

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday August 18th, 2019

20th 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

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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 August 24th/25th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Snake Valley

6.30pm Vigil

Beaufort

8.30am

Skipton

10.30am

Liturgies during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 10.00 am Cathedral Funeral Mass 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.00pm ACU Aquinas 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

Responsorial Psalm (Michael Herry FMS)

Lord, come to my aid. Lord, come to my aid.

Recent Deaths: Sr. Ursula Caine rsm, Julianne Crusche, Kevin Nester

Anniversaries: Alby Button, Monica Lange, Bonnie McDermott, Con McDermott,
Molly Nunn, Jack Nuttall

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ivy Fraser daughter of Jake & Bianca
Tegan Fredes daughter of Carl & Kylie
Ruben Pianta son of Christopher & Michelle



Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation

Dismissal sessions continue this weekend at the 5.30pm Vigil, 10.30am and 5.00pm Masses. We continue to pray for the 104 children and their families. Celebration of the sacrament will take place at the 5.30pm, 10.30am and 5.00pm Masses on the weekends of September 7th – 8th and 14th – 15th.

Legion of Mary Film Afternoon on the life of Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Wednesday, August 28th at 1.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. A light lunch will be provided after the 12.05pm Mass.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Fundraiser “Sleepless in Seattle”

Thursday, August 29th, 2019 at 10.00am at the Regent Cinema and High Tea fundraiser. Tickets \$25.00. Prepayment and pre-booking essential. Contact Margaret, 0419 003415.

Plenary Council “Listening and Discernment” encounters

Jillian Hogbin, Felicity Knobel and Bethany Pennington are the Cathedral parishioners who have expressed interest in facilitating the next stage of the Parish gatherings. They will participate in the Diocesan formation gatherings with Lana Turvey Collins.

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,267.00 Parish Loose \$483.70 Presbytery \$2,066.35

Counters: This week Team 4 Next week Team

Next week’s readings for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Isaiah 66:18-21 Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30

A Retreat in Daily Life - First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

"Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus" is the retreat in daily life over 4 weeks and will be offered to the first 24 parishioners who apply. Beginning September 2nd from 1.00pm – 3.00pm, or 7.00pm – 9.00pm, and each Monday in September at the same times, with a combined groups gathering on Saturday, October 5th from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. These meetings will be held at St Alipius' Hall, Victoria Street, Ballarat East. For more information regarding the retreat and an application form, please collect from the Church entrance and return your application form, plus \$25.00 for the book, to the Cathedral Parish Office (open 10.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday), as soon as possible. For more information or to receive an online application form, contact Rachel McLoughlin ibvmcloughlin@me.com, ph. 0437 061 337 or Doreen Roache doreenroache@bigpond.com, ph. 0417 117 382.

Plenary Council Final Report of the Listening and Dialogue stage

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published "*Listen to what the Spirit is saying*", the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

Catholic Man Breakfast Series Thursday, August 29th

Men of all ages are invited to Breakfast, held 7.00am at Craig's Royal Hotel in Ballarat. RSVP by Friday, August 23rd. Further information from Chris Liston, 0437 318 251, chris.listo2@gmail.com or Vincent Sully, 0407 310 115, vcjjdh.sully@gmail.com

Christmas Day Lunch Volunteering at OLHC

Assistance is required with planning this event. If you are able to assist, an information evening will be held on Thursday, August 29th at 7.00pm in OLHC Parish Centre (to the left of the church car park). Your volunteering is not dependent on your being available on Christmas Day. Enquiries Sandra 0438448942

St Vincent de Paul Cathedral Conference

Welcome to members of the Conference who will speak at the Cathedral Masses this weekend about the work of the Society in the Cathedral Parish.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

There is a sense of urgency in today's gospel. Jesus feels constrained or under stress until the "fire" he has come to cast on the earth is kindled and the baptism of fire that John the Baptist foreshadowed in 3:16 takes effect. Elsewhere in Luke's writing, fire is associated with judgement (3:9, 17; 9:17; 17:29), and with the presence of the Holy Spirit (3:16), especially in the Lukan story of Pentecost (Acts 2:3) where "tongues as of fire" appear and rest on all those assembled in the upper room. Fire is a sign of the end times when the Spirit of prophecy descends on all God's people (Acts 2:18-19). Those who have experienced the effect of the all too frequent bush fires in Australia or the wild fires of California can appreciate the power of this image. Climate change is undoubtedly increasing the risk of destructive fires. Drier conditions wither plant life that then becomes fuel for the fires. Fire can take all before it. It can also bring the most astonishing new life in its wake. Linked with the image of fire is that of water: Jesus has a "baptism with which to be baptized". Once more, a sense of urgency is expressed as the power of water is evoked. Like fire, water has power to destroy and power to save. Fire and water become metaphors for the hard won gospel path to peace. Jesus seems to be contradicting so much of what he has stood for to this point. At his birth, he is presented as the bringer of peace (Luke 1:79 and 2:14). He tells the hospitable woman of 7:50 and the faith-filled woman of 8:48 to "go in peace". He instructs his disciples to bring peace to the families they visit (10:5-6). He refuses to be a divider (12:13-14). And now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division. His hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against another. How can this be? The Lukan Jesus is almost certainly describing the status quo rather than prescribing what ought to prevail. In other words, by the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace and justice and compassion and others within the same families have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah would have involved a monumental shift for Jews on the one hand and for adherents of the diverse philosophies or faiths of the Roman world on the other. Today's families of mixed faith might be able to get inside this experience and to understand the suffering involved when a family member makes a life choice that other members of the family find hard to accept. This is not an easy text to understand or even to accept. We need to struggle with its ambiguity.