

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday June 2nd

The Ascension of the Lord Year C

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Priests: Fr Justin Driscoll
(Administrator)

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 8th-9th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Beaufort

8.30am

Snake Valley

10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 5.30pm Cathedral (with Bishop Paul and Priest Jubilarians)

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 for the Feast of Pentecost:

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Recent deaths: Alice Heenan, Michael Hayden O'Connor

Anniversaries: Denis (Jim) Barry, Elsie & Laurie Bendall, Eileen Dean, John Gelder, Brian Keating, Denise Mildren, Frank Reilly Francis Rieniets, Julie Tebb, Bernard Vaughan

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,356.00 Parish Loose \$397.65 Presbytery \$2,006.70

Counters: This week team 7 Next week team 1

Morning cuppa, soup and rolls in the Glowrey/MacKillop rooms after 10.30am Mass

Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group – will commence at **7pm** Tuesday June 4th

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

In this week leading up to Pentecost, we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme is ***"Justice and only justice, you shall pursue"***

All are welcome to the following churches for 5.30pm Evening Prayer:

Monday June 3rd St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Wendouree

Tuesday June 4th Central Uniting Church, Lydiard St Sth

Wednesday June 5th St. Patrick's Cathedral, Lyons St Sth

Thursday June 6th Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ the King, Lydiard St Sth

Alpha – adult faith formation opportunity

Alpha @ St Patrick's Cathedral continues 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 June 5th, "Why and How Should I read the Bible?"

Welcome to Fr Jorge De Chavez

During the coming week, Fr Jorge, a priest of the Order of the Oblates of St Joseph, will arrive in Ballarat, from Manila (Philippines) to serve in the Diocese of Ballarat. Initially Fr Jorge will be based at the Cathedral, ministering with Frs Justin, Vincent and Sajan across the Parishes of Ballarat, Beaufort, Cororooke and Linton.

Parish Assembly Sunday, 2nd June 2.30pm - 4.30pm, smaller hall at the Cathedral
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?*

Welcome and thanks to Gerard Knobel and Brian Shanahan who will become members of the Parish Pastoral Council, joining Leo Styles (chairman), Susan Crowe, Trudie Dickinson, Bethany Pennington, Tomy Theckamurry, Frs Vincent and Justin.

Mass celebrating Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to celebrate the Jubilees of Ordination to the Priesthood of Frs Sajan Mathew (25 years), Rupert Bowd, John Pothiyittel, Alex Lim (40 years) and Adrian McInerney (50 years), will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 4th 2019 at Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Asylum seeker Fundraiser - Nazareth House Hall

On Wednesday June 19th, the Annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will be held to assist vulnerable people including asylum seekers and refugees. Stalls, competitions and entertainment. Entry \$20. No bookings necessary. Inquiries 0401 175 045

2019 Mass count averages (over 4 weekends in May), thanks to the counters

Cathedral: 5.30pm – 220, 8.0.0am – 183, 10.30am – 298, 5.00pm - 210

Baptism Preparation

On Thursday, June 6th there will be two Baptism Preparation sessions for parents whose children will be baptised. These sessions are shared amongst the six Ballarat Parishes. The sessions are held at 10am and 7pm in the smaller hall at the Cathedral.

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

Caritas Australia would like to **Thank you** for supporting Project Compassion 2019. Cathedral Parishioners have as part of their Lenten offerings this year. Through your generosity you are given \$5,727.10 helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.

Gospel Reflection ***Sr Veronica Lawson RSM***

Loss is part of the human condition, and the physical death of a loved one is among the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today's first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all peoples", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insists that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (Laudato Si' 2).