

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday May 26th 6th Sunday of Easter

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Priests: Fr Justin Driscoll
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Fr Sajan Mathew

Fr Vincent Pham CSsR

Visiting Priests: Fr Dan Arundell

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 June 1st – 2nd Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Linton

9.00am

Skipton

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

Legion of Mary 1st Saturday Devotion

Saturday June 1st 9.15am

Next week's readings:

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

Recent deaths: Kathleen Clohesy

Anniversaries: Margaret Cahir

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Callum James Curtell son of Leigh and Jessie
Louis Alexander Edmonston son of Charles and Brianna
Tanner Stephen James son of Glen and Verity
Georgia Grace Scharf daughter of Brendon and Emily



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

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$5,019.00 Parish Loose \$473.70 Presbytery \$1,929.05

Counters: This week team 6 Next week team 7

Ballarat Diocese Annual Mass Count – concludes this weekend at all Masses including those in the 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 29th, “How Can I Have Faith?”

Catholic Education Week *Listen with the Ear of Your Heart*

St Patrick’s Primary School, Drummond St. Open Morning, Wednesday, 29th May, 8.30am – 9.30am, invites Parents, Grandparents, Parishioners and friends of our school community to visit the children in their classrooms.

National Reconciliation Week

Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage

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

Cathedral Parishioners are invited by the Parish Pastoral Council to participate in a Parish Assembly. Questions for discussion in table groups will be:

- *What aspects of parish life do you find helpful?*
- *What aspects of parish life require improvement or development?*
- *What suggestions do you have for enriching the faith life of the parish?*
- *What initiatives would you like to see?*

Springdallah Church (hand carved 12ft length) Pews for Sale Phone 0407 056 795

Mass celebrating Jubilees of Ordination

All are invited to Mass at 5.30pm, Tuesday June 4th at the Cathedral to celebrate with Bishop Paul and the Priests of the Diocese, especially those celebrating Jubilees of Ordination – Fr Adrian McInerney (50 Years), Frs Rupert Bowd, Alex Lim and John Pothiyittel (40 years) and Fr Sajan Mathew (25 Years).

Ballarat Heritage Weekend

This weekend Ballarat celebrates its heritage through storytelling and experience. Here at the Cathedral we celebrate our heritage through the ongoing stories of faith that formally commenced with the establishment of the Ballarat Parish in 1852 when Fr Matthew Downing was appointed Parish Priest. In 1853 he selected the two-acre site for the church, which was granted under a Crown Grant in 1855. On February 7th, 1858, Bishop James Alipius Goold laid the foundation stone for the church, which commenced being used on a regular basis for Mass in 1863. In 1891 the Cathedral was consecrated by Cardinal Moran of Sydney, the first Catholic Cathedral consecrated in the Australian Colonies. In 1999, the Cathedral underwent considerable restoration. The Cathedral was closed following Easter Sunday and Masses were celebrated in the Cathedral Hall for the remainder of the year. St Patrick's Hall was opened in 1901 by Australia's first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, with many others in attendance including the Hon. Alfred Deakin (Attorney General).

“Take from my heart all painful anxiety.” This is the prayer of the first Sister of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. It echoes the words of the Johannine Jesus, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” It is all a matter of love. Disciples of Jesus know that they need not be anxious or afraid “for perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). Today’s gospel makes it clear that “love” finds expression in the keeping of God’s word. In the prologue to the gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the Logos who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God’s communication with the cosmos. Jesus keeps God’s word. Disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and proclaims. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God’s name. They will thus become a dwelling place for the divine. The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. If we truly believed and “kept” the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might be more inclined to treat each other and “our common home” with the utmost reverence and respect. Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God’s Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as “advocate” carries a range of meanings. It literally means “one called alongside to help” whenever necessary. In other words, the disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them. Earlier in this chapter of John’s gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to “keep the word” of Jesus. Jesus gifts his friends with peace, a peace “that the world cannot give.” In John’s gospel, the “world” is first and foremost the tenting place of God’s Word: it is God’s creation. Occasionally, as here, it refers to whatever is opposed to Jesus as God’s Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear. It carries all the weight of the Hebrew shalom: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in God and gathering in all of God’s creation. As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also “coming to them” since the “Father” will send the Spirit to be with them. The gospel reading thus leaves us to find peace in the unfathomable mystery of God.