

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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*Sunday August 26th 2018 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday (Year B)*



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Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Cathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) Jo Brewer

**Cathedral Parish Masses September 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Smythesdale**      **Linton**      **Skipton**  
5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm      6.30pm Vigil      9.00am      10.30am

## **Masses during the coming week**

Monday	12.05pm	Cathedral			
Tuesday	12.05pm	Cathedral	7.00 pm	Loreto College	
Wednesday	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas	12.05pm	Cathedral	
Thursday	9.30am	Redan	11.30am	St John of God	12.05pm Cathedral
Friday	7.00am	St Pat's College	9.30am	Sebastopol	12.05pm Cathedral
Saturday	10.00am	Cathedral			

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**      Friday 11.00am      Saturday 11.30am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**      Monday 10.00am – 11.45am      Friday 12.30pm

## **Sung Responsorial 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time:**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

*St Patrick's Cathedral Parish respectfully acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.*

**Recent Deaths:** Bill McGrath, Leda Chwesik, Corey Panozzo

**Anniversaries:** Alby Button, Mary Connellan, Fr Paul Mercovich, Dinny Murphy,  
John Vanderkley, Mary White

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*  
Dt 4:1-2. 6-8 Ps 14:2-5. R. St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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

Polly Anne Biggin	daughter of Peter and Chloe
Fletcher John Briody	son of Lachlan and Olivia
Rory John McArthur	son of Benjamin and Emma
Francesca Eileen Pollard	daughter of Jacob and Michaela



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

**Flooding in Kerala, India**

Our prayers continue for those affected by flooding in the state of Kerala, in the south of India. Many of our Malayalam parishioners have family and friends affected by these floods in their home state. In addition to the hundreds who have died the recent flooding in Kerala has rendered an estimated 800,000 people homeless and seeking refuge in approximately 4,000 camps. Caritas Australia's sister organisations in-country, Caritas India and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) are already working with partners to distribute basic household supplies, shelter and hygiene kits to the most affected families. Emergency water and sanitation (WASH) activities are currently being developed to address immediate needs and reduce the potential for disease outbreaks. Reports has been received of urgent needs including clean water, food, blankets, mats, tents, fast food, and trauma healing services. Caritas Australia has 2 staff members on ground assessing needs both immediate and long term. You are invited to support Caritas through the emergency appeal envelopes that are available today and can be returned next Sunday or to make a donation online [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

**Catholic Earthcare**

Season of Creation, September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) is an annual global Christian celebration of prayer and action to protect the environment. You are invited to join with us at the ecumenical service celebrating the start of the 2018 season being held at St Mathews Anglican Church, Wendouree (Corner of Howitt and Forest Street) on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 2pm. Light refreshments to follow.

## **Catholic Women's League Invitation**

The Cathedral Branch of the CWL warmly invites all women to a social afternoon on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm in the Mary Glowrey Room. Guest Speaker: Sr Teresa Clare of Nazareth House will share her journey from Vietnam to Victoria and her work at ACU Aquinas College Ballarat. Afternoon tea provided. Entry is free, entry prize/competition. Enquiries 0401 175 045

**First Saturday Devotion** – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 9.15am

## **Youth Festival in Ballarat – Joy +**

The Ballarat Diocese is holding a *free* day-long Festival called *Joy+* for youth and young adults 15-30yo. Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> Ballarat *2pm-8pm!* Featuring Genevieve Bryant and band with Josh Angrisano and special guests, workshops, worship, food and friends. The Youth Minsters from the Diocese of Ballarat (Patrick Kennedy Noeline Hogan) are organizing this event as an initiative for the Year of Youth - *Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy!* Free Event Registration is necessary and now open. [Click here](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) for more information [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## **RCIA – Rite of Acceptance and Welcome into the Order of Catechumens**

Next Sunday, September 2nd at 5.00pm Mass, those adults who have inquired into becoming Catholic will celebrate the first of the Liturgical rites on this faith journey.

## **Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020 – Listen, Dialogue, Discern**

To promote our own prayerful thinking about our responses to the question – what is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in Australia? We look forward to the many varied voices of Cathedral parishioners being heard. Your 200 words are invited.

Angie Cooper writes *After mass and having listened to you and asking for our input and reflection about what the Holy Spirit is saying... This is my version in song and I wrote it yesterday and wish to share it with the intention to offer hope for those searching .... A Song for God 'God - I know that it was you'. How could I know my feelings inside A child needs to grow and it all takes time To hide and not see the lamp shining bright A message he sent was to keep up the fight He wants to protect the delicate pieces The model & image of love never ceases But seeing me broken and tied up in chains I know it was him who took over the reins Chorus. That's when I found you.....in the storm That's when I found you.....I was torn I wiped my tears and you inflamed my heart A promise to keep to fulfil from the start So I started to read and I opened my heart The bible is here to read from the start I know it was him when my life turned*

*around I could see in new ways My feet firm on the ground I grew like a seed that was given rich soil I knew it was him I was rid of turmoil It was time to give back so I published my story To share and give hope and to offer his glory And the universe teaches a heart that is full It will rise up in harmony And surrender its will When I trust in God and his will I do pray It unblocks the spirit to give blessings my way I know it is him when I thought all was lost I surrendered, let go, no matter the cost The truth was the key to open the door The foot of the cross I was up off the floor A passage to walk on eternity feet To meet my dear God when all is complete. I long for this day but all in good time To live in his kingdom for he is divine.*

### **Refugee and Migrant Sunday – welcome, protect, promote, integrate**

In his message for this Sunday Pope Francis writes *Dear brothers and sisters! “You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God” (Leviticus 19:34). Throughout the first years of my pontificate, I have repeatedly expressed my particular concern for the lamentable situation of many migrants and refugees fleeing from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. This situation is undoubtedly a “sign of the times” which I have tried to interpret, with the help of the Holy Spirit, ever since my visit to Lampedusa on 8 July 2013. When I instituted the new Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, I wanted a particular section – under my personal direction for the time being – to express the Church’s concern for migrants, displaced people, refugees and victims of human trafficking. Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Matthew 25:35-43). The Lord entrusts to the Church’s motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future.<sup>1</sup> This solidarity must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience – from departure through journey to arrival and return. This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities. In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that “our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate”.* Considering the current situation, welcoming means, above all, offering broader options for migrants and refugees to enter destination countries safely and legally. This calls for a concrete commitment to increase and simplify the process for granting humanitarian visas and for reunifying families. At the same time, I hope that a greater number of countries will adopt private and community sponsorship programmes, and open humanitarian corridors for particularly vulnerable refugees. Furthermore, special temporary visas should be granted to people fleeing conflicts in neighbouring countries.