

# St Patrick's Cathedral



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

**Sunday October 27th, 2019**

**30<sup>th</sup> 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

*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 November 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Cathedral

6.30pm 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 Aquinas 12.05pm Cathedral

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  
7.00pm Cathedral (Remembrance Mass)

Saturday 10.00am Ballarat New Cemetery (All Souls Day)

## 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

Legion of Mary 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9.15 am

**Recent Deaths:** John Bylsma, Nancy McGrath, Judith Peters, Valma Shanahan,  
Joe Tassone, Kerry Walker

**Anniversaries:** Olive Conroy, Renee Daniels, Nancy Kearney, John Kyatt,  
Leo McGoldrick, Francis Nolan, Mary Phyland

**Next week's readings for 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2    Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14    2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2    Luke 19:1-10

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

Envelopes \$1,772.50                  Parish Loose \$323.45                  Presbytery \$1,755.25  
Counters:    This week Team 7                  Next week Team 1

**World Mission Sunday**

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers. Your generosity makes it possible for outreach programs to continue.

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

Oliver Thomas George                  son of Ian and Danielle  
Ava Townsend                                  daughter of Ben and Kylie  
Cooper Townsend                              son of Ben and Kylie  
Molly Isabel White                            daughter of Tehan and Georgina



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

**Alpha – adult faith formation opportunity**

Alpha at St Patrick's Cathedral continues this Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> (6pm-8pm), in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms with the sessions: "How Can I have Faith?" and "Why and How Do I Pray". Contact our Alpha Coordinator, Jess Salazar [alpha.jess@icloud.com](mailto: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**

Thanks to those who have offered to support the RCIA process or to be part of the team. The first gathering for those who have participated in the Alpha adult faith program will be held on Thursday November 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. Parishioners welcome.

**Christian Meditation Sessions**

Parishioners are invited to experience Christian Meditation that are being held at the Central Uniting Church, Lydiard Street South, Monday evenings, fortnightly, 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Next sessions: November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Sessions will then resume in February. Further details, phone Michael Hedger 53740392, or email [hedger@ncable.net.au](mailto:hedger@ncable.net.au)

## **Annual Remembrance Mass**

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

## **Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 next Saturday.

Envelopes are available this weekend for November Masses for the Holy Souls.

## **Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate the Ordination of Bishop Shane Mackinlay**

St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

## **Plenary Council 2020 Discernment Gatherings**

Jillian Hogbin and Felicity Knobel are facilitating our Cathedral Parish Discernment gatherings for each of the six themes of the Plenary Council. This is a process of Communal Discernment, rather than individual discernment. As such, we are called to work together as a group. The process is built upon the practice of Spiritual Conversations. It is a process of prayer, contemplation, sharing with one another and seeking God's direction. As the Holy Spirit guides the Church in Australia, all are welcome to participate and discern together. Spiritual Conversations is a part of the process of Communal discernment. The practice outlined is drawn from primarily from the Ignatian tradition of the Spiritual Exercises as well as other resources and practices of discernment.

**Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>**      How to be a Christ-centred Church that us 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.

## **RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences** *"It takes a village"*

The Diocesan Conference will be held on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 5.30pm-9.00pm and the State Conference will be held on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 8.30am-4.30pm. Both events will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. Keynote speakers are Dr Kevin Lenehan, Master of Catholic Theological College and Sharon Brewer, National Centre for Evangelisation.

Registrations are now open - go to [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au). Those attending the Diocesan Conference are also welcome and encouraged to attend the State Conference.

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

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated “virtuous”) and justified (translated “at rights with God”). It is addressed to “certain people” who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people’s lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus’ harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel. The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in this. That is what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship.

The Pharisee prays “to himself” or “by himself” or “about himself”: any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God’s mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who “have confidence in themselves that they are righteous”, this portrait of the tax agent in right relationship with God is confronting. For such people, being a tax agent is synonymous with being unrighteous.

The language of the toll collector’s prayer, “God be merciful (hilasthēti) to me a sinner”, evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in a gospel way of life. We all need to admit our failings with humility, turn to God for forgiveness, and change our ways. Right now, this is what we are called to do as a human community that has failed to respect the integrity of the natural world and has exploited it for our own selfish ends. We can learn from the tax collector. Luke 18:9-14 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."