

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday November 24th, 2019

Feast of Christ the King (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
(Administrator)

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 Nov 30th/Dec 1st 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 12.05pm Cathedral

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 the 1st Sunday in Advent (A)

Isaiah 2:1-5

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Recent Deaths: Pauline Corcoran, Jim Griffin, Pauline Guthrie, Lina Muller

Anniversaries: Betty Collins, Toni McVeigh, Ron Rosser, Jimmy Simpson,
Sr. Connie Walsh RSM, Don Warden

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,451.00 Parish Loose \$319.25 Presbytery \$1,735.55
Counters: This week Team 4 Next week Team 5

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Harry Nicholas Hynes son of Nicholas and Hayley
Marlee Carmen Mansion daughter of Daniel and Christell
Aiden Waight son of Daniel and Rhiannon



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

Catholic Women's League

Members of the Ballarat Cathedral Branch will meet at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery meeting room on Wednesday November 27th at 1.30pm. This will include the AGM where Office Bearers will be elected and installed. The regular monthly meeting will follow. Members are encouraged to attend if possible. Enquires - Carmel 5332 2103 or Anna 0400 250 660.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Iconic Movie morning and High Tea

“White Christmas” starring Bing Crosby. Regent Cinema on Thursday, November 28th, 10.00am. Tickets \$25.00 each, pre-booking essential. Contact Margaret, 0419 003415.

St. Vincent de Paul Cathedral Piety Stall have Christmas cards and Columban calendars.

St. Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree Christmas Appeal 2019

Jesse Tree symbols will be distributed at each Mass commencing this weekend and throughout the Season of Advent. We again ask that you support our Jesse Tree Appeal through the donation of non-perishable food items. Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes will be available in the pews for those wishing to make a cash donation to the appeal.

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: December 2nd and 16th. Further details contact Michael Hedger 53740392.

Plenary Council 2020 Discernment Gatherings

The next session will be held in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms, 2.30pm-4.30pm, Sunday December 1st - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful.

Making a Scene at Christmas

All are welcome to visit the Making a Scene at Christmas display at Ss Peter & Paul's Church Buninyong from December 12th-15th between 9.00am – 5.00pm. School groups welcome.

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

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 23rd. More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 0407 523 424.

YCW Cricket Club Reunion

Former players, supporters and families of the YCW Cricket Club are invited to get together on Sunday, December 1st, 2019. For further information contact Terry, ph. 0401 730670 or John, ph. 0409 864080.

Advent Retreat

Sunday December 15th at St Alipius' Ballarat East with Rachel McLoughlin and Natalie Houlihan (Loreto Sisters) 2.00 -5.00 pm. An advent time of Reflections, Readings, music, images, Silence and ending with Spiritual Conversation circles. All are welcome.

Cathedral Advent 6.00 pm Evening Prayer, Fridays December 6th, 13th and 20th

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul has announced the following appointments to take effect in January:

Fr Sajan Matthew will be Administrator of Bungaree Parish and Visiting Priest of Gordon Parish, Fr Michael O'Toole will be Supervising Priest of Cororooke Parish (in addition to PP of Colac), Fr Peter Jose CMI will be the priest for the Robinvale Parish and Fr Jim McKay will work with Fr Eugene McKinnon in the East Wimmera Parish ministering across their faith communities.

Gospel Reflection

by Veronica Lawson rsm

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves feel threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned. There may be some comfort for such people in today's gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of those who taunt or deride. The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kin-dom." His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee: "I must proclaim the good news of the kin-dom of God" Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me..." "Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the courage to rise above his own suffering and to challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, this criminal was and continues to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum in our midst only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness. The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a compassionate, merciful God. This feast might serve as a reminder to us to allow the peace of Christ to reign in our hearts even in the face of derision. Luke 23:35-43 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, God's chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."