

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday November 10th, 2019

32nd 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 November 16th/17th 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 10.00am Cathedral Funeral Mass 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.00pm ACU Aquinas
7.00pm Cathedral Mass of Thanksgiving Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Thursday 9.30am Ballarat East 11.30am St. John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Ballarat East 12.05pm Cathedral

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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Malachi 3:19-20 Ps 97:5-9 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

Recent Deaths: Andrew Flood, Claire McGoldrick, Denise Norton

Anniversaries: Phillip Auer, Doug Gillett, Bruce Green, Lucille Hogsett, Ken Stout,
Mollie Taffe, Jim Walters

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$2,206.00 Parish Loose \$451.30 Presbytery \$1,584.90

Counters: This week Team 2 Next week Team 3

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

August Francis Allen son of Jason and Leonie
Edie Florence Allen daughter of Jason and Leonie
Elodie Maria March daughter of Timothy and Cornelia
Evelyn May Field daughter of Dale and Ellie



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

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 18th, December 2nd and 16th Michael Hedger 53740392.

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. Practice times for singers is Sunday, November 10th at 6.15pm at the Cathedral.

St. Vincent de Paul Cathedral Piety Stall

Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available for sale.

St. Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree Christmas Appeal 2019

Jesse Tree symbols will be distributed after each Mass commencing on Sunday, November 24th. The Society thanks you for your support in previous years and again requests your assistance for the Appeal this year. Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes will be available in the pews for those wishing to make a cash donation to the Appeal.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete from 10.00 am Saturday, November 16th

Catholic Women's League Annual General Meeting and monthly meeting, November 27th at 1.30pm.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser

The House of Welcome Ballarat, Annual Garden party, 2.00pm Sunday November 24th at 30 Waller Ave. Newington. Entry \$20. Children free. Inquiries 0401 175045.

Plenary Council 2020 Discernment Gatherings

Following on from the first Cathedral Parish Discernment gathering, we include the second of the group responses as to how we can be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising:

- 2. That we should welcome everyone to The Table; that we should make it an inclusive and relevant celebration, using inclusive and relevant language; become involved in adult faith formation; challenge the hierarchy.*

The next sessions will be held in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms, 2.30pm-4.30pm:

Sunday November 17th How to be a Christ-centred Church that is humble, healing & merciful

Sunday December 1st How to be a Christ-centred Church that is inclusive, missionary & synodal.

St. Alipius' Parish Ballarat East are hosting discernment gatherings on the theme how to be a Christ-centred Church that is humble, healing and merciful on Monday, November 11th 7.00pm-9.00pm and Tuesday, November 12th, 1.00pm-3.00pm in the St. Alipius' Parish Hall.

RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences "It takes a village"

The Conferences will be held on Friday, November 15th from 5.30pm-9.00pm and Saturday, November 16th from 8.30am-4.30pm. Both events will be held in St Patrick's parish hall and are open to all parishioners. As a welcoming community, we are "the Village" and the Conference will provide valuable adult faith formation for all.

Registrations are now open - go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Those attending the Diocesan Conference are also welcome and encouraged to attend the State Conference.

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access further resources and find out more at www.catholic.org.au/drought

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

OLHC Parish Wendouree will be hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Transport is available. For bookings or further information ph. 0419 975914 or email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These are questions that have preoccupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as “not of the dead, but of the living.” As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder this mystery of the bonds of love that persist, even after death, in unimagined and unimaginable way. Some Sadducees “who say there is no resurrection” put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system. There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God’s chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place between God and God’s people). At the same time, there was room for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs. Recently, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. She knew in her heart that her loved ones who have died are “alive to God”, as the Lukan Jesus puts it. I also knew in my heart that the life she had generated and the love she had known and brought to others over the best part of a century somehow continues and is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that is sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in God and in hope of resurrection, of the transformation of every being. Luke 20:27-38 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of God as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to God all of them are alive."