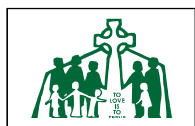
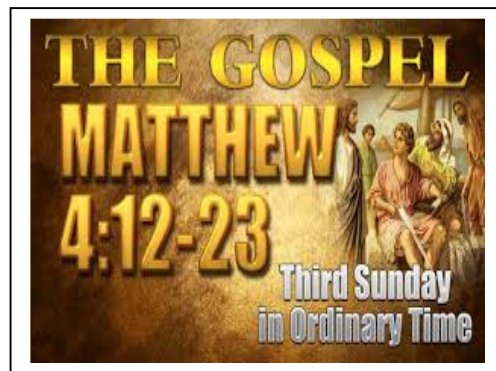


# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017



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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Priests, Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Matthew

Parish Office Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer Jess Salazar

Family Ministry Anita Houlihan, Grounds Tony McVeigh

Cathedral Parish Pastoral Carer at Ballarat Health Services Tracy Sillekens

Principals of our three Parish Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Mark Hogbin, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) at Lucas Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses	January 28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup>	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm		6.30 pm Vigil	9.00am	10.30 am

## Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Wednesday	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Thursday	9.30 am	Redan	10.00am Cathedral	(Australia Day)
Friday	9.30 am	Sebastopol	12.05pm Cathedral	
Saturday	10.00 am	Cathedral		

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

**Morning Prayer of the Church** 8.00 am Tuesday – Friday in the Cathedral

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

**The Rosary** is prayed in the Cathedral at 11.30 am Wednesday – Friday

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena** - 7.00 pm each Wednesday evening at Nazareth House and prayers on the 1st & 3rd Friday in the Cathedral at 11.00 am.

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady - 10.30 am in the Cathedral

**Next week's readings:** Sunday 29th January 2017 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

**Recent Deaths:** Peter Bassett, David Torpy

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Blake, Monica Cashin, Agnes Coffey, Jack Curran, Ella Edwards, Neville Joseph Grace, Maria Marnica Bill Martin, Maie Martin, David Anthony Noy, Bert Pollard, Jim Rylance

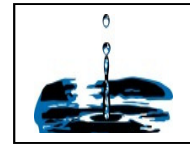
**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;**

Charlotte Abbott daughter of Aidan & Lauren

Halle Ava Kennedy daughter of Paul & Tracee

Matilda Lashay Knight daughter of Jahn & Rachel

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



**Cathedral Office** will be closed on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**Organs of the Goldfields**

We welcome the many performers, musicians and visitors to the Cathedral for the organs of the goldfields festival. On Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> the Closing Recital - *The Agony of Hell and the Peace of the Soul, Music of Schutz, Gabrieli and Claudio Monteverdi* will be held in the Cathedral at 8.00 pm.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

The society extends an invitation to Parishioners who might like to join us either as members or associate members in our work of providing assistance to people in need. In particular we need extra volunteers to conduct interviews at the Assistance Centre. To find out more please contact Kevin Cooper 0435 080 483 or Allen Moloney 0447 578 390

**St Vincent de Paul Society Cathedral Conference 2016 Christmas Appeal**

The Cathedral Parish Conference of the Society sincerely thanks all Parishioners who contributed to our Christmas appeal through the donation of food, cash, toys and time. Your generosity has allowed us to distribute over 130 hampers to families and individuals as well as providing toys for over 80 children. We also thank those who gave up their time to assist in the preparation and delivery of the hampers. In addition to the Parish donations we are greatly appreciative of the donations and support received from the 3BA Christmas Appeal, St. Patricks Primary School, Ballarat Woodworker's Guild, IGA Pleasant Park, Shepparton Canary Outlet, Commonwealth Bank and Eastwood Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. A special thank you to the students at Lumen Christi Primary School Delacombe for their generous support. The cash, groceries, care packages and clothing they collected was distributed to families and individuals in the Sebastopol and Redan Parishes. Thankyou also to all how contributed to the collection at the Carols in the Cathedral, resulting in a further donation of \$1,934.40

## **Child Safety Standards**

New state government legislation has come into effect with the New Year which sets standards for child safety. The Cathedral parish has appointed Mr Jess Salazar as our Safeguarding officer and have a [Child Safety Policy](#) to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care.

A [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#) has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish.

