

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

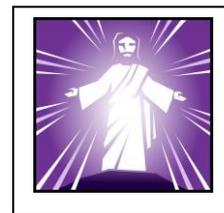
Communities of Alfredton, Ballarat, Cardigan, Lake Gardens, Lake Wendouree, Lucas, Newington

## **Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday in Lent (C)**

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

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

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Cathedral**

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

### **Snake Valley Beaufort Sipton**

6.30pm Vigil 8.30am 10.30am

### **Liturgies during the coming week**

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 11.30am Stations of the Cross 12 Noon ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 11.30am St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 7.30am Cathedral 12.05pm Cathedral

1.30pm Benediction 7.00pm Lenten Prayer

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:** *Third Sunday in Lent, Year C*

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15 Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Mt 4:17 Lk 13:1-9

*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:** Peter Calistro, Mary (Maimie) O'Sullivan

**Anniversaries:** Charlotte and William Holmes, Maria Jarema

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

Envelopes \$1,133.00	Parish Loose \$335.10	Presbytery \$1,994.25
Counters Team 3	Next Week Team 4	

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

Leni Jane Anderson	daughter of Corey and Lori
Olive Vita McGregor	daughter of Rhys and Katie
Ted William Olszewski	son of Brent and Trudy
Max Alexander Stott	son of Ben and Anna
Hamish David Ure	son of David and Jessica



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

**Celebrating St Patrick at the Cathedral today**

There is a BYO lunch following the 10.30am Mass today. The Passionist Family Group invite all parishioners to join them. There are BBQ facilities in the Cathedral grounds.

**Parish Stewardship 2019 Renewal**

In recent weeks we have reflected on the role of faith in our lives and the importance of coming together to celebrate the Eucharist each weekend. We have also considered the notion of our parish as a community of faith and how we can make our own contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries. This week brings it all together. We look to the future – imagining what sort of parish we want to be, but we need the support and contribution of every individual if we are to achieve our dreams.

This week we ask you to finalise your commitments by

- \* Signing up for a Parish Group or Ministry
- \* Making your meaningful Stewardship pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Program. We also welcome Frank Schobben who will coordinate the process.

## **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 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. Lenten reflections will be held each Friday at 9.00am in the Presbytery meeting room, using the Lenten Programme “**All I have is yours, forty days to freedom.**” Here are 5 simple suggestions for the 40 days of Lent.

- Eat a tomato fresh from the vine.
- Look at the moon. Think that the next full moon means it will be Easter.
- Slowly read Psalm 63.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Find out the names of the ten poorest countries.

**Vocations Holy Hour at Nazareth House** Thursday, March 28th 7.00pm -8.00pm..

## **From the Parish Pastoral Council**

Members met during the week and began planning for the Cathedral Parish Assembly to be held on Sunday June 2nd, 2.00pm – 4.30pm. This Assembly will build on parishioner’s contributions to the Plenary Council at the listening encounters and the Future Forums. The Assembly will enable the Parish Pastoral Council to establish short and long-term pastoral priorities and goals for the Cathedral Parish.

Having now been established for 18 months, during which time the Parish Pastoral Council has facilitated and hosted the Parish Expo of Groups and Ministries, hosted the Parish Forum as well as a series of Listening encounters for the Plenary Council and is updating the Parish Directory, parishioners are invited to offer the names of other parishioners they recommend be approached to join the Pastoral Council. Those who are recommended will be invited to an information and discernment gathering to consider membership of the Parish Council. Please make your recommendations to the Parish Office or via the parish email.

## ***"Welcoming the Stranger in Challenging Times"***

A Key Note Address will be given by Denis Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Catholic Social Services Victoria, Sunday 24th March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1.30pm in the Cathedral Hall. The St Vincent de Paul Society Cathedral Conference is hosting a festival day for Vincentians on this day and invite all parishioners to attend this informative presentation.

### **Gospel Reflection**          Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Last week, the wilderness was a character in the gospel reading. This week, we find a mountain and a cloud featuring in the narrative. These other-than-human characters and the prophets of old (Moses and Elijah) link Luke's story of Jesus to the Israelites' covenant relationship with God. Wilderness, mountain and cloud also remind us that God's Earth is the locus of mystery where human and other-than-human Earth beings are transformed through encounter with the divine. The current ABC series *The Magical Land of Oz* is yet another reminder of this. For Jesus, the mountain is already a place of encounter with God, a place of prayer. Luke has Jesus spending a night in prayer on an unidentified mountain before he chooses the Twelve. Jesus now takes three of his closest friends up another unidentified mountain where the aspect of his face changes and his clothing becomes dazzling white. Elijah and Moses, the key prophetic figures of Israel, "appear" and enter into dialogue with Jesus, God's definitive prophet. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of glory. We also need the good sense to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we sometimes experience. If we are to hear the prophet-like-Moses in our times, we have to come to terms with the personal costs involved. Some of us actually need to go alone or together to a mountain top or place of extraordinary beauty to discover again the strength that comes from encountering the divine. I grew up in the shadow of Mt Macedon. I once climbed within view of Everest. Every now and then, I climb Mt Buninyong. At such times, I know the wonder of God revealed in the beauty of the earth itself even as I sense its fragility and susceptibility to destruction.