

St Patrick's Cathedral



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

Sunday July 28th

17th 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
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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 August 3rd/4th Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Linton

9.00am

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

Legion of Mary 1st Saturday Devotion, August 3rd 9.15 am

Next week's readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

Recent Deaths: Frank Hutt, Doreen Keating, Maurie Murphy, Tony Purcell.

Anniversaries: Stephen Lowry, Peter McKay, Philip Murphy, Noreen Sherritt,
Florence Stott

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$1,726.00 Parish Loose \$286.95 Presbytery \$1,777.20

Counters: This week team 1

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Sienna, Tommy & Arlo Brick children of Gerard & Birgit

Rydan Dickins son of Gary & Annette

Henry Moloney son of Mick & Julia

Charlie & Sienna Sobey children of Sarah



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

Communion to the Sick and Housebound

Do 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 We're grateful to all our communion ministers.

St Thomas More School Principal

Rosa Tocchet, Principal of St Thomas More School Alfredton has announced that she will retire as Principal at the end of the 2019 school year. For many years prior to being appointed Principal of St Thomas More, Rosa had been a member of the staff and held many positions of leadership and responsibility. Rosa has worked in Catholic education in the Diocese of Ballarat for 38 years (12 as Principal), giving generous and committed service to the Catholic education of our children and we thank her most sincerely.

Parish Pastoral Council Parish Assembly follow up

Responses to the second discussion question from the June Parish Assembly, *What aspects of parish life require improvement or development*, are available in the Cathedral porches? Copies have been sent to all coordinators of groups and ministries to distribute.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation sessions for parents seeking to have their child baptised will take place on Thursday August 1st in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. Two sessions are offered, 10.00 am and 7.00pm. These preparation sessions are a joint initiative of the six Parishes of Ballarat. We thank our Parish Baptism Sponsors for their ongoing ministry.

YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday)

Our Cathedral Parish Youth Ministry where 13-18 year olds can come together each fortnight to share a meal, enjoy, join conversation, praise and worship, and celebrate their faith. The first session in Term 3 will be held on Sunday July 28th in the Cathedral Hall following 5pm Mass. Interested families are warmly invited to contact youth leaders Felicity Liston, Emily Walker, and Cecilia Streckfuss at yessballarat@gmail.com.

Catholic Women's League

"God Never Sleeps" - Come along to a Spring afternoon tea, Wednesday, September 4th at 1.30pm and hear John and Margaret Millington OAM inspire you with their life story of faith which has enabled them to transform family tragedies into work for the community. Entry free - Door Prizes and afternoon tea. Mary Glowrey Room, St Patricks Cathedral. Inquiries - Carmel 0401 175045 or annekav1234@gmail.com

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #5

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is *A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community*? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action and to recognise Jesus. Find out more at 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 11th, from 7.30am - 9.00am at Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre. Tickets \$30.00 each available from www.bit.ly/eventbriteleadershipandspiritualitybreakfast. Contact Jenny Phillips at Centacare, email jenny.phillips@centacareballarat.org.au or ph. 03 5337 8919.

Gospel Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying and about God's generous giving. In the first cameo, Jesus has finished praying and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond. He evokes the words of the Jewish blessing prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world. May God's kingship be established in your lifetime." Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the saving power of God over against the destructive power of the Roman emperor. The prayer continues with an acknowledgement that bread, the fruit of the earth, is the gift of God: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." This is not a prayer for more than is needed, but for just as much as is needed to sustain Earth's beings. The final petitions in the prayer are for forgiveness of sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and for freedom from testing. We cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiving, from being forgiven and from the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial such as the present ecological crisis with all its demands for radical change. The parable that follows has raised questions for interpreters. Is it about persistence or about avoidance of shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek word *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is avoidance of shame. This makes sense in a culture where anyone would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night. Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. The translation "persistence" seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo. Here Jesus draws on the experience of his listeners: if flawed disciples know how to give "good gifts" to their children, then they should not be surprised that those who ask for the Holy Spirit will receive this best of all gifts from God as they seek to renew the face of the Earth.