

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday August 11th, 2019

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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Priests: Fr Justin Driscoll
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Visiting Priests: Fr Dan Arundell
Fr Barry Ryan

BHS Pastoral Care: Tracy Sillekens
Parish Co-ordinator: Anita Houlihan
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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 17th/18th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Skipton

9.00am

Beaufort

10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral (Funeral Mass for Jane Morris)

Wednesday 12.00pm ACU 12.05pm Cathedral (Funeral Mass for Brian Blood)

Thursday Feast of the Assumption of Mary – see in the newsletter

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 FMS)

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own

Next week's readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10 Ps 39:2-4. 18 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53

Recent Deaths: Brian Blood, Sr. Josie Jeffrey (Carmel) IBVM, Jane Morris

Anniversaries: Ivan D'Cruz, Mary Drohan, Hilda Duggan, Trent Elkins, John Fitzpatrick, Bill O'Donnell, James O'Donnell, Phonse O'Loughlin, Ivan Turkovic

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,810.00 Parish Loose \$275.50 Presbytery \$2,083.50

Counters: Next week team 4

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Betty & Lori Baker children of Joshua & Teegan

Jim Rogers son of Adam & Stacey



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

Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation

Dismissal sessions continue this weekend at the 5.30pm Vigil, 10.30am and 5.00pm Masses. We continue to pray for the 104 children and their families. Celebration of the sacrament will take place on the second and third weekends in September.

Youth Every Second Sunday

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.

Mass times for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Thursday August 15th

Cathedral 7.30am & 12.05pm Redan 9.30am

Ballarat East 9.30am & 5.30pm Sebastopol 6.00pm

St Thomas More School Alfredton 9.15am

St John of God Hospital 11.30am

Beaufort 6.00pm

Skipton 6.30pm

Parish Pastoral Council

Members of the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council will speak at each of the Masses this weekend commencing what will be an introduction to the Parish of all of the groups, ministries and organisations of the Parish. Gradually, all groups will be invited to talk at Masses about who they are and what they do! Members of the Council are Leo Styles (chair), Susan Crowe, Trudie Dickinson, Gerard Knobel, Bethany Pennington, Brian Shanahan, Tomy Theckamurry and Fr Justin.

Plenary Council Final Report of the Listening and Dialogue stage

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published "*Listen to what the Spirit is saying*", the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

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.

Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Men of all ages are invited to a Catholic Man Breakfast to be held on Thursday, August 29th, 2019 at 7.00am at Craig's Royal Hotel in Ballarat. RSVP by Friday, August 23rd. Further information is available from Chris Liston, ph. 0437 318 251, chris.listo2@gmail.com or Vincent Sully, ph. 0407 310 115, vcjdh.sully@gmail.com

Christmas Day Lunch Volunteering at OLHC

Assistance is required with planning this event. If you are able to assist, an information evening will be held on Thursday, August 29th at 7.00pm in OLHC Parish Centre (to the left of the church car park). Your volunteering is not dependent on your being available on Christmas Day. Enquiries Sandra 0438448942

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a "little flock". He tells them that there is no need for fear. God, their "father", has delighted in giving them "the kin-dom" and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (ele?mosun?). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also." The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a gospel image of God. In this problematic passage, the Lukan Jesus is engaging his hearers' experience of slavery in order to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave enjoys a relative happiness in comparison with the fate of the other slaves.

The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have been met with scepticism by its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is just not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are awake enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal.

The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They need to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. These verses are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.

