

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

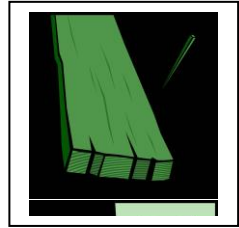
Communities of Alfredton, Ballarat, Cardigan, Lake Gardens, Lake Wendouree, Lucas, Newington

Sunday March 3rd Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll (Administrator)

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](#) Mark Hogbin, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) Jo Brewer

Masses March 9th – 10th Cathedral

Smythesdale Beaufort Snake Valley

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

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Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Ash Wednesday 7.30am, 10.00am, 12.05pm 7.00pm

Thursday 9.30am Redan 10.30am 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 8.00am

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

Dt 26:4-10

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

Rom 10:8-13

Mt 4:4

Lk 4:1-13

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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: Jennifer Parker

Anniversaries: Patrick Joseph Duggan, Alan Flynn, Jack Flynn, Margaret (Peg) Giuliano, Fr Henry Nikel, Les Pearce, William Taffe, Stephen Vaughan.

Ash Wednesday Masses – March 6th

Cathedral 7.30am, 10.00am, 12.05pm, 7.00pm (ACU Aquinas 12 Noon)

Skipton 7.30pm Vigil Mass (Tuesday), **Beaufort** 7.00pm, **Snake Valley** 7.30pm

Redan 8.00am & 11.45am **Sebastopol** 9.30am & 6.00pm

Lenten Prayer

Throughout the weeks of Lent, parishioners are invited to undertake penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. At 11.30am each Wednesday there will be Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral. On Fridays commencing March 8th, there will be 7.30am Mass as well as 12.05pm Mass. On Friday evenings there will be a Holy Hour of Prayer commencing at 7.00pm with Evening Prayer. There will also be the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation.

All I have is yours – 40 days to freedom a Lenten program written by Michael McGirr. This can be undertaken individually or as part of a group. Copies of the program are available to purchase (\$10) from the Parish Office. Parishioners are invited to gather each Friday morning 9.00am – 10.30am (commencing March 8th) in the Presbytery meeting room with Maureen McAloon for this Lenten program. Ph.4308 0043

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday 3rd March 2019

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Give Lent 100%”**. This year’s Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. As Pope Francis said, “The future does have a name... and its name is hope.” Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. **Lives change when we all give 100%.**

Our three Parish Primary Schools

Each of our three Parish Primary Schools - St Pat's Drummond St, St Thomas More in Alfredton and Siena at Lucas, are now accepting enrolment applications for 2020. Please contact the schools directly for further information.

Stewardship Program – Week Four – Our Future Weekend

This weekend is the scheduled 'Our Future' Weekend of our Stewardship Program. It is the time when we consider our pledge of financial support for the parish – a very important part of the entire Program. Given the events of recent days it would be inappropriate to consider such matters this weekend. This is a time for reflection and coming together as a community. Accordingly, we have decided to defer the Our Future Weekend for two weeks – to the weekend of March 16th – 17th Thank you.

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes	\$3,284.00	Parish Loose	\$371.45	Presbytery	\$1,952.05
Counters	Team 1	Next Week	Team 2		

Submissions for the Plenary Council are open until March 6th, 2019.

The latest edition of "Plenary Post" provides further information to assist participants answer the three questions being asked by the Plenary Council
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/news/>

Catholic Women's League Meeting

Members of the Ballarat Cathedral Branch will meet at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery meeting room on Wednesday March 6th at 1.30pm. A warm invitation is extended to women of all ages who are interested to come and see what CWL is all about.

Ministering in Times of Scandal and Division

Ballarat Diocese and its online learning partner, the University of Dayton, are offering a new online short subject Ministering in Times of Scandal and Division. Starting on 10 March, this is a 3 week long subject. Cost to participant is \$55.00. More details are on the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program page of the Diocesan website
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5337 7125.

Statement from Bishop Paul

February 26, 2019

The news of Cardinal Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges is particularly disturbing to the people of our diocese of Ballarat where George Pell grew up and where he served in his early years. I express my sympathies to all those who are distressed by this news, including those who have suffered so much because of abuse.

Cardinal Pell has lodged an appeal. I do not intend to make any further comment on the case while the appeal process is ongoing.

We will continue to offer help to anyone who has suffered abuse. We will also continue our commitment to keeping children safe today.

Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat

Central to the mission of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

Purpose

Our Code of Conduct has a specific focus on safeguarding children and young people at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish against sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect. It is intended to complement child protection legislation and the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat's "Code of Conduct for Caring for Children".

All staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy and parish council members of the Cathedral Parish are expected to actively contribute to a parish culture that respects the dignity of its members and affirms the Gospel values of love, care for others, compassion and justice. They are required to observe child-safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children.

The Cathedral Parish Safeguarding Officer is Anita Houlihan.