

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday October 20th, 2019

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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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.

Masses October 19th/20th Cathedral

6.30pm 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

Monday & Tuesday 10.00am-11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

Morning Prayer of the Church

Monday - Saturday 8.00am

Next week's readings for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Recent Deaths: Ron Brewer, Zofia Buzo, Carmel Brinkman, Phil Filippi, Denis Gerdtz, Alan Hewitt, Br. John Neri Parker CFC, Tom Rush

Anniversaries: Kathleen Foley, Marie Glenane, Eileen Kirby, Mary Phyland, Eileen Power, Liam Styles, Trevor Thorpe, Joe van der Linden

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$2,246.00 Parish Loose \$352.40 Presbytery \$1,820.15
Counters: This week Team 6 Next week Team 7

Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Thank you to all those who contributed so generously to this annual collection. This year the \$3,465.00 was collected in the Cathedral Parish.

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Aston James Gilchrist son of Rohan and Genevieve
Ted Loader son of Michael and Nicole
Emma Jae Schmidt daughter of Haydan and Tara
Bailey Willow Van Duin daughter of Richard and Michelle



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

Youth Every Second Sunday

YESS is a dynamic group of young people aged 13-18yrs, who come together to share their faith and connect with other youth and meet at 6pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall fortnightly during the school terms. This week is Dad's night.

Alpha – adult faith formation opportunity

Alpha at St Patrick's Cathedral continues this Wednesday October 23rd (6pm-8pm), in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms with the session: "Why Did Jesus Die?" Contact our Alpha Coordinator, Jess Salazar alpha.jess@icloud.com or the Parish Office 5331 2933 to register your interest. For more information go to <https://australia.alpha.org/>

Supporting Adults Seeking to become Catholic

Following from the last Alpha adult faith education series in June – July, we have five adults commencing 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.

175th Anniversary of the first Mass in Portland – November 1844

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 10.30am at All Saints Church Portland. To attend the lunch after, please reply to portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Reconciliation Part 2 (Senior)

This weekend we welcome children from our parish in years 5/6 preparing to celebrate Reconciliation in the First Rite on Tuesday, November 19th. Please keep them in your prayers.

Annual Remembrance Mass

At 7.00 pm on Friday November 1st, the Cathedral Parish Funeral Ministry Team invite all parishioners to the annual Mass of Remembrance in the Cathedral. Mass which will be followed by supper in the Presbytery.

Saturday November 2nd, All Souls Day Mass at Ballarat New Cemetery

10.00 am Mass will be celebrated at the Ballarat New Cemetery (parking at the Crematorium), BYO chair. This Mass will replace the usual Cathedral 10am Mass for that Saturday.

World Mission Sunday

This weekend the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal will be conducted. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable. Your contribution will assist Sister Stan and the Nazareth Home for God's Children, which is leading these efforts in the diocese of Yendi. Envelopes are available in the Cathedral. Please give generously.

Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate the Ordination of Bishop Shane Mackinlay

St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13th at 7.00pm, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome to attend.

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – October:

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

Please register your attendance with the Cathedral Parish Office and in order to prepare to discern, receive a [snapshot report](#) of the first theme – Missionary and Evangelising.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

Today's gospel begins with a reference to prayer, a favourite theme in Luke, and ends with a question about faith. If the parable were also about prayer, as the narrator suggests, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for anyone and is slow to hear the cry of the poor! There are clearly problems with this, and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has made three key additions to the story: the introductory statement that Jesus told them a parable "about the need to pray always"; the final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words; and the three questions at the end. The original parable was almost certainly told in another context and probably ended with the words of the judge. What difference might this make for us as 21st century readers? The parable has acquired different meanings as it shifted from an oral to a written context. The Lukan author fits the parable rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities. The scene for the verses representing the original parable is "a certain city", possibly suggesting that it is a story for any and every city. There are two main human characters, the judge and the widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? Is it because he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary? What sort of judge would admit to having no respect for anyone, even to himself? A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. It literally reads: "so that she won't finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Is Jesus drawing attention to the plight of widows in that society who can only get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. A system that provides no other recourse for the vulnerable of the human community and for those endeavouring to save our endangered planet simply has to change. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not at all clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that those who seem to have little power can win out in the end if they have the courage to persist in their struggles for justice. Luke 18:1-8 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And Jesus said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Human One comes, will he find faith on earth?"