

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday June 30th

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (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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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 July 6th/7th 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

Tuesday 10.30am (Funeral Mass) 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. 10.00am – 11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

Next week's readings for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Is 66:10-14 Ps 65:1-7, 16. 20 Gal 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Recent deaths: Cecylia Mlynarczyk

Anniversaries: Peter Campana, Silvia Campana, John William Conroy,
Pauline Devaney, Molly Gallagher, Nell Harman, Jim Walker

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,773.00 Parish Loose \$364.80 Presbytery \$1,781.95

Counters: This week team 4 Next week team 5

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Lily, James and Ruby Begbie children of Daniel and Rebecca

Zara Willey daughter of Shaun and Melissa



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

Annual Collection for the Pope

This weekend, at all Masses, the Annual Collection for the Holy Father will be conducted. Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world. The collection will take place as a leaving collection, at the end of Mass.

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #1

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. For more information go to

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Law

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria re: Voluntary Assisted Dying and an article: "We Care - How those who conscientiously object to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act can accompany those who suffer" are available on the Diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Youth Every Second Sunday – 30th 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 Dads night. For more details contact Felicity Liston on 0409 393 464 or email yessballarat@gmail.com

Joy Spreading is back!

A social event for young Catholic adults (18-30) featuring an inspiring talk, some free food & drink, and the chance to connect with other young Catholics in the area.

The next gathering will be held in 'The Aviary' at the Golden City Hotel on Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 from 6.30pm. The Vicar General, Fr Kevin Maloney, will be presenting a short talk entitled 'Good and Evil in the Creation Narratives'. For more information, visit the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Patrick, ph. 5337 7160.

Looking Forward Booklet 2019-2021

The new Looking Forward pastoral planning booklet 2019-2021 is now available. This new edition of "*Looking Forward*" provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes recent data about the diocese and offers proposals as to how parishes might be grouped together over the next few years. This booklet is available from the Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office, 5 Lyons Street South, Ballarat the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Services & Agencies/Pastoral Ministry/Looking Forward.

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul Bird's 70th birthday

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul's 70th birthday will be celebrated on Friday, July 19th, 2019 at 12.05pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. All are welcome to attend.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next sessions for parents wishing to have their children baptised will be held Thursday, July 4th at 10.00am and 7.00pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms (small halls) at St. Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome.

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This fast moving story shows that certain symbolic action also carried prophetic meaning. It indicates that Elisha was invested with the power and authority of Elijah. It also suggests that the kind of activity in which Elijah was engaged has come to an end and a new generation of prophets is on the horizon. This account describes the conflict that exists between two fundamental responsibilities: fidelity to the call from God and fidelity to one's primary family obligations. Elisha was commissioned by God to be a prophet, and it is up to him to decide whether or not he can make the radical break from the past that this commission requires. His response to God is wholehearted. This psalm of confidence opens with a declaration of trust that God will protect the psalmist from danger and ultimately from death. A confession of faith follows. Two images express the covenant relationship between God and the psalmist. First, the allotted portion of land is the inheritance that each tribe was given and which was handed down within the tribes generation after generation. The second image, the cup, refers to the practice of drinking from the same cup during a ritual ceremony, thus solidifying the union between all who participate. Regardless of the terrifying, even life-threatening ordeals that must be endured, the psalmist proclaims that God is steadfast. Paul states that Christians have been freed for the sake of freedom itself. They are then exhorted to stand fast in their freedom and not to allow themselves to be bound again. There are eschatological implications here. The Christians are already free, but they are not yet totally free. Habits of mind and heart, addictions of all kinds, retain their hold even after they are renounced. Paul then contrasts life lived in the Spirit with life lived in the flesh. It is not clear whether he is speaking of the spirit of the person or the Spirit of God. What is clear is his assertion that, if the Galatians are guided by the Spirit of God, they will not be enslaved by the law. Jesus' journey through the territory of the Samaritans contains several subtle allusions to the prophet Elijah. The account begins with a reference to Jesus being taken up just as the ancient prophet was (cf. 2 Kgs 2:11). When people do not accept Jesus, James and John suggested that Jesus call down fire from heaven, just as Elijah had done (cf. 2 Kgs 1:10). Finally, the request to say good bye to parents before following God 's call was made of Elijah by Elisha his disciple (1 Kgs 19:20). A second episode, Jesus emphasises the demands that discipleship will exact. Discipleship may require whole-hearted commitment to Jesus, but this commitment must be embraced realistically.