

# St Patrick's Cathedral



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

## **Sunday July 14th**

### **15<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## **Masses July 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Cathedral**

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

## **Smythesdale**

6.30pm Vigil

## **Skipton**

9.00am

## **Rokewood**

10.30am

## **Liturgies during the coming week**

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.00pm ACU 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

**Morning Prayer of the Church** Monday - Saturday 8.00am

## **Next week's readings for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm 14:2-5

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

**Recent Deaths:** Sr Frances (Ellen) Cullinan pbvm, Ray Jeffrey

**Anniversaries:** Bobby Carpenter, Kathleen Fenwick, Paul O'Loughlin,  
James Christopher O'Sullivan, Bob Smerdon, Patricia Thomas,  
Judith Torpy, Jack Wynen, Lawrence Whyte

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

Envelopes \$1,550.00          Parish Loose \$260.80          Presbytery \$1,620.05

Counters: This week team 6          Next week team 7

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:**

Mila Goode                                  daughter of Timothy and Taila

Matilda Lulu & Banjo Sonny Pane      children of Calvin and Ebony



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

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6.30pm. For more information, visit the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the Diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or contact Patrick ph. 5337 7160.

**Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul Bird's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul's 70th birthday will be celebrated on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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, 0407 717626 or the Mercy Office, 5331 7774.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting of the members (Susan Crowe, Trudie Dickinson, Gerard Knobel, Bethany Pennington, Brian Shanahan, Leo Styles, Tommy Theckkamury) on Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. This will follow up on the Parish Assembly held in early June.

## **Confirmation Preparation 2019**

Families with children baptised Catholic and in Year 3 or older are invited to enrol in the Confirmation preparation program. Parent information sessions take place on Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00am and 7.00pm in the Glowrey/MacKillop Rooms (small hall of St Patrick's Hall). A parent/guardian should attend one session as part of their commitment in supporting their child through this program. For further details, please contact Anita Houlihan, Parish Coordinator at the Parish Office on 53 312933 or via email [anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## **Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #2**

How is God calling us to be a Christ- centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://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 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7.30am - 9.00am at Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre. Tickets \$30.00 each available from [www.bit.ly/eventbriteleadershipandspiritualitybreakfast](http://www.bit.ly/eventbriteleadershipandspiritualitybreakfast). Contact Jenny Phillips at Centacare, email [jenny.phillips@centacareballarat.org.au](mailto:jenny.phillips@centacareballarat.org.au) or ph. 03 5337 8919.

## **YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) – Term 3**

YESS is the St Patrick's Cathedral parish youth group where 13-18 year olds can come together each fortnight to share a meal, play games, join conversation, praise and worship, and celebrate their faith. The first session in Term 3 will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of July. Interested families are warmly invited to contact youth leaders Felicity Liston, Emily Walker, and Cecilia Streckfuss at [yessballarat@gmail.com](mailto:yessballarat@gmail.com) or search 'YESS St Pat's Ballarat' on Facebook.

## **Gospel Reflection** by Veronica Lawson rsm

The present ecological crisis calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire 14 billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is the Source and the Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. He addresses Jesus as "teacher" and Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed a teacher when he puts the question back to his interrogator and invites him to answer his own question. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and love of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" The lawyer would know very well that the neighbour for a Jew was another Jewish male. Jesus responds with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the bandits?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely, "the one who showed mercy".

The Samaritan in the story is said to be "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by".

Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, on the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove and on the silver coins formed of material extracted from the earth and engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.