

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday August 4th, 2019

18th 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
(Administrator)
Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ
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 August 10th/11th 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 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.00pm ACU 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

Responsorial Psalm (Michael Herry)

O That Today You Would Listen

Next week's readings for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Wisdom 18:6-9 Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

Recent Deaths: Jim Lamb, Tony McGuinness, Giuseppina Rossi, Anne Sawell, Bill Thompson

Anniversaries: Bill Byvoet, Des Elliott, Martin Hartigan, Ian Larkin, Lachie Poulter, Alberto Massorotti, George Netherway Morrison, Fran Morris, Chris and Veronica Ratcliffe, Patricia Sanders (Hardie)

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$2,016.00 Parish Loose \$278.30 Presbytery \$1,528.85

Counters: Next week team 3

Soup, rolls and a chat in the smaller hall after 10.30am Mass this week – all welcome!

Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation

This weekend we welcome to our Parish Masses the children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in September. Dismissal sessions will be taking place at the 5.30pm Vigil, 10.30am and 5.00pm Masses on August 3rd/4th, 10th/11th, 17th/18th and 24th/25th. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Catholic Women's League

Meeting at the Cathedral Presbytery meeting room on Wednesday August 7th at 1.30pm. A warm invitation is extended to women of all ages to come. Carmel 5332 2103.

Parish Pastoral Council Parish Assembly follow up

Responses to the third discussion question from the June Parish Assembly, "*What Suggestions Do You Have For Enriching The Faith Life Of The Parish?*" are available in the Cathedral porches? Copies have been sent to all coordinators of groups and ministries.

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #6

How is God calling us to be a Christ- centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Golden Jubilee of Ordination

Congratulations to Fr Adrian McInerney who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat in Mildura, 50 years ago on August 7th 1969. Fr Adrian will celebrate the 12.05pm Mass at the Cathedral this coming Tuesday, August 6th.

Clergy Appointments

Following the resignation from ministry of Fr Peter Sherman, Bishop Paul has announced Fr Justin will be the Administrator of the Parish of Ballarat East and Buninyong, with Fr Jorge De Chavez as Assistant. Fr Justin and Fr Jorge will continue their current appointments in the Cathedral Parish, working together across the two parishes with the assistance of Fr Vincent CSsR (until the end of 2019). The Linton Parish will be cared for by Frs Kevin Maloney and Lovin Lolo who continue their ministry in Redan and Sebastopol, while Frs Marcello Colasante and Sajan Mathew will minister across the parishes of Ballarat North, Beaufort and Wendouree. We continue to be grateful to all of the senior priests for their ongoing ministry amongst us, especially Frs Dan and Barry.

Communion to the Sick and Housebound

Do you know someone who is unable to attend Mass regularly and would like to receive Communion in their home each Sunday? Please contact the Parish Office, 53 312933 or email ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au We're grateful to all our communion ministers.

Serra Club proposal for the Ballarat Diocese

All are welcome to attend an information meeting at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery Ballarat on Tuesday, August 13th, 7.30pm, with the intention of beginning a Serra Club in the Ballarat Diocese. There are Serra Clubs in 46 countries. The Clubs meet monthly, mainly for prayer. The objectives of the Serra Club are:

- To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood of the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service and to support priests in their ministry;
- To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Church;
- To assist its members to recognise and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

Our tradition tells us that “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God” (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. The Iraq war should have been a lesson to the world. There were no weapons of mass destruction. There was much coveted oil and that seems to have been the covert justification for an unconscionable invasion that cost countless lives. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be “rich toward God” or “rich in God” find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life’s end, with a question: “To whom will this hoard belong?” The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God”. Jesus is addressed as “teacher”, and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is “teacher” rather than “divider”. He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the landowner inwards rather than out towards others and so “toward God”. First person singular pronouns predominate: “What am I to do? I have no place....I will do this....I will I will I will” The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, “You fool...”, and by the divine judgment on the landowner’s self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today’s reading from the letter to the community at Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god (Col 3:5). In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God’s people, not just to the privileged few. In refusing to “store up treasure” for our own selfish ends, we become forever “rich toward God”. This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to “be on your guard, be ever vigilant” in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.