

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 4th October 2015

XIV Ordinary Synod of Bishops (4-25 Oct 2015)

Theme: The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World

So what is a Synod of Bishops? It's a coming together (usually every 3 years) of the Pope with Bishops from around the world to discuss important issues facing the Church.

So why all the attention on this Synod? It has attracted far more attention than any other Synod in living memory, probably because...

1. The topic, that is the family, is where we live our most intimate relationships
2. There are massive sociological changes that families face
3. There is wide interest in Pope Francis.

The Pope sees sharing 'the joy of the Gospel' as both affirming the goodness of faith-filled families and welcoming in a non-judgemental manner those who live outside these families. This is a huge challenge that families face daily. It may require a shift in Church attitudes at many levels. A two-year process In fact the Pope considers this so important that he has convened two synods on the topic, each with worldwide consultations. The first, held last year, will be used as the starting point for the coming XIV Ordinary Synod in October. So this is really a two-year listening process and we are called to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit through this careful process. Let's pray specially for our two attending Australian Bishops, Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane and Bishop Eugene Hurley of Darwin. Finally, the Pope is expected to publish his conclusions.

"The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society" Pope Francis.

Prayer for the Synod on the Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Recent Death: Kathleen Renyolds.

Anniversaries: Pat Cashin (Ararat), Henk de Jong, William Lamb, Maree Maddison, Stan, Nieroda, Leo Sharman, Betty Thomas, Maureen Watson, Paul Watson

Next week's readings: *Sunday 11th October 2015* *28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*
Wisdom 7:7-11 Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

Cuppa & Chat today after 10.30 am Mass in the hall. All welcome.

Renewal of Parish Stewardship

The Cathedral Parish will undertake a renewal of our Stewardship commencing October 2015. Lorella Di Paolo from the Catholic Development Office in Melbourne will facilitate the program renewal over these weeks. Thank you to the parishioners who will be the leaders of this renewal – Kevin Elliott (chairman), Stephen Carey, Britney & Jason d'Hotman de Villiers, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Richard Hayden, Liz Hernan, Chris and Simone Mason, Jamie Mulcahy, Bethany Pennington & Graeme Trethowan.

A working bee to prepare material will be held on Monday 5th October at 10.00 am in the Parish Office. Please contact Jacinta in the Parish Office if you are available to assist.

Cathedral Precinct Group

As part of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, commencing December 8th 2015, it is proposed to open a *Door of Mercy* making the Cathedral more accessible and welcoming from the Sturt St side. The gate from Sturt St into the Cathedral grounds will be opened leading to the *Door of Mercy*. Asphaltting has been completed to make the area safe. The Reconciliation Chapel will need to be relocated and made more transparent for access to the Cathedral from the *Door of Mercy*.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Update

World Youth Day Registrations now open and Australian Catholic Youth Festival Group Bookings open until Friday, October 23, 2015. All details on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult webpage www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact us on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au Register soon to ensure a place on the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow in 2016.

Pilgrim teachers: CEO Ballarat is supporting early-career teachers to go on the WYD Pilgrimage - contact CEOB on 5337 7131 or Amanda on 0427 748 867. More information on Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

CWL General Members will meet at the Cathedral Presbytery on Wednesday October 7th at 1.30 pm. Visitors will be very welcome. Enquiries to Gertie Phone 5334 1670

St Francis of Assisi day

To celebrate St Francis of Assisi day, Professor Singarayer Florentine, Federation University, will speak on the topic of ecological restoration of landscapes, October 7th 7.00 -9.00 pm in the smaller Cathedral Hall. All welcome. Enquiries 0438 448 942. The Global Catholic Climate Movement are dedicating the prayers for this week's [#Pray4cop21](#) prayer chain to Pope Francis as he addresses our world leaders at the UN . Join us in praying with the Pope.

For who come across the sea

In October there will be an opportunity in our Parish to come together to discuss the 2015 Bishop's Social Justice Statement on the "For those who come across the seas". There will be three sessions, you may come to any or all of these. Be sure to collect your copy of the Statement from the Cathedral entrances. For inquiries & details - Kath Morton 5332 3414

Faith Formation - St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy

Fr Kevin Lenehan presents reflections on St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy. All welcome on Wednesday, October 14, 7.30 pm-9.00 pm. Gold coin donation for Caritas Refugee Appeal. St Patrick's Cathedral (small Hall). For more information phone 5337 7154 or go to Ballarat Diocese Faith Formation at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Liturgy of Lament and Hope

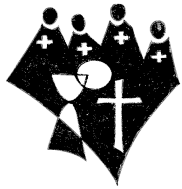
A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 2.00pm on Sunday, November 1st. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse which will continue in Melbourne in November. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the Cathedral Hall.

World Mental Health Week (4 – 10 October 2015) *Healing Wounds and Warming Hearts*

Prayer: Blessed are those who don't have it all together. Blessed are those who have run out of strength, ideas, will power, resolve or energy. Blessed are those who ache because of how severely out of whack the world is. Blessed are those who on a regular basis have a dark day in which despair seems to be a step behind them wherever they go. Blessed are you, for God is with you. God is on your side, God meets you in that place. Jonathon Blundell

Sacred Heart College Ballarat East Reunion – Class of 1965

November 7th 2015 for the class of 1965 (Year 7, 1960 to matriculation in 1965). For further information contact Jan Mullaly (Favaloro), 0418 522180 janmull65@gmail.com



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$5,851.00 to this collection, which raised nearly \$67,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$3,795.05 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked “Ballarat Clergy Support Fund”.

Stewardship – to receive your quarterly receipt via email please contact Jacinta in the office.

Collections Envelopes \$2,672.00 Parish Loose \$481.50 Presbytery \$1,616.30

Counters 4th October Team 1 Next week team 2

If you are available to join a counting team that counts the Sunday collection (rostered on Sunday evenings once every 8 weeks) we would welcome your contribution. Contact the Parish Office.

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Parish Office hours Monday - Friday 10 am – 5 pm Phone 5331 2933

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Clergy	Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu
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Finance Officer	Philip Westbrook
Family Ministry	Anita Houlihan
Hospital Pastoral Care	Kaye Stringer
St Patrick’s Primary	Mark Hogbin, Principal
St Thomas More Alfredton	Rosa Tocchet, Principal

Cathedral Parish Masses	October 10 th /11 th	Skipton	Beaufort	Snake Valley		
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm Vigil	8.300am	10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05 pm	Cathedral				
Tuesday	No Mass	Redan	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Wednesday	No Mass	Sebastopol	12.05 pm	Cathedral		
Thursday	9.30am	Redan	11.30 am	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				

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.00 am Friday 11.30 am Saturday

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

Morning Prayer of the Church 8.00 am Monday – Friday

Public Rosary to pray for Australia & the world. Saturday October 10th at 11.00 am in the rotunda in Sturt St between Dawson & Doveton Sts.