## **Words of thanks**

Frs Anthony, Sajan, James and Justin thank parishioners for the many cards, gifts and expressions of good will received from so many throughout the Christmas season – we greatly appreciate the support that we receive. Fr James headed to Mildura on Thursday to commence his ministry as assistant priest in the Sunraysia parishes. Thank you to those who contributed to the farewell gift to Fr James and to those who offered the hospitality for the farewell gatherings. While Fr James will not be replaced by another assistant priest, we are very grateful to Fr Dan Arundell, one of the senior priests of the Diocese for celebrating one of the Sunday morning Masses in the ministry district each week (often the 8.00 am). In addition to parish ministries, Fr Anthony will be the Chaplain to St Patrick's College and Aquinas Campus of Australian Catholic University, while Fr Sajan will be the Chaplain to St John of God Hospital & Fr Justin will continue as the Vicar General.

## **Youth Ministry Formation - *Called and Sent: Developing foundations in youth ministry***

Youth leaders are invited to a youth ministry formation camp. February 10-12, Safety Beach (south of Melbourne, equipping you with practical ideas and helping you set goals for 2017.

Phone 9287 5565 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## **Youth Ministry in the Cathedral Parish**

Thank you to Michaela Corrigan, Daniel Van Styn and Esther De Losa who will be the young adults leading the YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) Cathedral youth ministry for secondary college age young people (including a monthly 5.00 pm Mass). Fr Anthony will provide support to this ministry.

## **Parish Liturgy Group**

The Cathedral Parish liturgy team met during the week, celebrating the 12.05 pm Mass, followed by a shared lunch and 2017 planning meeting. The lunch was an opportunity to thank Judy Gustus who has concluded her time on the liturgy planning team – we thank her for her service to the parish through the liturgy planning team and look forward to her continuing in the music ministry. Those continuing are Susan Crowe, Kay Curran, John Davis, Kathleen Hayes, Helen Lee, Les Stewart, Deneise Walsh together with Frs Anthony, Sajan and Justin.

Following the suggestion from several parents, ***Children's Liturgy of the Word*** will be re-introduced into one of the Sunday Masses on a regular basis. Parents interested in being part of this are asked to contact Fr Justin through the Parish Office.

## **Spiritual Care Program**

Session two of the spiritual care program will be held in the smaller hall on Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> 8.30 am – 11.30 am. This program will provide the accreditation necessary for church visitors to undertake hospital and aged care visitation and pastoral care across the facilities of Ballarat Health Services. Parishioners, clergy and pastoral staff from the six Ballarat parishes are undertaking this program together. The Spiritual Care program will be offered again later in the year, commencing on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, continuing on May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and June 28<sup>th</sup> for parishioners undertaking ministries of pastoral care which includes visitation and funeral ministry. The Spiritual Care formation program has been developed by [Spiritual Health Victoria](#).

## **Feast of the Holy Infant Santo Nino ('Prague')**

The Filipino / Australian Community invite you to the Fluvial (water) procession of Miraculous image of Sr Nino at Lake Wendouree on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> with the 12.30 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 2.30 pm in St. James' Church, Sebastopol. Please contact Imelda on 0418 956 493.

## **Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse**

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has announced its final schedule of public hearings including a three week examination of Catholic Church authorities in Australia which have been the subject of past case studies. The hearings will inquire into the current policies and procedures in relation to child protection and child safe standards, including responding to allegations of child sexual abuse. The Catholic component of the hearings, Case study 50 will take place in Sydney, commencing on February 6<sup>th</sup> and is expected to end on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2017, taking place in Sydney. Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council, said the final hearing for the Catholic Church would be gruelling. *"It will be a three-week examination that will see many church leaders give evidence about how their dioceses and orders have responded following their evidence in earlier public hearings. It will also go very deeply into the 'why' question: why was child sex abuse so prominent in the Catholic Church? What is it about our culture and environments that saw such massive abuse take place?"* Catholic Authorities and their agencies have been involved in 17 of the 45 Royal Commission's case studies so far. Of these, 14 focused specifically on the Catholic Church. In a media statement the Royal Commission said the purpose of the public hearings is not to inquire into individual sets of facts or particular events as has occurred in previous Royal Commission case studies. It is also expected that the Royal Commission will release its report into Case Study 28, on the Catholic Church in Ballarat. The hearings related to this case study were heard in Ballarat, Melbourne and Sydney in May and December 2015 and February 2016. The scope and purpose of the public hearings was to inquire into: The response of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, the Christian Brothers and other Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious. The Royal Commission will conclude in mid- December 2017.

