

# St Patrick's Cathedral



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

**Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

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*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.*

## Social Justice Sunday

**Masses Sept 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Cathedral**

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

**Ballarat East**

6.00pm Vigil & 10.30am

**Buninyong**

9.00am

**Liturgies during the coming week**

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.00pm ACU Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 11.30am St. John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 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

**Morning Prayer of the Church** Monday - Saturday 8.00am

**Legion of Mary 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion, October 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am

**Responsorial Psalm (Michael Herry FMS)**

*Praise the Lord My Soul (repeat)*

**Recent Deaths:** Barry Healy, Fiona Morris

**Anniversaries:** Jack Burcon, Judith Conroy, Ethna Davey, Paul Kierce, Sheila Lourey,  
Maria Morris

**Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend**

Envelopes \$1,889.00                      Parish Loose \$258.95                      Presbytery \$1,942.15  
Counters:    This week Team 3                      Next week Team 4

**Next week's readings for 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4    Ps 94:1-2. 6-9                      2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14                      Luke 17:5-10

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:**

Sasskiah Zinna Gallagher                      daughter of Matthew and Jessica

Chloe Mae Henderson                      daughter of Daniel and Jacinta

Maverick Nolan Parker                      son of Daniel and Laura



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

**Cuppa and a Chat** for October will be held on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in the small hall after 10.30am Mass. Please note change of date.

**Catholic Women's League** Ballarat Cathedral Branch will meet at St. Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery meeting room on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1.30pm. Women of all ages are welcome to come and see what the CWL is all about. Enquiries to Carmel 5332 2103.

**Legion of Mary Eucharistic Novena**

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Prayer through the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4<sup>th</sup>. An ecumenical service for the Season of Creation will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. Refreshment to follow. All welcome.

**St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill Centenary Celebrations** November 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>.

For more information to go [www.smswanhill100years.com](http://www.smswanhill100years.com).

## **Principal Appointment**

Mr Simon Duffy has been appointed Principal of St Thomas More School in Alfredton. This appointment will commence at the start of the 2020 school year. Simon is in his 8th year of Principalship and is currently Principal at Holy Spirit Primary School, Casuarina, Darwin. We look forward to welcoming Simon and his family to Ballarat and our Parish.

**Social Justice Sunday** This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled, "Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world." It challenges us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world' and calls us to not just be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. Copies are available this weekend at the Cathedral entrances.

**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 Ballarat East Mercy Centre, Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.00-7.30pm

**Tribute to John Molony**, Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall 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.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> How to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary & Evangelising  
Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> How to be a Christ-centred Church that is humble, healing & merciful  
Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> How to be a Christ-centred Church that is inclusive, missionary & synodal.

## **Gospel Reflection** by Veronica Lawson rsm

The theme of the 2019-2020 Social Justice Statement is “making it real: genuine human encounter in a digital world.” It calls us to ensure that the new digital technology facilitates rather than inhibits the spread of the gospel. The gospel reading invites us to look at the wealth we enjoy, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty we claim for ourselves, to notice the poor who wait for justice at our gates and seek a part in the life we enjoy. This inclusive embrace is the vision we espouse in this final week of the Season of Creation.

The gospel parable presents a nasty mega rich character using his wealth to support a totally self-centred life-style. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly every day. He has no concern for or interest in the destitute and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a share in whatever falls (‘scraps’ in our translation) from the rich man’s table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare. Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is “sorely wounded”; he is “cast” at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores.

Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel’s iconic ancestor, Abraham. In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no mention of angels to transport him to the place of his ancestors. The rich man’s suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now “a long way off” in Abraham’s embrace. Earlier in Luke’s story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will call the toll-collector Zacchaeus a “son of Abraham”. To be “of Abraham” is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel’s ancestor in faith. It is to “hear” Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship.

Riches belong, not to the few, but to the whole Earth community. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. All the honour and status they might bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. The rich man came to this realisation too late. The occasional period of digital detox might provide us with time to reflect and to restore the balance required for the health of all on our planet.