

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday September 8th, 2019

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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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 14th/15th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Ballarat East

6.00pm Vigil & 9.00 am

Buninyong

10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral 2.00pm Cathedral Funeral Mass (Mark Milne)

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.00pm ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral (Anointing)

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 Mon. & Tues.10.00am-11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday - Saturday 8.00am

Responsorial Psalm (Michael Herry FMS)

In every age O Lord, you have been our refuge

Recent Deaths: Cam Denahy, Patricia Grace, Diane Lesley Cucina, Mark Milne,
Edie Noonan, Sr. Geraldine Stapleton (Brigidine Sister)

Anniversaries: Brian Collier, Frank Fenwick, Elaine Le Lievre, Paul Mahar, Anny Strik

Celebrations of Confirmation

Welcome to the children, families and friends celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at Masses this weekend and next. Thank you to all members of the Parish Sacrament Team, families and Parish Schools for their support. As a community we continue to pray for these children and their families *“Come Holy Spirit and enkindle in us the fire of your love!”*

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,152.00 Parish Loose \$425.00 Presbytery \$1,638.45

Counters: This week Team 7 Next week Team 1

Planned Giving Receipts for the financial year 2018/2019 are available for collection from the south transept. Please make sure you collect yours. Thank you to all contributors.

Next week’s readings for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14 Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10



Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Thank you to those who have already given to the annual collection. Envelopes are still available for anyone wishing to contribute.

Youth Every Second Sunday This week: Dads Night. 6pm in the Cathedral Hall.

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.

St Joseph’s Church Warrnambool Celebrations

All are invited to the celebrations to mark 130 years since the completion of St Joseph’s Church, Warrnambool. Mass will be held on Friday, September 13th, at 7.00pm followed by refreshments. For more information contact St. Joseph’s Parish Office on 5562 2231.

September 8th – Child Protection Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group

Registration for the Halls Gap retreat (October 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.

Enrolment Information Evenings for Catholic Secondary Colleges for 2021

Loreto College - Monday, October 21st at 7.00pm. Further information www.loreto.vic.edu.au

Damascus College - Tuesday, October 22nd at 6.30pm. Register your attendance at <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us>

St. Patrick's College - Thursday, October 24th at 7.30pm. Register your attendance at www.trybooking.com/BDEBO

World Day of Prayer for Creation

Pope Francis at his address on the World Day of prayer for Creation has urged all to join the ecumenical "Season of Creation" initiative, which runs from the September 1st Day of Prayer through the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. An ecumenical service for the Season of Creation will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree on Sunday, September 29th at 2.00pm. Refreshment to follow. All welcome.

Catholic Earthcare Ballarat Diocese extends an invitation to attend a lecture "Fire and Aboriginal Agriculture in Victoria" by Fred Cahir, Associate Professor of Aboriginal History, Federation University at the Mercy Centre, Gent Street, Ballarat East on Thursday, October 3rd from 7-8pm.

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.)

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

On June 17 this year, the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development issued a letter about the Season of Creation. It noted that during this season Christians across six continents work to put into practice Pope Francis' encyclical on integral ecology, *Laudato Si'*, and "participate in community events to deepen their love for Creator, creation, and each other". As we move into the second week of the Season of Creation, we might renew our commitment to the gospel call to reverence for all that constitutes our planetary home.

As we turn to the gospel reading for today, we are confronted by the pain involved in living a way of life that respects the rights of all created beings. On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? Implicit in Jesus' teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one's life for the sake of others. In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of their execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is thus shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint hearted.

The term "hate" (*misein*) in this context seems harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or to the Hebrew that underlies this biblical notion. To "hate" in biblical terms is to "leave aside". Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to "leave aside" the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice, compassion, and right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message. Finally, there is a call in this gospel passage to "leave aside" unnecessary possessions. In a time of planetary vulnerability and of growing division between the privileged and the marginalised of the Earth community, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place in a gospel way of life for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others, or for self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth.