

St Patrick's Cathedral

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

Sunday April 21st Easter Sunday

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll (Administrator)

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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.



Masses April 27th – 28th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Snake Valley

6.30pm Vigil

Beaufort

8.30am

Skipton

10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 10.00am Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12 Noon ACU Aquinas

12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.15am ANZAC Day Mass

Friday 7.30am Cathedral

12.05pm Cathedral

1.30pm Benediction

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 11.00am

Saturday 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 10.00am – 11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

Morning Prayer of the Church

Monday - Saturday 8.00am

Next week's readings:

Acts 5:12-16

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

Responsorial Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord; Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord

Recent Deaths: Margie Meerbach

Anniversaries: Jan Hynes, Helen Lange, Mick Neville, Tom Neville,
Randolph Racca, Roma Vaughan

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,284.50 Parish Loose \$399.95 Presbytery \$1,798.40

Counters This week: Team 1 Next Week: Team 2

Change of Vigil Mass time

The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will change from 6.30pm to 5.30pm, commencing Saturday April 27th, continuing until the commencement of daylight saving.

Welcome and Congratulations

The Easter Vigil is the culmination of the long journey for those initiated into the Catholic Church and who now begin their life as fully initiated Catholics. We welcome Anita, Darren, Judy-Ann, Leela, Robert and Tess into our faith community and rejoice that at this time they have sought to join us in faith as disciples of the risen Christ. Thank you to all who have supported them on their RCIA journey, especially their sponsors Allan, Bill & Deneise, Gabe, Kerry, Mandy, Marnie, Neale, Tracy, and the catechists Bernadette, Bethany, Esma, Kathy, Mark, Maureen, Stephen and Tim.

Mass of the Oils 2019

Thank you to all who attended and were involved in the Mass of the Oils on Monday night and to those who were part of the preparations prior to the Mass. Your contributions are appreciated by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

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 may be difficult, 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.

Youth Every Second Sunday

YESS is a dynamic group of young people aged 13-18yrs, who come together to share their faith and connect with other youth. We would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in joining YESS in 2019. Youth group sessions will commence May 5th at 6pm with a bbq and information gathering (parents are welcome) at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, and continue each fortnight onwards, during the school terms. If you have any questions or would like to contact the Youth Leaders please phone Felicity Liston on 0409 393 464 or email yessballarat@gmail.com

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 28th, at St Patrick's Cathedral, beginning at 1.00pm with Reconciliation, 2.15pm The Divine Mercy Chaplet, 2.30pm Mass.

Alpha – adult faith formation opportunity

Alpha @ St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat will commence on 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 Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

It does not always pay to discount someone's story just because it sounds a bit fantastic. In Luke's resurrection account, that's what the "eleven and all the rest" do with the women's stories of a rolled-back stone, no body, and heavenly interpreters. The notion of resurrection was not in itself extraordinary in a first century Jewish context. The Pharisees believed in a general resurrection, but the idea that God would raise one person from the dead before the time of the general resurrection was quite unthinkable. From the men's perspective, therefore, the women are talking nonsense. Peter decides to go and confirm their testimony, indicating that he suspects there is some truth in what they have to say. Their account checks out and he goes away in amazement (no apology, just amazement).

This gospel and the whole Easter celebration is about "the one who lives". Luke's account leaves no doubt about the death of Jesus: there are witnesses, there is evidence. The same goes for the burial. Now, in the story of the empty tomb, Luke wants to assert that Jesus is alive. The women (Mary of Magdala, Joanna the wife of Chuza, Mary the mother of James and unidentified others) are confronted with the question: "Why are you seeking among the dead the one who lives?" They are then entrusted with the message of resurrection: "He is not here, but has been raised." They are invited to remember the prophetic words of Jesus. They do indeed remember and they return to proclaim the good news. In line with countless prophetic figures before and since, their testimony is rejected, but is nonetheless effective through the telling and retelling of the story.