

# St Patrick's Cathedral



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

**Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday

10.00am – 5.00pm 53 312 933

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Priests: Fr Justin Driscoll  
(Administrator)  
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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 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 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 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 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 137:1-3. 6-8

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

**Anniversaries:** Dino Bernardini, Danny Cashin, Margaret Coppock, Joyce Daly, Bryan Dowling, Michael Flynn, Russell Gallagher, Claire Jensen, Kevin Maher, Patrick Maher, Eric Martin, Jack Meiklejohn, Molly Reilly, Bernie Sculley

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

Envelopes \$1,936.00      Parish Loose \$273.05      Presbytery \$1,597.05

Counters: This week team 7      Next week team 1

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

Paddy & Reggie Gordon      sons of Scott & Katie  
Oliver James Hartigan      son of Matthew & Ana  
Nathaniel Mayan      son of James & Maria  
Harry Angus Wright      son of Geoffrey & Corinne



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

**Mercy Associates Fundraiser for McAuley Community Services for Women**

Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, “The Lion King’ movie and high tea, 10.00am. at the Regent Tickets \$25.00. Contact Ursula, 0407 717626 or the Mercy Office, 5331 7774.

**Kallara Special Accommodation, Alfredton**

This week, Kallara has closed and the residents transferred to other accommodation. For 25 years Cathedral parishioners have visited Kallara and offered Holy Communion. We thank all who have ministered at Kallara over the years including Yvonne Beaston, Bev Caligari, Trudi Dickinson and Frances Elliott who are our last visitors to Kallara.

**Communion to the Sick and Housebound**

If you know someone who is unable to attend Mass regularly and would like to receive Communion in their home each Sunday, please contact the Parish Office, 53 312933 or email [ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) We’re grateful to all our communion ministers.

**100 Years of Catholic Education St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill**

They’re looking for photos or memorabilia to feature in displays and publications about their history. Please contact Kate Quin or the school office, ph. 5033 2541.

## **Confirmation Preparation 2019**

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). For further details, please contact Anita Houlihan, Parish Coordinator at the Parish Office on 53 312933.

## **Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #3**

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## **Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #4**

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and

Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. 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.

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

Available today at the church entrances are copies of the responses to the first discussion question from the Parish Assembly, held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019: "What aspects of parish life do you find helpful?" Over the next two weeks we will publish the responses to the two remaining questions. Copies have been sent to all coordinators of groups and ministries.

## **Nazareth House Holy Hour for Vocations**

Fr Jorge will lead the Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel, 218 Mill Street, Ballarat on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm - 8.00pm. All welcome.

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

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus has been affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus has been seen as a less desirable Christian stance. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things". In recent times, some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry. One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter between them, approving Mary's choice against Martha's. This voice has had the effect of creating a false dichotomy and of reducing the women characters to exemplars of active ministry on the one hand and of quiet contemplation on the other. In other words, the negative judgement of Luke's Jesus reflects the views of a certain group in Luke's house churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth. A more women-friendly voice in the text presents Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women disciples, Martha is a generous host who uses her resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus and who listen to his words, among them her sister Mary. The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote blood relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who gather to hear the teaching of Jesus and to share Martha's hospitality. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (*periespato*) by many ministerial tasks (*peri pollon diakonian*), and most leaders or church workers can sympathise with her in this. There is no indication in this description that she is distracted. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus. Coming from the lips of Jesus, the expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's exercise of leadership in the community.

This story is problematic in many ways. It forms part of a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This is in stark contrast with the ways that women are presented elsewhere in the gospels, especially in the gospel of John.