



St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Communities of Alfredton, Ballarat, Cardigan

Lake Gardens, Lake Wendouree, Lucas, Newington

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.

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th OCTOBER 2020



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Parish Office hours:
Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 5.00pm

On Mondays the Parish Office is closed.

On weekends and after regular office hours,
the phone will be transferred to the on call priest
so that the Hospitals, Aged Care facilities, Funeral Directors
or others seeking the services of a priest may be responded to.

**Please note, due to the public holiday on Friday 23rd October, the Parish
Office will be closed.**

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Mass in the Chapel at St John of God Hospital is live streamed daily at
11.30am. After Mass has been celebrated it is posted onto the Cathedral
website.



Readings for this week: Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 25:6-10 **Second:** Philipians 4:12-14 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Readings for next week: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Exodus 22:20-26 **Second:** Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

*Forever in
our hearts*

To our loved ones who
are no longer with us,
we know you are here
in spirit and live on in our
hearts today and always.



RECENT DEATHS:

Sr Caroline Deutscher IBVM, Trevor Ferguson, Ursula Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Blaw

Francie Canty

Peter Farley

Felix Favalaro

Maurice Fay

Kathleen Winifred Foley

Frederick Hale

Anne Heugle

Nancy Kearney

Sr Marie Kelly

Francis Kennedy

Gwendoline McCunnie

Mary McDonald

John Morphett

Pauline Nickels

Basil O'Brien

John Pasitschny

Elva Ratcliffe

Thomas Sheridan

Joseph Stoffels

Liam Styles

Joe van der Linden

Blest be the Work of our Hands

Carers should be celebrated as 'our unsung heroes'



Carers Week in Australia will be celebrated on
Sunday 11 to Saturday 17 October.

In recognition of the many carers in our parishes, the Bishops invite you to celebrate and acknowledge carers. Carers Australia define carers as people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue or who are frail aged. This includes the 272,000 young people up to the age of 25 who are carers.

(Carers Australia: <https://www.carersaustralia.com.au/>)

In 2015, in Australia, there were 2.7 million unpaid carers in Australia; that is 12% of the population. 96% of carers provide support for a family member which often means they can only work part time. Only 56% of primary carers work compared to 86% of non-carers. Reduced work hours leads to less weekly income and the weekly median income of primary carers aged 15 - 64 was 42% lower than that of non-carers². Lower income in a household can lead to poverty.

Carers are our unsung heroes and are a real presence of Jesus in our communities. In fact, in 2015, it was estimated that carers provided 1.9 billion hours of unpaid care. However, caring has a price and research has shown that, when carers are inadequately supported, their own health, mental health and wellbeing can be seriously affected. Being unable to work or work part time can lead to financial challenges and sometimes poverty.

More information regarding Carers Week can be found [here](#).

2020 COVID-19 Mission Sunday Appeal



With every country around the world affected in some way by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that now, more than ever, we stand together in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and support them in any way we can. There are thousands of mission programs that provide both practical support and pastoral and faith-formation to children and communities around the world that need our help right now.

We are still here for them, and we want to offer your parish the opportunity to get involved and offer their support.

#WeAreStillHere

With the COVID-19 pandemic headlining the news each day, and as we see Australia start to ease restrictions, it can be easy to forget that there are many countries around the world where the full extent of the impact has not yet been discovered. Priests, sisters and missionaries around the world are doing all that they can to ensure that those in need are given the best practical and pastoral support, however these Church-run programs often rely on generous donations from people like you. Will you join with us today to be there for those in need during this crisis? For more information and to give generously to support vital mission programs through COVID-19, please go to:

catholicmission.org.au/mission.

Religious orders have saved the church before — and they can do it today

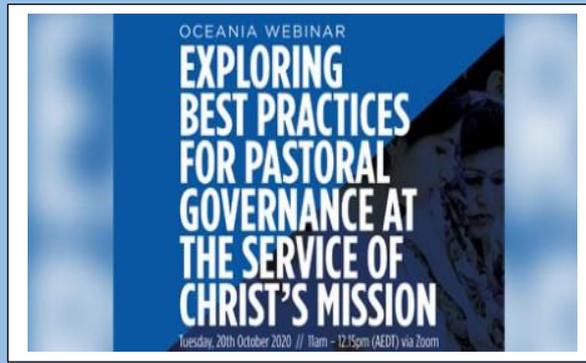


The Church of San Damiano would be a strong choice for the cover of a “churches of Italy” calendar. It sits at the outskirts of the little town of Assisi, perfectly framed from behind by the rolling Umbrian hills. In front, farmland opens out like a patchwork quilt. It hosts a steady stream of pilgrims, but somehow the place still feels peaceful, untouched by time.

According to legend, this chapel was in serious disrepair eight centuries ago when Francesco Bernadone, a local delinquent, came to the altar seeking insight. Kneeling before the crucifix, he was told in a vision to “rebuild my church, which as you see, is falling down.” He threw himself wholeheartedly into the work of repairing the chapel, only to realize that his true call extended far beyond stones and mortar. Today, St. Francis is recognized as one of the greatest of Christian reformers.

