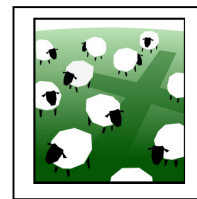


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 19th July 2015



Reflection

In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and re-creation. With so much pain and suffering in our world, the demands of the mission can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us.

The apostles have been busy—preaching, healing and driving out the “demons” as instructed. They now report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. “Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while” is the invitation that Jesus extends to them. The reference to desert evokes the wilderness of Sinai through which the people of Israel travelled for forty years. For the contemporary reader, it evokes the diversity of life in the desert on the one hand, and the desertification of so much of the earth's surface as a result of tree-clearing and mindless destruction of forests on the other.

The “rest” that Jesus proposes is short-lived: the crowds pursue him. His response to these crowds is a physical one: he is “moved with compassion”. The Greek verb suggests a “gut” reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people who are “like sheep without a shepherd”, and is ready to do something about it. As the story continues, we find Jesus inviting his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of the people in the desert. “You give them something to eat” is his instruction to those who would turn the people away.

Like the Israelites of old, the afflicted Earth community in any age needs good leaders or “shepherds” who will “practice justice and righteousness in the land”, as the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us. The Hebrew word for justice refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness is about right relationship at every level. Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness mean.

As the gospel story unfolds, we find that Jesus' disciples are well-meaning though slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with the compassionate heart of the good shepherd, and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice and right relationship in a world of unconscionable disparities and unprecedented displacement.

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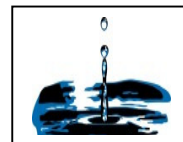
Recent Deaths: Paul Duggan, Jim Mulligan, Moira (Peggy) McInnery,
Alexander (Tex) Thomson, Patricia Troy

Anniversaries: Maree Atkinson, Danny Cashin, Charlie Debono, Ian Grundell, Margaret Hyland,
Stanislaw Iwanowski, Eric Daniel Martin, Ollie Murray, Doris Ngip, James Christopher O'Sullivan

Next week's readings: *Sunday 26th July* *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*
Kings 4:42-44 Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Lachlan James Young son of Benjamin & Suzanne
Olivia Rose Lloyd daughter of Brenton & Justine
Hope & Max James Robinson children of James & Jodie



May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Patrick's Conference wishes to thank all who have supported the recent winter appeal. So far, the amount contributed is \$3,740. From the number of envelopes taken it would seem that some parishioners haven't chosen the option of forwarding donations to the Head Office at Box Hill where they will be credited to our Conference, so the figure could still increase significantly. It is an appropriate time to acknowledge the contributors to the "Poor Box" in the Cathedral. These anonymous donors have contributed \$289.60 over the last three months. The support of all donors, regardless of the amount, is truly appreciated. Your generosity enables us to help the many disadvantaged and underprivileged people in our community. Thank You.

Reflection Morning

A morning of reflection at Nazareth House will be led by Fr James Kerr on Friday July 31st beginning at 10am with a cup of tea. There will be time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance will be available. Fr James will celebrate Mass at midday and this will be followed by a light lunch for those who wish to stay on. We extend a warm welcome to all who are interested in a quiet time of recollection. A contribution of \$12 to cover costs appreciated.

Damascus College Performing Arts presents Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps

Performances run from July 22 to 25 in the Valda Ward Auditorium at Damascus College. Adults \$15, students/children \$10, family of four \$40. Tickets can be purchased online through the Damascus website www.damascus.vic.edu.au

Cathedral Parish Anointing Mass

12.05 pm Wednesday July 22nd in the Cathedral Hall followed by lunch. All welcome to join us.

Mercy Sisters & Associates Afternoon Tea

Friday July 31st from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm at the Mercy Centre Ballarat East (enter through Gent Street). Entrance cost is \$5.00 and this includes afternoon tea and a ticket in entrance prize. Raffle and Spinning Wheel. Money raised will support Mercy Works. Contact Ursula at gudiamond-keith@live.com or phone 0407 717 626, 5341 7626, or Helen phone 0419 875 349.

World Youth Day Information Sessions

Are you thinking about being part of the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow Poland in 2016? Information sessions for potential pilgrims (18-35 years old) are being held on Friday July 31st at 7.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons Street South. Contact Amanda on 0427 748867 if you can't make it to one of these sessions and we'll get the info to you. See WYD Information on the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Proposed new Catholic Primary School in Lucas

The Community Consultation Evening for the new school in Lucas will provide information, welcome open dialogue and invite questions in order to help create a nurturing school for our future students. Tuesday, July 21st 7.00pm - 8.00pm at the Ballarat Golf Club. Land for the new school in Lucas was purchased in 2014 by the Catholic Education Office and the Cathedral Parish.

Review of Liturgical Music in the Cathedral Parish

Loreto Sister, Deirdre Browne was commissioned by Fr Justin and the Parish liturgy team to undertake a review of liturgical music in the Cathedral Parish. The recommendations are

1. Establish a process for developing a common vision
2. Hire specialists to workshop specific areas for upskilling (organ/keyboard, cantor/song leader)
3. Review and expand repertoire
4. Review the Gallery choir location, repertoire, management
5. Relocate downstairs song leaders/ensembles
6. Explore the resource that exists between the Catholics Schools and Tertiary Institutes
7. Explore processes and policies in proximate regional Cathedrals
8. Review current roles and set up structures of accountability
9. Appoint a music director
10. Financial support

Copies of the review are available through the Parish Office (10am – 5pm, Monday – Friday)

Stewardship – to receive your quarterly receipt via email please contact Jacinta in the office.

Collections Envelopes \$2,649.50 Parish Loose \$433.30 Presbytery \$1,640.80

Counters 19th July Team 6 Next week team 7

Sacrament of Confirmation

A Sacrament of Confirmation information session for parents (of children in year 3 or older) will be held on Tuesday July 21st at 10.00am and 7.00pm in St Patrick's Presbytery, 3 Lyons St Sth. Parents are required to attend one of the sessions for their children to be involved in the preparation program. Celebrations will be taking place at Masses on the weekends of September 5th/6th and 12th/13th. Any queries please contact the parish office or email Anita Houlihan, Family Ministry Coordinator on anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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Parish office hours

Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm



Clergy Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu, George Areeckal

Parish Office

Jacinta Westbrook

Finance Officer

Philip Westbrook

Family Ministry

Anita Houlihan

Hospital Pastoral Care

Kaye Stringer

St Patrick's Primary

Mark Hogbin, Principal

St Thomas More Alfredton Rosa Tocchet, Principal

Cathedral Parish Masses July 25th/26th

				Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm	8.30am	10.30 am
Fr George	Fr James	Bishop Paul	Fr George	Fr James	Fr Anthony	Fr Anthony

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Tuesday	9.30 am Redan	12.05 pm Cathedral	
Wednesday	9.30 am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral (Anointing Mass)	
Thursday	9.30 am Redan	11.30 am St John of God	12.05 pm Cathedral
Friday	9.30 am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral	1.30 pm Benediction
Saturday	10.00 am Cathedral		

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday

11.00 am,

Saturday

11.30 am

This is My Body

This is my Body, given for you
Go now and serve in my name
This is my Body, given for you
I have no hands but yours.

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Lord we Come to your Table

Lord we come to your table
Lord we hear your Word
Lord, you are our bread of life
and we, the Body of Christ.

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