

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday May 19th 5th Sunday of Easter

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

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Fr Barry Ryan

BHS Pastoral Care: Tracy Sillekens

Parish Co-ordinator: Anita Houlihan

Admin Assistant: Juanita Bongiorno

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Grounds: Tony McVeigh

Safeguarding Officer: Anita Houlihan

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 25th – 26th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Snake Valley Beaufort Skipton

6.30pm Vigil 8.30am 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 15:1-2. 22-29

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

Recent deaths: Ted Constable, Margaret Sherman

Anniversaries: Stefan Burcon, Patricia Firns, Annette Lineker, Leon Martin,
Dinny Verdoorn

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Annabel Charlotte Hine daughter of Travis and Leanne

Jed Patrick Phelan son of Sam and Natalie

Brodie Jack Pitman son of Murray and Helen



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

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$2,703.00 Parish Loose \$625.35 Presbytery \$2,015.95

Counters: This week team 5 Next week team 6

Ballarat Diocese Annual Mass Count – continues over each Sunday in May at all Masses including those in the Cathedral Parish (Cathedral, Nazareth House & St Pat's College).

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) Please contact 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 22nd, “How Can I Have Faith?”

Youth Every Second Sunday (YESS)

YESS is for young people aged 13-18yrs, to come together to share their faith and connect with other youth. A warm invitation to join YESS in 2019 is extended to all young people. Sessions are held at 6pm at the Cathedral Hall, fortnightly, during school terms. This week's session is “Mums Night”. All welcome. Email the youth leaders yessballarat@gmail.com

Parish Assembly Sunday, 2nd June 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Cathedral Parishioners are invited by the Parish Pastoral Council to participate in a Parish Assembly as a stage in the development of a Cathedral Parish Pastoral Plan that identifies our pastoral priorities. We hope to have the input of many parishioners who will be invited to dialogue in small groups in response to specific questions. This Assembly will continue the dialogue that happened with the Plenary Council listening forums and the Stewardship Renewal Future forums.

Springdallah Church Pews for Sale

Hand carved (length 12ft). For information and pricing phone 0407 056 795

Parish First 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 First 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.

Cathedral Cleaning Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies on the Team 2 cleaning roster which cleans once a month on the 2nd Thursday at 1.00pm for 2-3 hours. If you are able to assist please phone Kay Curran on 0411 866532 or contact the Parish Office with your details. Thank you to all those who assist with the cleaning of our Cathedral.

Safeguarding Audit

The Diocese of Ballarat has volunteered to be audited by the new body Catholic Professional Standards Ltd. which is committed to fostering a culture of safety and care for children and vulnerable adults. This is done through the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards for use across the Catholic Church in Australia. The Cathedral Parish is being audited and to ensure that we are maintaining the Safeguarding Standards, all parishioners working with children in a paid or voluntary capacity who have direct contact with children must obtain a Working With Children Check. This includes all Priests, Parish Staff, Sacristans, Youth Leaders, Funeral Team members and Baptism Sponsors.

Gospel Reflection *Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm*

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his foot-weary table companions, and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past six years.

Jesus is troubled in spirit (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship. The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other."

This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.