (coffee/tea with toast!)
Wednesday 20th	10.30am	Trudie Dickinson
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Bethany Pennington & Tomi Theckkamurri
Sunday 24th	11.30am	Bethany Pennington
Wednesday 27th	10.30am	Trudie Dickinson

## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)**

Information evening for parents, Thursday February 14th 7.00pm smaller hall

### **Welcome to the first weekend of our Parish Stewardship Renewal Program**

The Program recognises that ‘Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church’ and will challenge us to reflect on what it means to be a member of our community.

At each Mass this weekend, copies of the Program brochure and Groups & Ministry form will be distributed. We encourage you to read these materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on the [parish website](#) from now on. Reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

We will also hear from fellow parishioners at all Masses this weekend who will provide us with details of the Program. Please also note the following special message of welcome about the Program from Fr. Kevin Maloney, our Vicar General.

### ***Welcome, Our Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church!***

They are places of welcome - where we gather as individuals and unite as a community. Where we are nourished by the Word and Sacrament, where we support and nurture one another and reach out to those in need. We can all make them very special places and I thank you for being part of your parish community! You are about to commence a Parish Stewardship Program – and over the next few weeks you will be asked to reflect as a parish on your faith, your community and your future and the contribution as individuals you can make to parish life. You will hear messages from Pope Francis and parish leaders and receive special materials. Your [website](#) will now be active with information relating to the Stewardship Program. It will be a central point of communication directing you to parish activities, materials and important dates and will be updated regularly throughout the Program. Please check it out for yourselves! We’d like everyone to be involved – so add your voice in person or through the parish website or email. Pope Francis asks us “...to ensure that our parishes are animated by a missionary spirit and are places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.” I urge you to see your Stewardship Program as an ideal way to respond to his call. May God continue to bless you, your family and your parish! Fr Kevin Maloney, Vicar General Diocese of Ballarat.

**Pope Francis says** *“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel”*      Evangelii Gaudium 114

### **Parish ‘Our Future’ Forum**

All parishioners are warmly invited to special forums as part of the Program – the Our Future Forum on Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Reflection on the Gospel – Veronica Lawson rsm**

The gospel reading opens with Jesus by the lake shore looking for a little space from the people who are pressing around him to hear “the word of God”. For the gospel writer, the word of Jesus is the word of God. The listener/reader has been gradually prepared, in the baptism scene and in the episode in the Nazareth synagogue, to receive this momentous truth. Jesus is the anointed of God who brings good news/God’s word to the destitute. The gospel narrative assumes that the crowd by the lake receives his teaching as God’s word.

Jesus sees two empty boats and gets into the one that belongs to Simon Peter. The implication is that Jesus knows Peter since he feels free to get into Peter’s boat and ask him to move the boat out from the shore. Having gained the distance he needs, Jesus sits down and teaches the crowd from the boat. God’s word thus comes to the people from the potentially regenerative waters of the lake. Simon no doubt has one ear on Jesus’ teaching as he and his despondent business partners clean the nets and pack up ready to go home without any fish. They have fished all night without a single catch.

Evoking the creation story of Genesis where God’s spirit moves over the face of the deep, Jesus invites Simon and his companions to put out into deep water and lower the nets for a catch, even though there is little likelihood of a catch. Simon Peter hesitates, noting that they have laboured without success all night. He nonetheless follows Jesus’ instructions. The dramatic result of his attending to Jesus’ word brings Simon to his knees: he acknowledges his limitations, his “sinfulness” in gospel terms. Jesus then commissions him to engage fearlessly in a new mission of reaching out beyond his present business enterprise in order to “catch people”. This commission is not to be understood as a recruitment drive for the reign of God movement. As the gospel story unfolds we discover that it is, rather, a mission to bring the vulnerable safely to shore where they can know the compassion and justice and the “hospitality” of God.