

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday August 25th, 2019

21st 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 Barry Ryan

BHS Pastoral Care: Tracy Sillekens
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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 Aug 31st/Sept 1st Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale Linton Skipton

6.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.00pm 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

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday - Saturday 8.00am

Responsorial Psalm (Michael Herry FMS)

Go out to all the word and tell the good news (repeat)

Recent Deaths: Josephine Augustinelli, Sr. Ursula Caine RSM, Carmel Carmody,
Sean McKinnon

Anniversaries: Maree Clifton, Rita Mary Madden, Vinko Marnica, Mark Noy,
John Vanderkley, Fr. Peter Wood MSC, Christopher Yates, Rosanna Yu

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Elizabeth Margot Cahill daughter of Jacob and Rachelle
Isla Audrey Molloy daughter of Thomas and Karin
Vanessa Claire Muirhead daughter of Michael and Maree
Edwina Lee Rogers daughter of Glenn and Stephanie



May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic community.

Celebrations of Confirmation will take place on September 7th-8th and 14th-15th.

Legion of Mary Film Afternoon on the life of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Thursday, August 29th
at 1.30pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Light lunch will be provided after 12.05pm Mass.

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$2,515.00 Parish Loose \$307.55 Presbytery \$1,955.20

Counters: This week Team 5 Next week Team 6

Planned Giving Receipts - available for collection from the south transept this weekend.

Next week's readings for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Eccles 3:17-20, 28-29 Ps 67:4-7. 10-11 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 Luke 14:1. 7-14

Ballarat Retired Clergy Support Fund

This annual collection will be held next weekend. Envelopes are available this weekend.

Youth Every Second Sunday This week: Mums Night. 6pm in St Patrick's Hall.

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat in Daily Life

'Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus' is a retreat held over 4 weeks and is excellent for busy people, as your prayer is done alone at a time and place convenient to you. Weekly gatherings will be held at St Alipius Hall, Victoria Street, Ballarat. The retreat is free but you will need to buy a book which costs \$25.00, payable when you apply. Please don't let the cost deter you, contact Rachel or Doreen. Application forms are available from the Cathedral Office or you can contact Rachel McLoughlin ibvm, 0437 061 337 or email rachel.mcloughlin@loreto.org.au or Doreen Roache, 0417 117 382 or email doreenroache@bigpond.com

Persecuted for their Christian Faith

Fr Robert McCulloch will present at Nazareth House at 7 pm on Friday August 30th.
Mass will precede at 6pm. Entry by donation. All welcome. Inquiries 0401175045

Nazareth House Auxiliary Movie (*Sleepless in Seattle*) and High Tea fundraiser

Thursday, August 29th at 10.00am at the Regent Cinema Ballarat. Tickets \$25.00. Prepayment and prebooking essential. For more information contact Margaret, 0419003415.

Catholic Women's League Social Afternoon

"God never sleeps." Hear John and Margaret Millington OAM inspire you with their life story of faith which has enabled them to transform family tragedies into work for the community. Free entry, door prizes and afternoon tea. Wednesday, September 4th at 1.30pm in the Mary Glowrey Room, Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. Enquiries to Carmel, 0401175045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com

From Bishop Paul Bird on the outcome of Cardinal Pell's Appeal

The outcome of Cardinal Pell's appeal against his conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges is the culmination of months of uncertainty during which many people in our community have experienced conflicting emotions. I recognise that the whole process of the trial, conviction and appeal have been distressing for many in the community, particularly for victims and survivors of abuse and their families. Publicity and discussion of sexual abuse often causes pain for victims of any abuse and this will be an extremely difficult time for many.

There is a special impact on those of us who live in Ballarat because of Cardinal Pell's connections with this city. This is also a troubling time for our Catholic community throughout the whole Ballarat diocese, not only because of Cardinal Pell's connections with our diocese but also because the entire Church community is again confronted by the terrible history of abuse of children and the breach of trust that that abuse involved. I hope and pray that the finalisation of the legal processes will bring some sense of resolution to all those affected by the proceedings.

Contacts

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Ballarat Police Sexual Offence and Child Abuse Investigations Team 5336 6055

Ballarat Lifeline 5332 1286

Ballarat Diocese Professional Standards 5337 7121

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

Some people seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement. They put themselves first without regard for the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of overindulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family or workplace or community. Those who put themselves first will often find themselves last in that they are tolerated at best rather than welcomed into most circles. As Jesus moves from town to town on his way to Jerusalem, “someone” puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: “Are only the few saved?” Jesus treats this as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. The questioner rightly assumes that God is the one who saves. Jesus responds with a reminder that God’s saving action cannot be taken for granted. One must “strive to enter the narrow door”. Hard work is involved in ensuring that God’s saving power is there for God’s world. While the question comes from one person, Jesus’ response is “to them”. The insistence of people in the crowd that they have eaten with him may suggest they are among those who have been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus’ table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). The text makes it clear that they have heard his teaching: “You taught in our streets”. Jesus’ reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kingdom belongs to Israel’s ancestors and to all the prophets. Jesus’ assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, “from east and west and north and south”, might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as “first” in the schema of salvation. Those who share in the banquet in God’s kingdom, the “saved”, have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the “narrow door”. Entry is by no means restricted to Israel’s forebears. It belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or “salvation” of outsiders will cause grief among “evil-doers”. These flawed individuals include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God’s reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the “door” to salvation may be “narrow”, the Lukan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God, to those who “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance” (8:15).