

St Patrick's Cathedral

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

Sunday, April 12th, 2020

Easter Sunday

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

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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.

Recent Deaths: Duncan Hartwig, Peter Hayes

Anniversaries: Margie Meerbach

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week

Envelopes \$385.00

Presbytery \$ 150.00

Planned Giving Envelopes

Due to the cancellation of Masses, should you wish to continue your Planned Giving or contributions to the First Collection, please hand your envelope into the Parish Office, or through the mail slot near the front door. New Planned Giving Envelopes commencing April 5th are available for collection from the Parish Office. Should you wish to contribute electronically to the collections at this time, please contact Kerrie in the Cathedral Parish Office.

Catholic Education responds to the Coronavirus, COVID 19

Families are to be reassured that those impacted financially by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will be assisted in every way possible to continue their child's enrolment. As many in our school community grapple with unprecedented changes to finances, emotional wellbeing and physical health, we have taken a clear position on enrolments. There has been a long-established policy in the Diocese of Ballarat that no family is denied a Catholic education due to an inability to pay school fees.

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When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 Lenten appeal. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Easter Message from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop Paul has recorded an Easter message for the people of the diocese. The message can be viewed on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Plenary Council postponed

In response to the dramatic changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the bishops of Australia have made the "difficult, but necessary" decision to postpone the first assembly of the [Plenary Council](#).

Updates, information, resources and links to online Masses, in light of COVID-19

Facebook We now have a [Cathedral Parish Facebook page](#) so that we can stay connected to each other. Fr Justin will be celebrating the liturgies in the St John of God Hospital Chapel each day, 4.30pm Holy Thursday, 3.00pm Good Friday, 11.30am Holy Saturday, 11.30am Easter Sunday. These will be live-streamed through the Parish Facebook Page. We have many friends already and we'd love you to join us online for Mass. Look for Patrick's Cathedral on Facebook. There is the provision for one person to attend the Mass each day with Fr Justin and for that person to proclaim the Readings of the day and the Prayers of the Faithful. Those who do so must not be in the "at risk" group, that is they must be feeling well, not recently returned from overseas and be under the age of 70.

If you would like to offer yourself to be part of the roster, please contact the Parish Office between 10am-5pm on 5331 2933 or ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

- The Sunday Mass and Holy Week liturgies may be watched on stpatrcathedralweebly.com
- **Mass for You at Home:** Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. Watch at <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html> or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

Easter Ceremonies Live Broadcast

The Channel 7 and Prime 7 network will broadcast live from St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney – The Lord's Passion at 3pm on Good Friday, and Easter Sunday Mass from 10.30am.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

Easter invites us to celebrate life in its fullest sense. It is anything but easy to celebrate life, however, when tens of thousands in the Earth community are facing death, when hundreds of thousands are ill and countless others are struggling to put food on their tables. Resurrection faith calls us to be fearless in our support of those most deeply affected.

A faith-filled man and two faith-filled women prepare Jesus for burial. These three people are fearless in the face of possible reprisals for their support of a “political criminal”. Joseph of Arimathea cares for Jesus out of his personal wealth, providing a clean linen cloth and his own newly rock-carved tomb. With his own hands, he performs the burial ritual, lays Jesus’ body in the tomb, and rolls the stone into place. The women disciples who witness the closing of the tomb are both named Mary. One is from Magdala, centre of a fish-salting industry in Galilee and the other is the mother of two male disciples. These women have contributed their goods and services to Jesus on the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.

The women set out at dawn “to see the tomb” This seems strange until we realise that they are functioning as witnesses, this time to the dramatic opening of the tomb and the appearance of God’s interpretive messenger. “Seeing” is a metaphor for insight. In the earthquake phenomenon and the allusion to lightning, there are echoes of other great moments of God’s appearing to Israel, such as the encounter with Moses and the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai.

The two Marys are the first to learn the news of Jesus’ resurrection and the first commissioned to proclaim it. The women “see” the place where he was laid. They obey the angel’s command not to be afraid but to go quickly to inform the scattered disciples that the resurrected Jesus has gone before them to Galilee, the place of mission, where they too will “see” him. Resurrection life energises these faith-filled women disciples/apostles and negates the death-dealing power of the Roman Empire. Ironically, the Roman tomb guards become “as though dead”.

As the women hurry away from the tomb, Jesus comes to meet them on the path or the road. He addresses them with a familiar greeting of joy, Chairete. This is the first appearance of the resurrected One and it draws from the women a profoundly reverential response: taking hold of him, they fall down in worship. Jesus reiterates the commission already delivered by the angel: not to be afraid and to let the men know what has happened. The male disciples will later be commissioned on the mountain top (Matthew 28:16-20). All are commissioned, first the women, then the men. Those “on the mountain top” must not succumb to the temptation of remaining there. They must join those on the road or the path in fearlessly bringing life to Earth’s afflicted.