I visited San Damiano nearly two decades ago, amid my own personal turmoil. I was not Catholic at the time. I wanted to be. Conversion would only be possible if I first laid aside the Mormon faith, which was shared by my entire extended family, most of our friends and four generations’ worth of ancestors. I felt a real kinship with St. Francis (who also had some family problems), and my brain seemed to be on fire that day in Assisi as I wrestled with questions about tradition, revelation, grace, piety, divine justice and eternal truth. Strolling up to San Damiano, an odd thought popped unbidden into my mind. “Wouldn’t this church look rather charming, actually, as a ruin?”

Read the article by Rachel Lu [here](#)



Webinar explores models of Church leadership

*The webinar will draw upon the recommendations from *The Light from the Southern Cross* governance review (Parramatta Diocese)*

Members of the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Staff have been invited to join Frs Justin and Shaiju at a webinar next week. Models of Church leadership from around the world will be explored in this upcoming webinar hosted by the Pastoral Ministry Network and the Mission Planners Network of Oceania.

The “Exploring best practices for pastoral governance at the service of Christ’s mission” webinar is designed for parish, diocesan and deanery pastoral councils and parish leadership teams and aims to explore best practices of pastoral governance within faith communities.

It follows on from the first national webinar on the theme “Knowing our community?” and attended by 180 people from across Australia and New Zealand in August.

The October 20 webinar will highlight models of Church leadership and draw upon the recommendations from the Australian governance review, *The Light from the Southern Cross*.

Mission Planners Network chair Stephen Reid said: “These webinars offer the opportunity to come together to hear some of the best practices when it comes to leadership in our faith communities. The importance of good leadership and pastoral planning for Christ’s Mission is vital as we continue to respond to new ways to be community in a 21st century Church.”

More information (including how to register) can be found [here](#).

Imagining the Budget

The Federal Budget this year coincided with the release of Pope Francis' Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. Both are preoccupied with the shape that society will take after COVID-19. It is tempting to compare their different approaches.



Budgets are rightly concerned with the economy and deal with economic relationships. This year the Federal Budget has been brought down in extraordinary circumstances. It follows a year in which the prevailing economic orthodoxy proved to be threadbare, and comes towards the end of a year in which the economy and society have been disrupted by the coronavirus. Those responsible for drawing up budgets in such circumstances deserve sympathy and encouragement, particularly from people as innumerate as I am. By all accounts this Budget seems to be prudent in its stimulation of the economy and in its provisions for the short term. It emphasises the importance of work. That is certainly central both to economic growth and to human wellbeing.

The success of the Budget, however, will depend on whether people respond to its stimulus by buying the goods and services that businesses provide. That question takes us beyond economic relationships to the whole range of relationships that encourage either trust or suspicion, hope or despair, individual self-interest or attention to others and to the community as a whole, or boldness or timidity. It has to do with the way in which we imagine the world. Our own imagining in turn is influenced by the way in which governments and politicians imagine the world and its workings in their ordinary dealings and in the budget. If their imagining is

compassionate and generous, ours is more likely to be the same. It may be illuminating from the perspective of the imagination to compare the Budget and its setting within broader government actions with the vision of *Fratelli Tutti*.

The imagination is of critical importance because it shapes what we see and how the things that we see are related to one another. The encyclical at its heart is a meditation on attention, on opening our eyes to what and whom we normally miss and giving them due importance. It invites us to see the world through the lens of social friendship by showing the disastrous consequences of seeing it through the lens of selfish individualism.

Read this article by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ that appeared in 'Eureka Street' [here](#)

PLANNED GIVING

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections this week:

Envelopes: \$ 506.00 Presbytery: \$ 433.05

Due to the cancellation of Masses, should you wish to continue your Planned Giving or contribution to the First Collection, please hand your envelope into the Parish Office, phone Finance Officer Kerrie to receive a Direct Debit form, or put your offering in an envelope into the mailbox near the front door.

Any queries or concerns, please contact the Parish Office or email Finance Officer [Kerrie](#).

Gospel Reflection

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Matthew 22:15-21)

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians represented secular Jewish power and wealth. They despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition. Jesus of Nazareth becomes the threat that unites them. His teaching and healing draw the crowds and threaten their authority. They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as “teacher”, they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division.

The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a “no win” position: “Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?” Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intent and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, “Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest”.

Jesus’ response, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”, can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images? From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God’s prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on

what belongs to God? Is he critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimizing it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus' words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. There are good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church, something we may need to revisit in the light of pandemic and the closing of our places of worship. It is quite anachronistic, however, to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. That is the key criterion for any personal or global alliance.

Veronica Lawson RSM

10th Anniversary of the Canonisation of **St Mary MacKillop**



Saint Mary of the Cross
(Mary Helen MacKillop)
Foundress of the
Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart
1842 - 1909
Australia's First Saint!



*"Never see a need
without trying
to do something
about it"*

Mary Mackillop



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