

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat



Sunday December 2nd 2018

First Sunday of Advent Year C



Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Cathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses 8th /9th December

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale Beaufort Snake Valley

6.30pm Vigil 8.30am 10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm	Cathedral	2.30pm	Cathedral Funeral Mass (Jimmy Simpson)
Tuesday	12.05pm	Cathedral	6.30pm	Cathedral (St Patrick's Primary School)
Wednesday	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas	12.05pm	Cathedral 6.00pm Cathedral (St T More)
Thursday	11.00am	Redan	11.30am	St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral
Friday	7.30am	Cathedral	12.05pm	Cathedral 1.30pm Sebastopol
Saturday	10.00am	Cathedral		

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday & Tues. 10.00am – 11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday - Saturday 8.00 am

Next week's readings: *Sunday December 9th, Second Sunday of Advent (C)*

Baruch 5:1-9 Ps 125. R. v.3 Phil 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

Advent *Wait in Joyful Hope a Saviour will come, Jesus Christ the light of the world*

Sung Responsorial Psalm *To You O Lord, I lift my soul; to You O Lord I lift my soul.*

Michael Herry FMS

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish respectfully acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Recent Deaths: Betty Collins, Jimmy Simpson, Sr. Connie Walsh RSM
Anniversaries: Elizabeth and George Clark, Margaret Clifford, Noreen Currie, Frank Dixon, Eva Henry, Maria Kerr

St Vincent de Paul Society Jesse Tree Christmas Appeal 2018

Jesse Tree symbols will be distributed after each Mass 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 are available in the pews for those wishing to make a cash donation to the appeal.

Advent in the Cathedral Parish

7.30 am Mass	each Friday morning in the Cathedral
7.00 pm Holy Hour	in the Cathedral each Friday evening
Tuesday December 4th,	6.00 pm Mass with St Patrick's College Board
	6.30 pm Mass with St Patrick's Primary School
Wednesday December 5th,	12.05 pm Catholic Women's League Mass & Lunch
	2.30 pm Mass at the Jim Gay Unit (Q. E. Ascot St)
	6.00 pm Mass with St Thomas More Primary School
Thursday December 6th,	9.30 am Pre-Schoolers pre-Christmas gathering
	9.30 am Damascus College Year 7 – 11 Mass
	6.30 pm Family Group Leaders (presbytery)
Friday December 7th,	12 Noon St V de Paul Assistance Centre bbq
	6.30 pm Joy Spreading Young Adults event
Tuesday December 11th,	7.00 pm Siena awards family evening at Lucas
	7.30 pm Carols on the Turf at St Patrick's Primary
Wednesday December 12th,	12.05 pm Anointing Mass and Lunch in the Hall
	6.00 pm St V de Paul Cathedral Conference bbq
Thursday December 13th,	9.30 am Mass with Loreto College Staff (Chapel)
	7.15 pm Mass with Ballarat Christian Life Community
Friday December 14th,	10.30 am Mass with Kallara, Cuthberts Rd Alfredton
	2.30 pm End of Year Mass at Siena Primary, Lucas
Wednesday December 19th,	7.00 pm Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation
Friday December 21st,	10.30 am Cathedral Volunteers Morning Tea
	7.00 pm Cathedral Service of Carols and Readings

Cathedral Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve (Monday December 24th) 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm, 12 Midnight

Christmas Day (Tuesday December 25th), 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm (Syro Malabar)
(Christmas Eve 6.00pm Skipton, 7.30pm Smythesdale, 8.00pm Beaufort, 9.00pm
Snake Valley, Christmas Day 9.00am Linton, 10.30am St John of God Hospital Chapel)

St. Patrick's Cathedral Pre-schoolers Pre-Christmas Gathering

Thursday, December 6th, 9.30am-11.30am in St. Patrick's Hall. Morning tea for all parents and pre-schoolers. Please bring a plate for morning tea (nut-free food appreciated). All welcome.

The CWL Ballarat Cathedral Branch

Annual Mass for deceased members will be celebrated on Wednesday December 5th at 12.05pm followed by a 1.00pm lunch at Bibo, which is a short walk from the Cathedral. Transport will be available for anyone requiring it.

Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Housebound

Would those who take Communion to the sick and housebound please contact the Parish Office (ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au 53 312933) with the name/s of those to whom you take Communion? We will develop a contact list for all involved.

Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees' Pizza Lunch

All are invited to celebrate friendship and support the local refugee family at 136 Bogong Avenue, Invermay Park on Sunday, December 16th 12noon for a Pizza Lunch. Eat in or take away. \$15 per adult (all you can eat); children \$5. (Carmel Moloney)

Parish Anointing Mass Wednesday, December 12th

Our Advent Parish Mass of Anointing will be held in St Patrick's Hall at 12.05pm. Lunch will be served following Mass. Donations of cakes or slices would be appreciated for this occasion (they can be left at the hall before Mass). Can you assist preparing lunch at 10.00 am? Can you help with the serving of the lunch at 1.00pm? Please contact the Parish Office to register your assistance. If you require transport on the day do not hesitate to phone the Parish Office on 53312933.

Joy Spreading Young Adults (18–30 yo)

Friday, December 7th 6.30pm – 9.00pm in the Cathedral Parish Office meeting room. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Snacks and drinks provided. Facebook: YM Ballarat or 53377160

Parish Census update at each of the Parish Masses this weekend.

Person (Female Cathedral parishioner) Seeking Accommodation

A room preferably with an en-suite please. Non-smoker. Non-drinker. If you are able to assist contact 0400 895 485.

Gospel Reflection Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel passage, with its vivid description of the end-time signs, may seem a strange choice of reading for Advent and the beginning of the Church year. Its depiction of global devastation has a particular resonance in a post-industrial world faced with the effects of climate change. Some may be tempted to interpret "apocalyptic" events of today as the judgement of an interventionist God. This is far from the truth. Our mindless exploitation of planetary resources has brought its own judgement and we must struggle together to save our planet from further destruction. Advent and Christmas are about the coming "in power and great glory" of the One who brings the liberation of God. The earliest Christians believed that Jesus would soon return and bring everything to completion. Some decades after Jesus' death, Luke's community had come to realize that the "final" coming of Christ was not just around the corner as they had expected. They needed to be reminded that a delayed return was no excuse for lack of vigilance. Luke warns against activities and attitudes that de-sensitize the heart or the human spirit. For Luke, an attentive heart and constant prayer for the strength to withstand whatever comes is the proper stance for the Christian believer. An attentive heart will be attuned to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The image of Jesus coming on the clouds belongs within an ancient understanding of the structure of the world in which God and God's heavenly court are located in the heavens above. It might function in our times as a reminder that the Incarnation, "God's becoming material" (Karl Rahner), is an ongoing cosmic event, not just a once-off event limited to one place and one time.