

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday July 7th

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (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 Sajan Mathew
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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Masses July 13th/14th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Beaufort

8.30am

Snake Valley

10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30am Redan 11.30am St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral 1.30pm Benediction

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 11.00am

Saturday 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mon. & Tues. 10.00am-11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

Next week's readings for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Deut 30:10-14 Ps 68:14, 17, 30, 33, 36

Col 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

Recent Deaths: John Bond, Sara Ann Lovett, Helena Macklin, Margaret Tuddenham

Anniversaries: Maggie Britt, John William Conroy, Vera Curran, Brian Foley, Molly Gallagher, Br. Andrew Kennedy CSsR, Gina Ryan

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$3,792.00 Parish Loose \$331.90 Presbytery \$1,512.70

Counters: This week team 5 Next week team 6

Cuppa, soup and rolls in the Glowrey/MacKillop rooms after 10.30am Mass

Joy Spreading is back!

A social event for young Catholic adults (18-30) featuring an inspiring talk, some free food & drink, and the chance to connect with other young Catholics in the area.

The next gathering will be held in 'The Aviary' at the Golden City Hotel on Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 from 6.30pm. The Vicar General, Fr Kevin Maloney, will be presenting a short talk entitled 'Good and Evil in the Creation Narratives'. For more information, visit the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Patrick ph. 5337 7160.

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul Bird's 70th birthday

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul's 70th birthday will be celebrated on Friday, July 19th, 2019 at 12.05pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. All are welcome to attend.

Mercy Associates Fundraiser

Mercy Associates are holding a fundraiser for McAuley Community Services for Women on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 at the Regent Theatre Ballarat, 10.00am. Tickets are \$25.00 for "The Lion King" movie and high tea. Raffle and door prizes also.

For tickets or more information contact Ursula Diamond-Keith, ph. 0407 717626 or the Mercy Office, ph. 5331 7774.

The Ozanam Conversation

"Reclaiming lay leadership in the Catholic Sector", featuring Geraldine Doogue in conversation with Francis Sullivan. Wednesday, July 24th, 6.30pm-8.00pm, at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Bookings essential. Email rsvp@svdv-vic.org.au or phone: 9895 5935.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

The theme for this year is: "Peace to this house and all who dwell within."

The Pastoral Letter from the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples is a stirring call to action for all Australians and can be viewed on the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #1

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. For more information go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Leadership and Spirituality Breakfast

Centacare, in partnership with Catholic Social Services Australia, are hosting a Leadership and Spirituality Breakfast, featuring Chris Lowney, a noted author and speaker on Leadership and Ignatian Spirituality on Wednesday, September 11th, from 7.30am - 9.00am at Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre. Tickets \$30.00 each available from www.bit.ly/eventbriteleadershipandspiritualitybreakfast. Contact Jenny Phillips at Centacare, email jenny.phillips@centacareballarat.org.au or ph. 03 5337 8919.

Looking Forward Booklet 2019-2021

The new Looking Forward pastoral planning booklet 2019-2021 is now available. This new edition provides principles to guide our pastoral planning and includes recent data as to how parishes might be grouped together over the next few years. This booklet is available from the Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office, 5 Lyons Street South, Ballarat or go to the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Law

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria re: Voluntary Assisted Dying and an article: "We Care - How those who conscientiously object to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act can accompany those who suffer" are available on the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

It is not unusual for a crisis to function as the catalyst for the development of new initiatives. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ and not primarily a hierarchical institution. While there is little doubt that we are living in the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognise that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church. The so-called “crisis of numbers” is also leading many priests and religious to rediscover the heart of their respective calls either to leadership in faith or to prophetic challenge. Prior to Vatican II, access to theological and biblical education was largely restricted to the formation of clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to “fill the gaps”, we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church. In today’s gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses “seventy others” and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or “pairs” constitute a formidable resource for the mission. They are authorised to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God’s kin-dom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality offered them. Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus’ followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples. Further support for this comes from Luke’s second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul. They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Emperor Claudius’ expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well-educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an “accurate” but “incomplete” knowledge of Jesus. In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the gospel mission. Many of them are prepared to do more if they can find the acceptance to function effectively. They need the authorisation of the present leadership and the unfailing support of the local communities.