

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday June 9th

Pentecost Sunday 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
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Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ
Fr Sajan Mathew
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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 June 15th/16th Cathedral Smythesdale Skipton Rokewood

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 10.00am Cathedral (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12 Noon ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral (Funeral Mass)

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 Tues. 10.00am – 11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

Next week's readings for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity:

Proverbs 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9. Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

Welcome to Fr Jorge De Chavez, a Filipino Priest from Manila who is joining us here in the Diocese of Ballarat. He belongs to the Oblates of St Joseph.

Recent deaths: Edward Forbes, Toni O’Sullivan (Funeral 12.05pm Wednesday)

Anniversaries: Eileen Besemeres, Patricia Carey, Maureen Costigan, Martin Francis Dowling, Christopher Jones, John Kirby, Imelda (Javier) Kirkpatrick, Bet Madden, Vin Madden, Mary Ann Morris, Sheila McCartin, Kathleen Spiers

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Genevieve Mary Elksnis	daughter of Tim and Sarah
Jed William Farnsworth	son of William and Leanne
William Jude Nicholls	son of David and Sharne
Georgie Grace Sweet	daughter of Brendan and Emily



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

Catholic Professional Standards Ltd

As part of Catholic Professional Standards Ltd. audit of the Cathedral Parish for safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, a review of our Child Safety policy was undertaken, together with the Code of Conduct for Caring for Children. Parishioners engaged in ministries involving children have received copies of the Policy and the Code of Conduct, as well as the Responsibilities of a Volunteer or Employee. They have been asked to acknowledge having received and read these documents and agree to comply with the procedures for Child Safety. Working With Children Checks are required for all Priests, Parish Staff, Sacristans, Youth Leaders, Liturgy Team members, Sacrament Team members, Parish Baptism Sponsors and Visiting Team members. Thank you to all parishioners for their co-operation and prompt attention. Anita Houlihan continues to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer and can be contacted at the Parish Office, Monday – Thursday 10am – 5.00pm.

Alpha – adult faith formation opportunity

Alpha @ St Patrick’s Cathedral continues each Wednesday (6pm-8pm), at the MacKillop and Glowrey rooms. 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 12th, *“How Does God Guide Us?”*

Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group 5-week seminar “When the Spirit Comes,” with guest speaker Cheryle Douglas, commencing Tuesday, June 25th weekly to Tuesday, July 23rd, 7pm-9pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms. All welcome.

Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly, convened by the Parish Pastoral Council, was held last Sunday. New Council members – Gerard Knobel and Brian Sullivan were introduced and welcomed as they join Leo Styles (chairman), Susan Crowe, Trudie Dickinson, Bethany Pennington, Tomy Theckamurry and Frs Justin and Vincent. In table groups there was rich dialogue prompted by the four questions that had been on previous newsletters. The responses to each of the questions from each of the tables was recorded and are now being transcribed for the Council to consider all of the responses. Parishioners unable to attend the Assembly are invited to send their responses to the Parish Pastoral Council via the Parish Office (email, in person or post). The questions are:

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

The Parish Pastoral Council thanks all parishioners who attended the Assembly and contributed to the ongoing dialogue towards establishing pastoral priorities in our Cathedral Parish. Thank you also to Brad and Andrea for the afternoon tea.

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.

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

Gospel Reflection Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning “~fiftieth”) was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the opening of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mount Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God’s new covenant with God’s people.

In today’s first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God’s Law on Mount Sinai. Just as God’s presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God’s Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke’s account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: “Peace be with you,” the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will “retain” or “seize hold of” the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they “retain”.

To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence.