

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday September 1st, 2019

22nd 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

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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 Sept 7th/8th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Ballarat East

6.00pm Vigil & 10.30am

Buninyong

9.00 am

Liturgies during the coming week

****The Cathedral will be closed Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday for electrical works****

Monday 12.05pm Ballarat East

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Wednesday 12.00pm ACU Aquinas 1.00pm Funeral Mass Ballarat East

Thursday 9.30am Ballarat East 11.30am St. John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Ballarat East 12.05pm Cathedral 1.30pm Benediction

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 11.00am

Saturday 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 12.30pm

Morning Prayer of the Church Thursday - Saturday 8.00am

Legion of Mary 1st Saturday Devotion Saturday, September 7th, 9.15am

Responsorial Psalm (Michael Herry FMS)

God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor

September 1st – World Day of Prayer for Creation

Recent Deaths: Kathleen Callinan, Theresa Hayes, Sr. Barbara Lemke RSM, Eileen O'Meara
Anniversaries: John Nunn, Anne Nuttall, Fr. Peter Taffe

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

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,915.00 Parish Loose \$352.40 Presbytery \$2,340.00

Counters: This week Team 6 Next week Team 7

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

Next week's readings for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Wisdom 9:13-18 Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33



Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests including Frs Dan Arundell and Barry Ryan and other senior priests, many of whom regularly celebrate Masses in our parishes. Special envelopes are available for this collection. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

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. Wednesday, September 4th at 1.30pm in the Mary Glowrey Room, Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. Enquiries to Carmel, 0401175045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com

Parish Mass with Anointing 12.05pm Wednesday, September 11th.

Held in St Patrick's Hall, Lunch will be served after Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated. Volunteers to assist with lunch preparation at 10.00am would be welcomed. If you require transport on the day contact the Parish Office on 5331 2933.

Summer in the Forest Film about the work of Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche community
Monday September 16th 6.00 pm, Showbiz Cinemas Ballarat. Book tickets by September 6th

*"Breathtakingly beautiful... the keynote is joy... It will make you laugh.
It will make you cry. And it will remind you of what it really means to be strong"*

Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Ordination of Rev Shane Mackinlay as Bishop

St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13th at 7.00pm, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome to attend. (Ordination in Bendigo, October 16th 12 Noon)

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group

Registration for the Halls Gap retreat to be held September 25th-27th, will be closing soon. Details are available on the poster on the church notice boards. Please confirm your place by paying \$110 deposit by September 9th. Contact Maree 0429 965 999.

Thank you to the members of the Life in the Spirit Prayer Group who spoke at Parish Masses last weekend.

Some excerpts from Fr David Ranson's VG letter to the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay following the dismissal by the Victorian Court of Appeals of Cardinal George Pell's appeal:

Historic events, such as the ones which we are living through, stop us short. They disturb us. They anger us. They sadden us. In whichever way this extraordinary and historical set of events might continue to unfold, the lesson is twofold. Firstly, all of us have responsibility to keep our communities safe. This can never be left to a few. All of us need to be vigilant for any behaviour that we consider not to be safe, and that might be putting the safety of our young people especially, in jeopardy. We must be vigilant, and we must be active. We must be ready to speak up. Sadly, we cannot rely simply on our trust of others, whoever they might be – whether they might be priests, or even family members. If we see or hear of behaviour that concerns us, we must speak up and act. Practices and processes to protect the safety of our children must be paramount across every part of our life as a Diocese - our parishes, our schools, our agencies. They must be implemented and monitored with transparency, objectivity and accountability.

As we continue to be disturbed even in new unexpected ways by this wretched history of ours, our confidence is shaken; our trust is confused; our faith itself is rocked. Yet, even in the most painful of experiences of our life, an invitation awaits us. If we can but stay with such difficult experiences long enough to perceive that invitation, then the experience can become for us not something that works against us, leaving us in despair and isolation, but one that becomes for us something 'redemptive' – in other words, one from which a new possibility might emerge. To paraphrase TS Elliot, we cannot be those who have the experience and miss the meaning. It is the Lord of Life who calls us always to new possibility. This is the gift of the Resurrection to us – yes, even in the darkest moments of our life.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

For the past three years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the Season of Creation. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and joined progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, “care of our common home”. As a spiritual work, care of our common home calls us to “grateful contemplation of God’s world”. As a corporal work, it calls us to “simple daily gestures” that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

Today’s gospel calls us to redress imbalances in the human community, imbalances that have ultimately affected the earth itself. Jesus is under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke’s gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus’ ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God’s kingdom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first.

Jesus’ advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kingdom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home.