

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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2nd Sunday of Advent (B)
Sunday 6th December 2015



Gathering Hymn –Lighting of the advent candle

" Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus. You are the way, the truth and life.

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Dates for Advent

- Reconciliation 2nd Rite 7.00 pm Thursday December 17th
- Reconciliation 1st Rite 11.00 am Fridays, 5.30 pm Fridays, 11.30 am Saturdays
- Morning Prayer 8.00 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- Weekday Masses 12.05 pm Monday – Friday
7.30 am special advent Mass on Friday mornings (Cathedral)
10.00 am Saturday

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Thursday December 24th 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm, 12 Midnight

Christmas Day Friday December 25th 8.00 am & 10.30 am, 5.30 pm Syro Malabar Rite (Indian)

Christmas Mass Rosters

If you are available for ministries at one of the above Christmas Masses please place your name on the roster sheet on the table in the south transept. Thank you.

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm	Cathedral			
Tuesday	No Mass	Redan	12.05 pm	Cathedral	5.30 pm Loreto Sisters
Wednesday	9.30am	Sebastopol	12.05 pm	Cathedral	
Thursday	9.30am	Redan	11.30am	St John of God	12.05 pm Cathedral
Friday	9.30am	Sebastopol	12.05 pm	Cathedral	1.30 pm Benediction
Saturday	10.00 am	Cathedral			



Jubilee Year of Mercy – *Merciful like the Father*

[Holy Year of Mercy](#) to commence on December 8th 2015. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, December 13th, at the commencement of 10.30am Mass. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

Recent Death: Margaret Whelan, Fr Justin Woodford.

Anniversaries: Jack Coffey, Olga Mary Collins, Marie Fitz-Gerald, John McLeod, Ron Morgan, Jim Power, Mick Taffe

Next week's readings: *Sunday 13th December 2015 3rd Sunday of Advent (B)*

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Is 12:2-6 R. v.6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

Cuppa & a Chat after 10.30 am Mass next Sunday (opening of the Door of Mercy)

St Vincent de Paul Society Jesse Tree Christmas Appeal 2015-Non Perishable Food Items

The Cathedral Parish Conference of the Society will again be distributing hampers this Christmas. Over the years Parishioners have been extremely generous when we have sought your assistance not only at Christmas time but also with our Winter appeal. Last Christmas we were able to provide support to over 100 families and individuals as a result of your generosity.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Shop

Christmas Card packs - St Vincent de Paul & Majellan now available from the Piety Stall.

Cost \$6.00 for 10 cards. Columban & Living Water Calendars \$9.00 each.

St Patricks Cathedral Preschool Advent pre Christmas Gathering

Parents and children are invited to our Christmas Morning Tea Thursday 10th December 10 am -12 noon in the Cathedral Hall Santa. Please Bring a Plate to share. RSVP your attendance by text to either number below by 1st December Sarah 0408 122173 or Tennille on 0428 629 664

Making a Scene at Christmas

Making a Scene at Christmas will be on show for public viewing on Wednesday, December 9 at Lumen Christi Primary School, Delacombe and St Thomas More Primary School, Alfredton from 4.00pm – 7.00pm and Thursday, December 10 at Our Lady Help of Christians, Wendouree and St Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballarat East from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. Part of the collection will be on display on Friday, December 11 at Nazareth House from 1.30pm – 4.00pm for residents and their families. Entry is free and our Nativity guides will be most happy to talk to you about the collections. Special this year are Nativities from Africa, South America, Indigenous Australia. You may be introduced to Kevin, the oldest sheep in Australia or see a coin minted the year Jesus was born.

OLHC Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

You are invited to join us on Christmas Day for Lunch (no cost) 12.00 Midday -2.00 pm (Meal at 12.30 pm) at OLHC Parish Hall 482 Gillies St. Wendouree. Transport provided Bookings by 24th December (with dietary requirements) 0419 975 914

St. Patrick's Primary School Cookbook Selling

Our cookbook contains a myriad of 'tried and true' recipes contributed by students, families, staff and our Healthy Living Program at 'Drummo'. Beginning with Soups and Starters, to Mains, and finally on to Cakes, Biscuits, Slices and Desserts. The book is beautifully presented in colour, capturing some special moments that the children have experienced throughout the year while participating in our school's highly successful Healthy Living Program. We'd love to share this little treasure with you! Available from our school office – an ideal Christmas gift, too! Cost \$15.00

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

The Royal Commission will hold the second part of the public hearing regarding Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat at the County Court of Victoria, Melbourne, commencing on Monday, 7 December 2015.

The scope and purpose of the second part of this public hearing is to inquire into:

1. The response of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and of other Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious.
2. The response of Victoria Police to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious which took place within the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.
3. Any related matters.

Throughout the two weeks of the Royal Commission hearing, **evening prayer** will be prayed in the Cathedral each evening commencing at 5.30 pm, Monday – Friday

Collections Envelopes \$3,376.00 Parish Loose \$366.50 Presbytery \$1,984.45

Counters 6th December Team 2 Next week team 3

Parish Office hours Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Phone 5331 2933

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St Patrick's Primary Mark Hogbin, Principal
St Thomas More Alfredton Rosa Tocchet, Principal

Cathedral Parish Masses	December 12 th /13 th	Skipton	Beaufort	Snake Valley	
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm Vigil	8.30am	10.30 am

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Year of Mercy

On Thursday December 17th at 7.00 pm, Bishop Paul will lead the Cathedral Parish in our Advent celebration of the Rite of Penance with the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.

Pope Francis – [Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year of Mercy](#)

“1. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as “a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Ex34:6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the “fullness of time” (Gal 4:4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person[1] reveals the mercy of God...

4. I have chosen the date of 8 December because of its rich meaning in the recent history of the Church. In fact, I will open the Holy Door on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. The Church feels a great need to keep this event alive. With the Council, the Church entered a new phase of her history. The Council Fathers strongly perceived, as a true breath of the Holy Spirit, a need to talk about God to men and women of their time in a more accessible way. The walls which for too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way. It was a new phase of the same evangelization that had existed from the beginning. It was a fresh undertaking for all Christians to bear witness to their faith with greater enthusiasm and conviction. The Church sensed a responsibility to be a living sign of the Father’s love in the world...

10. Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church “has an endless desire to show mercy”. [8] Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.