

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday September 22nd, 2019

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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BHS Pastoral Care: Tracy Sillekens
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Admin Assistant: Juanita Bongiorno
Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue
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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 Sept 28th/29th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Ballarat East

6.00pm Vigil & 9.00am

Buninyong

10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.00pm ACU 12.05pm Cathedral 1.30pm Funeral Mass (Patrick Toohey)

Thursday 11.30am St. John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 10.00am Cathedral (Public Holiday, St. Vincent de Paul Mass)

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 11.00am

Saturday 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mon. & Tues. 10.00am-11.45am

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday - Saturday 8.00am

Responsorial Psalm (Michael Herry FMS)

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (repeat)

Recent Deaths: Paul Barrett, Mollie Driscoll, Sr. Noreen Torney rsm, Patrick Toohey

Anniversaries: Francis Curran, Jean Hayes, Kathleen Hunt, John Molony,
Kathleen Moran, Dinny Murphy, Luigi Palanca, Kathleen Mary Sims,
John and Margaret West, Ken Wilson

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,654.00 Parish Loose \$495.00 Presbytery \$2,136.05

Counters: This week Team 2 Next week Team 3

Next week's readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Amos 6:1. 4-7 Ps 145:6-10 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Parish Office Hours Next Week

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 23rd and Friday, September 27th (Public Holiday).

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

William Brittain son of Luke and Georgia
Rafael Xavier Fernandes son of Shane and Elizabeth
Juliet Fraser son of Jack and Zara



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

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

Nazareth House Holy Hour for Vocations

Thursday, September 26th, Nazareth House Chapel, Mill Street Ballarat from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

Legion of Mary Eucharistic Novena

A 9-day Eucharistic Novena from Saturday, September 28th to Sunday, October 6th, will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Further details available on the Parish Notice Boards.

Catholic Earthcare Ballarat extends an invitation to attend a talk "Fire and Aboriginal Agriculture in Victoria" by Fred Cahir, Associate Professor of Aboriginal History, Federation University at the Mercy Centre, Thursday, October 3rd 7.00-7.30pm with questions. Entry via Gent Street, Ballarat East.

Season of 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.

Tribute to John Molony, Saturday October 19th, St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall

October 19th has been set aside as a day of tribute to John Molony, a priest in the Ballarat Diocese in the 1950s and early 1960s. The day will commence at 11.00am and will include a buffet lunch. Bookings essential. Further information on the Parish Notice Board.

Supporting Adults Seeking to become Catholic

Following from the Alpha adult faith education series in June – July, we have five adults seeking to commence the journey of Christian Initiation through the RCIA. The RCIA team is currently being 'rebuilt' and expressions of interest from parishioners keen to support those seeking Christian initiation are invited. Please contact Fr Justin through the Parish Office.

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.)

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – September:

During the month of September, we are invited to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation in order to discern the answer to this question: "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is missionary and evangelising?" The fruits of what is discerned during this time will help shape the agenda of the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020.

Jillian Hogbin and Felicity Knobel are facilitating our Cathedral Parish Discernment gatherings for each of the six themes of the Plenary Council. Each discernment session, different from the dialogue sessions, will be held in the smaller hall of the Cathedral on Sunday afternoons, 2.30pm – 4.30pm. The discernment process is a prayerful one, commencing with Scripture, silence, spiritual conversations and proposed actions.

Sunday October 27th How to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary & Evangelising
Sunday November 17th How to be a Christ-centred Church that is humble, healing and merciful
Sunday December 1st How to be a Christ-centred Church that is inclusive, missionary & synodal

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

The fourth week in the Season of Creation confronts us with the issue of the strategies we may need to employ if we are to create more sustainable ways of inhabiting the planet. A measure of cunning may be helpful. In *Dancing with Strangers*, Melbourne-based historian Inga Clenninden offered a new perspective on the famous incident of the spearing of Governor Arthur Phillip at Manly Cove on September 7, 1790. The “accident” at Manly was no accident, she argued, but a carefully staged and brilliantly executed response to the indignities inflicted by the British, albeit unwittingly, on the local inhabitants. The hero at Manly Cove is Baneelon (later known as Bennelong) who secures, for a time at least, the honour and survival of his people. He does so with all the cunning, if not the subterfuge, of the steward in Luke’s parable, and wins an uneasy approval. An ever present motif in the story of these early British-Australian encounters is the understanding of possessions and land peculiar to each. From eighteenth century Manly Cove back to first-century Palestine is quite a leap. At stake in both arenas are survival and honour. Luke’s unlikely hero is a property manager or steward accountable to a land owner (the master) for the collection of rent from land poor tenants who work the land and pay their rent in produce. The steward is reported for mismanagement. He is called in, asked to produce the books and told he is about to be sacked. He thinks quickly, approaches the debtors, reduces their sizeable debts by the stroke of a pen, and thus gains their undying loyalty. He then hands over the books. While he has engaged in a series of smart moves, he is far from honest! The master is caught in a cleft stick: his steward has outwitted him and secured his own survival; the master has no honourable redress. He shakes his head and acknowledges the cunning or practical wisdom of the steward. It must be noted that there is no critique in this parable of the injustices inherent in a system that maintains privilege and subordination. That may be a matter of consideration for disciples in our times. The parable reminds us, rather, that disciples need to have the practical wisdom or cunning of the steward, though to different ends. The parable gives way to a number of sayings about money and its use or misuse. While “money” as a means of exchange has long been an integral part of life in the Earth community, it can become an obstacle or even a substitute for right relationship with God. The implication in the final saying is that disciples are called to “enslave” themselves to God. Contemporary attitudes to slavery might suggest that we find more appropriate expressions for our relationship with God. Not everything in the gospel parables is to be emulated.