

# St Patrick's Cathedral

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

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Parish Office hours this week

Wednesday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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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:** Bill Conaughton (Brisbane), Kathleen Moss

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Bongiorno, Peter Caligari Snr, Kathleen Cashin, Margaret Cook, Nancy Coughlan, Jack Curran, Ramen D'Arcy, Sr. Alice Driscoll RSM, Anna Dron, Kyle Gillett-Veenstra, Nancye Grabsch, Thomas Hartigan, Anne Higgins, Luke Higgins, William Horgan, Arthur Jones, Melitta Legg, James Maher, Bill Martin, Mary Martin, Mary Matheson, Donald McKinnon, Peter McLean, Brian O'Meara, Linda O'Reilly, Sr Anne Reidy, Bill Reynolds, Peter Sargeant, Natasha Sinclair, Kazimierz Stabeusz, Harry Swinkels, Jeffrey Twomey, Geraldine Watt, Ann Wills, Colleen Woof

**Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections**

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## Baptisms

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Delilah Lexie Boyce daughter of Callum & Claire

Jenaya Rasheli Mihindukulasuriya Fernando

daughter of Achinda & Kurukulasuriya

Seyara Hope Ranaweera Arachchige

daughter of Sudantha & Veronica



*"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." Pope Francis.*

May they grow in faith with the support of their families and our Catholic Community.

**Masses during the week** Monday – Saturday 10.00am (Australia Day 10am Tuesday)

**Sundays** 6.30pm (Vigil), Saturday, 8.00am, 10.30am 5.00pm

*Please enter the Cathedral via the door at the side from the carpark (south transept), sanitise your hands and register your attendance for contact tracing.*



### World Interfaith Harmony Week

Taking place on the first week of February every year. Spreading harmony and tolerance among followers of the three monotheistic faiths and all the world's religions.

In Ballarat, our local Interfaith network will hold its annual flag event on Monday 1st February, at St Peter's Anglican Church Sturt St, starting at 11.00am.

The programme will include an Acknowledgement of Country given by Peter Lovett, a welcoming address from Juliana Addison MP, a presentation from two of Ballarat High School's student leaders, a tour of St Peter's and a keynote address from the Anglican Bishop of Ballarat, Garry Weatherill. There will also be two virtual choirs performing and a virtual address from the Assistant to the Federal Minister for Multicultural Affairs - after which, refreshments will be served.

Many members from the various faith and multi-cultural communities of Ballarat will be in attendance: from the Islamic Association of Ballarat, the Ballarat Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre, the African Association of Ballarat, the local Sikh community, the local Baha'i Assembly, the Thai Buddhist Centre, as well as several Christian communities within the city.

This invitation is extended to all members of our community to attend – rsvp to Margaret Lenan Ellis (Chair Ballarat Interfaith Network) [mflellis@netconnect.com.au](mailto:mflellis@netconnect.com.au)



### LENTEN PROGRAM

Comfort is the title of the 2021 Lenten program from Wollongong. Books can be ordered now for individuals or groups, \$10 per book. Contact the Parish Office to place an order for your Lenten book



**A blessing for Catholic education  
in the Ballarat Diocese**

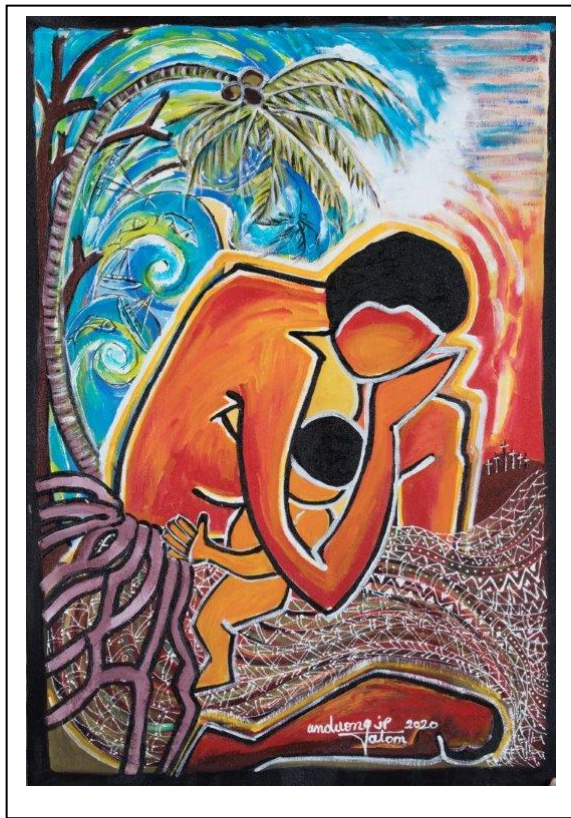
At the 10am Mass in the Cathedral on  
Wednesday, Bishop Paul commissioned the  
members of the Board of the Diocese of Ballarat  
Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL)



