

St Patrick's Cathedral

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

Sunday April 7th 5th Sunday in Lent

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll (Administrator)

Sajan Mathew, Vincent Pham CSsR

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BHS Pastoral Care - Tracy Sillekens,

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Anita Houlihan

Finance Officer - Kerrie McTigue,

Grounds - Tony McVeigh,

Admin Officer - Selina Gaden



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



Holy Week in the Cathedral Parish

Palm Sunday Masses 13th - 14th April

6.30pm Vigil, 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

Palm Sunday Ecumenical Prayer 9.15am -

Queen Alexandra Bandstand in Sturt St

Monday April 15th

8.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

6.30 pm Mass of the Oils

Tuesday April 16th

8.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

12.05 pm Mass

5.30 pm Reconciliation

Wednesday April 17th

8.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

11.30 am Stations of the Cross

12.05 pm Mass

7.00 pm Tenebrae

The Triduum – the Great three Days!

Holy Thursday April 18th

8.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

9.30 pm Night Prayer

Good Friday April 19th

8.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

10.00 am Way of the Cross, St Columba's

3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion

Holy Saturday April 20th

8.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

10.30 am RCIA Preparation Rites

6.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 21st

8.00 am, 10.30am, 5.00pm, 6.30 pm

(Syro Malabar) Masses

Recent Deaths: Adele Byrne, Laurie Elliott, Sharon Kerr, Florijam Mircic, Des Ryan

Anniversaries: Sam Camilleri, Shaun Kelly

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,878.00 Parish Loose \$340.20 Presbytery \$2,212.75

Counters Team 6 Next Week Team 7

Next week's readings: *Palm Sunday*,
Isaiah 50:4-7 Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-
24. R. v.2 Phil 2:6-11 Luke 23:1-49

**Lenten Mass with Anointing, 12.05 pm
Thursday April 11th**

Our Lenten Mass with Anointing of the sick and seniors will be held in St Patrick's Hall. Lunch will be served after Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated. Volunteers to assist with lunch preparation at 10.00 am would be welcomed. If you require transport on the day you may call the Parish Office on 5331 2933.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2019

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass on Monday, April 15th. Practicing on Monday, April 8th, 6.30pm and Sunday, April 14th, 6.30pm at the Cathedral. Contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5337 7159.

Lenten Prayer

Here are 5 of forty simple suggestions for the 40 days of Lent, shared from the Lenten Programme "**All I have is yours, forty days to freedom.**"

- Take 15 minutes to look at the stars and enjoy the cool evening air.
- Buy Easter eggs that only use fair trade chocolate.
- Be the first to empty the dishwasher.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Sit for a while in the waiting room of a hospital/medical centre and pray for all those who suffer.

Change of Vigil Mass time for daylight saving

The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will change from 6.30 pm to 5.30 pm, but not until the weekend after Easter Sunday. 5.30 pm Mass will commence on Saturday April 27th for the colder winter months.

Life in the Spirit'

Charismatic Prayer Group will break for the school holidays and return on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.30pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms.

ANZAC Day Mass at the Cathedral

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9.15am on Thursday April 25th, ANZAC Day.

To access parking in the Cathedral grounds, please enter via Dawson St (Sturt St will be closed) where the marshals will allow you to drive through to park in the grounds. There will be no vehicle access from Lyons St.

Fr Sajan 25 Years Ordained

Fr Sajan was ordained to the Priesthood on April 13th 1994.

To celebrate this anniversary, all are invited to the join Fr Sajan for Mass in the Cathedral on Friday evening, April 12th at 7.00 pm. The Mass will be followed by supper in the Presbytery. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Parish Stewardship Renewal

Collect Today – a letter of thanks confirming your new commitment and, where applicable, a new set of envelopes. The letters are available in alphabetical surname order on the table in the Church foyer. The new pledge commitments take effect next week on Sunday 14th April, and to avoid any confusion please destroy any old envelopes that you may still have. Pledge cards are still available on the table at the Cathedral exits.

Groups & Ministries responses are currently being processed and all those who responded will be contacted in the very near future. Your support in this key area of parish life is very much appreciated.

Thank you to our Stewardship team Michael Kearney, Andrew Ballesty, Ed Browne, Geordie Charles, Kevin Elliott, Cheryl McIntosh, John Mulcair & Cathy Oakley.

Liturgies during this week

Mass 12.05 pm in the Cathedral Monday – Friday, 10.00 am on Saturday

Stations of the Cross 11.30 am on Wednesdays in Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00 am & Saturday 11.30 am

Lenten 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Wednesday April 10th at 7.00 pm

By the first century CE, when the gospels were written, every woman in the Roman world knew what that she was the possession of a man, initially of her father, and then of her husband or successive husbands. Slaves, both men and women, were the property of and sexually available to the head of the patriarchal household. Even free women had fewer choices than men in regard to such matters as choice of life partners and social contact outside the family. In the context of Second Temple Judaism, a woman's sexual liaison with another man was a sin against her husband who was also her proprietor. Her shame was of less consequence than her husband's loss of status and honour.

We are told nothing of the precise circumstances of the woman said to be "taken in adultery". She could not have been "taken" alone: there is a man somewhere in the wings who is at least as guilty as the woman. But only the woman is "brought" to Jesus in the public arena, a spectacle for the assembled crowd. Ironically, the lawyers have little interest in the woman or her fate. Their interest is in Jesus. They want to test him and catch him out on his attitude to and enactment of the Mosaic law. In other words, Jesus is the one on trial in this public setting, and the woman is no more than a dispensable object in the process, a means to a sinister end. The woman's life is of little concern to her accusers. They ask Jesus for a legal opinion on her case. Should the full force of the law be exercised? Should she be stoned to death? Jesus does not dignify their manipulation with a response. Rather, he takes away their power over the woman by bending down and writing with his finger on the ground.

What does he write? We can never have an answer to that question. They keep asking him to provide a ruling. Jesus subverts their ploy by confronting them with their own sinfulness: "let the one without sin cast the first stone". They move off one by one and the woman is finally accorded the dignity of responding for herself. She is freed from the burden of condemnation. She can move forward with a strong sense of her worth and the knowledge that she matters in the scheme of things. As we bring today's gospel into dialogue with stories of violence against women, such as the horrifying stories of Yazidi women returning to their homes after years of captivity in Syria as the sex slaves of ISIS operatives, we might commit ourselves anew to the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.