

# St Patrick's Cathedral

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

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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,

Parish Co-ordinator, Family Ministry &

Safeguarding - Anita Houlihan

Admin Assistant – Juanita Bongiorno

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.*

*We are a child Safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government, implementing procedures and standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat*

## Masses May 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

## Smythesdale Skipton Rokewood

6.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

## Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12 Noon ACU Aquinas

12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30am Redan 11.30am

St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol 12.05pm

Cathedral 1.30pm Benediction

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 11.00am

Saturday 11.30am

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. & Tues. 10.00am – 11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

## Morning Prayer of the Church

Monday - Saturday 8.00am

## Next week's readings:

*Acts 14:21-27*

*Psalms 144:8-13*

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*John 13:31-35*

## Recent Deaths:

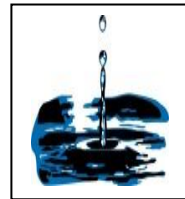
Joan Moore, Malcolm Ross, Hannah Smith, Chris Waight

## Anniversaries:

Mary Bettes, Vincent Hartigan, Jacob Ozolins, Kevin Ratcliffe, Terry Ratcliffe

## **We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:**

Joshua Peter and Violet Belle Davis      children of Aaron and Sally  
Emma Jane and James Patrick Flecknoe    children of Andrew and Nicola  
May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community



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

Envelopes \$2,858.00      Parish Loose \$482.65      Presbytery \$1,750.00  
Counters:    This week team 4      Next week team 5

## **2019 Stewardship Renewal Program results**

Following the renewal of our stewardship, the team (Michael Kearney – Chairman, Ed Browne, Geordie Charles, Kevin Elliott, Cheryl McIntosh, John Mulcair and Cathy Oakley, together with Kerrie McTigue and Fr Justin) met to review the program. The renewal was undertaken throughout one of the most challenging, confronting and traumatic times for all of us, a time that sees many Catholics angry, confused, disoriented. At the same time, in the midst of this, Cathedral Parishioners have continued to respond with courage, faith, generosity and perseverance. Thank you.

Our Stewardship has increased by 19.26%. Pledged Stewardship income is now \$5,667.00 per week and we welcome the 62 new contributors to our stewardship in addition to the 256 existing contributors. We will respond to those who have completed the groups and ministries forms and begin with the formation for those who have expressed interest in becoming ministers of Holy Communion. If you are yet to join our Stewardship and would like to make a contribution, please contact our Finance Officer, Kerrie McTigue [ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 53 312 933.

## **Alpha – adult faith formation opportunity**

Alpha @ St Patrick's Cathedral has commenced, continuing each Wednesday (6pm-8pm), at the MacKillop and Glowrey rooms. Come and explore Alpha - a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian Faith over Food, Input and Dialogue.

([Alpha.org.au](http://Alpha.org.au)) Please contact [alpha.jess@icloud.com](mailto:alpha.jess@icloud.com). *“Alpha is an opportunity for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.”* This week's session is on Wednesday May 15th.

**Today we celebrate Mother's Day – Thank you and Happy Mother's Day!**

### **Parish 1st Eucharist Preparation**

Dismissals for the current Parish Eucharist Program continue this weekend at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, 10.30am and 5.00pm Sunday Masses, in preparation for the 1st Communion Masses on June 15-16 and 22-23. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their first Eucharist.

### **Holy Week and Easter - thank you from the Liturgy Group**

Following the meeting of the Parish liturgy group to review the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, the group expresses its gratitude to all parishioners who participated in these significant liturgies that culminate in the Easter Vigil with RCIA. The group noted with delight, the great numbers of people attending the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Thank you to all art and environment team members, cantors, cleaners, clergy, collectors, fire lighters, gift bearers, hospitality coordinators, intercessors, organists, ministers of holy communion, musicians, sacristans, servers, singers, ushers, welcomers... The contribution of all continues to ensure that for us here in the Cathedral Parish *"the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life."*

### **Formation opportunity for prospective Ministers of Holy Communion**

A formation session will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm-4.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room for prospective Ministers of Holy Communion. All welcome

### **Welcome to Jessie Banez**

Jessie is a seminarian for the Hobart Archdiocese and student at Corpus Christi College Carlton. He will share his vocation story with us at all Masses this weekend.

### **Springdallah hand carved (length 12ft) Church Pews for Sale**

For information and pricing phone 0407 056 795

### **Politics in the Service of Peace – a statement for the 2019 Federal Election**

The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. *"Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election"* can be found on the website <https://www.catholic.org.au>

## **From Pope Francis for the [2019 World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)**

*As with every call, the Gospel speaks of an encounter. Jesus walks by, sees those fishermen, and walks up to them... The same thing happened when we met the person we wanted to marry, or when we first felt the attraction of a life of consecration: we were surprised by an encounter, and at that moment we glimpsed the promise of a joy capable of bringing fulfilment to our lives. That day, by the sea of Galilee, Jesus drew near to those fishermen, breaking through the “paralysis of routine.” The Lord’s call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a “cage” or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch. God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a “miraculous catch”, it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us. Embracing this promise naturally demands the courage to risk making a decision. The first disciples, called by Jesus to be part of something greater, “immediately left their nets and followed him” (Mk 1:18). Responding to the Lord’s call involves putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge. It means being ready to leave behind whatever would keep us tied to our little boat and prevent us from making a definitive choice. We are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God’s plan for our lives. Gazing out at the vast “ocean” of vocation, we cannot remain content to repair our nets on the boat that gives us security, but must trust instead in the Lord’s promise. I think primarily of the call to the Christian life which all of us received at Baptism. It teaches us that our life is not a fluke but rather a gift: that of being God’s beloved children, gathered in the great family of the Church.*