Members of the DOBCEL Board pictured left to right are Tracey O'Neill (Chair), Terry Harney, Helen Wheadon, Stephen McArdle, Sr Berenice Kerr RSM, Fr Andrew Hayes, Anne Pekin, Mons Glynn Murphy.

The staff of our three Catholic Primary Schools in the Cathedral Parish (St Patrick's, St Thomas More and Siena) will gather at the Cathedral for Mass with Fr Justin next Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8.45am. The three Principals – Mark Hogbin, Simon Duffy and Chris Kavanagh are committed to working collaboratively as the three schools within the Cathedral Parish and we pray for our schools as they commence their 2021 school year in the coming days.





## 2021 World Day of Prayer

*Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am St Patrick's Cathedral*



World Day of Prayer  
**AUSTRALIA**

Through the worship service we hear the voices of the Vanuatu women, whom invite us to focus on Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus tells a story about the kingdom of heaven using the image of a house and the land on which the house is built. Choosing the land on which to build the house is an important decision for people in Vanuatu. The combination of considering the terrain and the climate is crucial in a tropical archipelago located in the

South Pacific Ocean prone to earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions and rising sea levels. On April 6th, 2020, Vanuatu was hit by Cyclone Harold, which had made its way across the Pacific destroying many islands in its wake.

### Praying with Pope Francis

**The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old**

Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope, and calling us to loving service. Here are the Pope's intentions for 2021.

#### **January      Intention for evangelisation – Human fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

#### **February      Universal intention – Violence against women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

#### **March          Intention for evangelisation – Sacrament of reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**April            Universal intention – Fundamental rights**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**May            Universal intention – The world of finance**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**June            Intention for evangelisation – The beauty of marriage**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**July            Universal intention – Social friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**August           Intention for evangelisation – The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**September    Universal intention – An environmentally sustainable lifestyle**

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**October           Intention for evangelisation – Missionary disciples**

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**November    Universal intention – People who suffer from depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**December    Intention for evangelisation – Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Praying each month**

‘The Pope Video’ forms part of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention.

You can find it at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

## Reflection on the Gospel-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 1:14-20)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of the gospel readings for this year are from Mark's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end, attending to the story line, to indications of habitat and of time, to all the actors or characters in the story, human and other-than-human. While the main character or actor is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups that claim our attention. The "worlds" we encounter include the celestial world, the world of spirits and demons, the human, the animal and the plant worlds. In many ways, we can resonate with the worlds that Mark creates. In other ways, they are alien to 21st century scientific sensibilities and experience. We bring our consciousness of these differences to our reading of the text. As we embark on this reading we might also become aware of what we bring to the text, "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties" (GS 1) of our world today, a world still grappling with pandemic and with growing economic inequality. What we bring to the text informs our understanding of the text. As we read, we might think of this gospel as a two-act drama. The first act in the drama (Mark 1:1-8:26) raises the question, "Who is this?" The central scene (Mark 8:27-30) provides a partial answer: Jesus is the Messiah or God's Anointed One, the Christos. The second act of the drama (Mark 8:31-16:8) is full of surprises for its earliest audiences: Jesus is not a militaristic messiah, but one who is prepared to suffer death for the sake of God's empire; God finally triumphs over suffering and death. The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama, to identify with the characters and character groups, and to hear the teachings of Jesus. In the passage selected for today, Jesus announces his program and invites others to reorient their lives, to expand their horizons and to join him on a mission of proclaiming God's kin-dom, God's way of being in the world. Jesus proclaims the advent of God's "time" or kairos, as opposed to ordinary clock time (chronos). It is crisis time, time to attend to the cries of the earth and the cries of those rendered poor in every age. One might get the impression in the opening chapters of the gospel that the disciples are all men. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women "who came up with him to Jerusalem" from Galilee. The central section of the gospel (Mark 9-10) makes it clear that there are children on the journey as well. So let us imagine a much more extended group around Jesus than today's little gospel reading suggests. Women, men, and children, all are invited to leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing God's kin-dom into our world