

St Patrick's Cathedral

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

Sunday April 14th Palm Sunday

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll (Administrator)

Sajan Mathew, Vincent Pham CSsR

Visiting: Frs Dan Arundell, Barry Ryan

BHS Pastoral Care - Tracy Sillekens,

Admin, Family Ministry & Safeguarding -

Anita Houlihan

Finance Officer - Kerrie McTigue,

Grounds - Tony McVeigh



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 Ecumenical Prayer 9.30am -

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

Psalm Response "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

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

11.30 am Reconciliation

6.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 21st

8.00 am, 10.30am, 5.00pm,

6.30 pm (Syro Malabar) Mass

Recent Deaths: Jim Collett, Marion Goss, Kevin Walsh

Anniversaries: Sr Paula Fleming SJOG, Kevin Foley

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,655.00 Parish Loose \$407.20 Presbytery \$2,274.40

Counters This week: Team 7 Next Week: Team 1

Easter Vigil Supper April 20th

All are invited to supper in the small hall after the 6.30 pm Easter Vigil on Saturday April 20th. It is a great opportunity to celebrate with our 'New Catholics' who will have been fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Assistance to set up the hall and prepare supper would be appreciated from 4.00 pm onwards. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

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.

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 Street.

5 of forty simple suggestions from "*All I have is yours, forty days to freedom.*"

- Go to bed early.
- Find out where your coffee was grown & who may have picked the beans.
- Think about Pontius Pilate. Ask if honestly you would have done any better.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Vacuum someone else's car.

Good Friday Annual Collection for the Church in the Holy Land

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land promoting the missionary work takes place on Good Friday.

Congratulations to John & Bev Caligari on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council

Members met during this past week and are keen to increase the membership on the Pastoral Council. Parishioners are invited to recommend fellow parishioners who they believe have the capacity to contribute to what the Council seeks to do (see below). Those recommended would then be invited to an information and discernment gathering. Please recommend their names to the Parish Office (phone or email).

The Parish Pastoral Council will:

- search out and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners
- grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish
- encourage and support the good work of existing groups within the parish
- evaluate carefully, information gathered in order to contribute towards the making of decisions that reflect the values of the gospel and the teachings of the Church
- set long-term and short-term pastoral goals for the parish
- provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other
- develop, implement and improve parish initiatives that assist parishioners in their continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society.

Alpha – adult faith formation opportunity

Alpha @ St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat will commence on 1st of May 1st (6pm-8pm), at the MacKillop and Glowrey rooms. Come and explore Alpha. It is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian Faith over Food, Talk and Discussion."

(Alpha.org.au) Please contact alpha.jess@icloud.com. "Alpha is an opportunity for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.

Gospel Reflection Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. A year after his execution, when his friends and family gather once more for Passover, they find new meaning in the celebration of the feast. Every Passover from now on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions. Every element of the Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither is it surprising that each of the canonical gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective. There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable to my mind is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. Another is his capacity to reach out to others: to "turn towards" the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning, and to express his own concern for them. In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. In Luke's gospel, Jesus is the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life. It is easy to let our own hurt find expression in criticism or mistreatment of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes more courage than most of us can muster to name unjust treatment for what it is, to truly forgive, to retain our peace of mind in such circumstances, and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence. Palestinian activist Lucy Nusseibeh, founder and director of Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND) and the members of the Israeli Coalition of Women for a Just Peace have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, we might pray for the grace to act, like these Palestinian and Israeli women, with the dignity of the Lukan Jesus and thus circumvent the cycles of violence in our own contexts. V Lawson.