

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday June 16th

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity Year C

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

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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 22nd/23rd Cathedral Snake Valley Beaufort Skipton

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm Vigil 8.30am 10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm

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

Next week's readings for the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ:

Genesis 14:18-20

Ps 109:1-4

1 Cor 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

Recent deaths: Margaret Hanrahan, Betty Rodgers (Fr. Dan Arundell's sister)

Anniversaries: Ron Matthews, Helen Roberts

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$2,139.00 Parish Loose \$371.10 Presbytery \$1,641.75

Counters: This week team 2 Next week team 3

Youth Every Second Sunday – 16th June

YESS is a dynamic group of young people aged 13-18yrs, who come together to share their faith and connect with other youth. Sessions commence at 6pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall fortnightly during the school terms. This week is Mums night. For more details contact Felicity Liston on 0409 393 464 or email yessballarat@gmail.com

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 weeks session is on Wednesday June 19th, "How Can I Resist Evil?"

2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019. All-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals will be available. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. For more information access the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website or contact Patrick 5337 7160.

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.

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.

Celebration of First Eucharist

We welcome and congratulate the 94 children who are celebrating their First Eucharist over the next two weekends. We will continue to keep the children and their families in our prayers.

OFFERTORY HYMN FOR FIRST EUCHARIST *Michael Joncas*

We Come to Your Feast *All music reproduced with permission. One License 97*

Refrain *(sung once at the start, once at the end – not between each verse)*

We come to your feast; we come to your feast;
The young and the old, the frightened the bold,
The greatest and the least.

We come to your feast; we come to your feast
With the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands,
We come to your feast.

1. We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white;
The weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
The dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
The promise of our future; our needing and our nurture
Lie here before our eyes.

2. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread;
The gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;
We come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,
To love in word and deed.

3. We place upon your table a simple cup of wine;
The fruit of human labour, the gift of sun and vine;
We come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,
His dying and his living, his leading and his giving,
His love in cup outpoured.

Gospel Reflection – Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They will come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth". This has a particular resonance at a time when "truth-telling" is so often compromised in political circles.

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutized or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community and, inspired by the Spirit of Truth, to reclaim truth in public life.