

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday November 17th, 2019

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Priests: Fr Justin Driscoll
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Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ

Fr Vincent Pham CSsR

Visiting Priests: Fr Dan Arundell

Fr Barry Ryan

BHS Pastoral Care: Tracy Sillekens

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 23rd/24th 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 9.30am Ballarat East 11.30am St. John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Ballarat East 10.30am Cathedral Funeral Mass 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 the Feast of Christ the King (Year C)

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Ps 121:1-5

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord comes to rule the earth; rule the earth with justice.

Recent Deaths: Tony Arundell, Anne Maree Seabright

Anniversaries: Bruce Clifton, Bruce McCardle, Andrew O'Brien

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,340.00 Parish Loose \$271.60 Presbytery \$1,781.00

Counters: This week Team 3 Next week Team 4

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Isabella Costanzo daughter of Mark and Simone

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



Red Wednesday – November 20th

Pope Francis has asked for prayers for all Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. Our 12.05pm Mass this Wednesday will recall these people and we are invited to remember them in our rosaries and other prayers that day.

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.

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 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.

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

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.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Iconic Movie morning and High Tea

“White Christmas” starring Bing Crosby. Regent Cinema on Thursday, November 28th, 2019 at 10.00am. Tickets \$25.00 each, pre-booking essential. For further information contact Margaret, ph. 0419 003415.

Plenary Council 2020 Discernment Gatherings

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

3. *We feel strongly called to commission a thorough, well-funded study to understand where the large proportion of non-involved Catholics are at, and what we can learn from the findings.*
4. *We should focus on peace and justice initiatives: Be a voice in word and action; Foster a lay Church – Diocesan and parish councils – initiate, invite, support lay involvement; Foster spirituality, especially awareness of the Mystery of God as we eat and drink, remembering Jesus.*

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

This 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.

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. Copies of the prayer are available at the entrances to the Cathedral. 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

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

A low-cost online study and formation program for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Study over 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle begins January 12th, 2020. Registrations open now until December 23. More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 0407 523 424.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

Fifty years ago there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago there was no Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. Twenty years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments. In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. It functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship. It was also an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final advent. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict and persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time, the *kairos*, of God's visitation. Like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They don't have to worry about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own times, when the life of our planetary home is at stake, when the political systems we have trusted are so often manipulated by the greed of the few and when families are torn apart, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life. Luke 21:5-19 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place. And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven." But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your life.