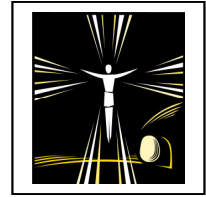


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (C) Sunday 27th March 2016

Gospel Reflection – © Veronica Lawson RSM

Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. A year after his execution, when his friends and family gather once more for Passover, they find new meaning in the celebration of the feast. Every Passover from now on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions. Every element of their Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither is it surprising that each of the canonical gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective.

There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable to my mind is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. Another is his capacity to reach out to others: to 'turn towards' the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning, and to express his own concern for them. In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. The Lukan Jesus is the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life.

It is easy to let our own hurt find expression in criticism or mistreatment of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes more courage than most of us can muster to name unjust treatment for what it is, to truly forgive, to retain our peace of mind in such circumstances, and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence. Palestinian activist Lucy Nusseibeh (founder and director of MEND, Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy) and the members of the Israeli Coalition of Women for a Just Peace have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, we might pray for the grace to act with the dignity of the Lukan Jesus and thus circumvent the cycles of violence in our own contexts.

Recent Deaths: Ivan Dean, Antonio Lagoa, Peter Reidy.

Anniversaries: Kevin Buckle, Margaret Button, Eileen ‘Betty’ Campbell, Barry Davies, John Hayden, Peter Ketchen, Lillian Meiklejohn, Harry Morris, Brian McNulty, Greg Slater

Next week’s readings: *Sunday 3rd April 2016* *2nd Sunday of Easter (C)*

Acts 15:12-16 Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1 Apocalypse 1:9-11, 17-19 John 20:19-31

Cathedral Office

The office will be closed on Monday 28th March (Easter Monday) and the following Mondays also 4th April, 11th April, 18th April, 25th April (ANZAC day). Other days open 10.00 am – 5.00 pm.

Holy Week Liturgies

Many thanks to the Parish liturgy team – Susan Crowe, Kay Curran, John Davis, Judy Gustus, Kathleen Hayes, Helen Lee, Les Stewart and Deneise Walsh for coordinating our Holy Week liturgies. Thank you also to the many parishioners - singers, readers, leaders, cleaners, ministers of the Eucharist, musicians, décor and flower arrangers, collectors and counters, altar servers, photocopiers, sacristans and welcomers who have all ensured that our liturgies of Holy Week are the highpoint of our Liturgical Year. Happy Easter to all!

First Eucharist

Children who have already celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation will be preparing for First Eucharist shortly. A parent information session for families of these children will take place on Tuesday 19th April at 10.00am and 7.00pm in the Cathedral Hall (small hall). Families must attend one session for their child to be included in the program for this sacrament. For further information please phone the Parish office on 53 312933 or email anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mercy Associates Pilgrimage

On Wednesday 20th April, the Mercy Associates invite you to join them on a Pilgrimage to the first Sisters of Mercy establishment in Victoria- the Academy of Mary Immaculate, Nicholson St., Fitzroy founded on April 20th, 1857.

Contact Ursula Diamond-Keith gudiamond-keith@live.com.au. 0407717626

Mass of the Oils 2016

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the Mass of the Oils last Monday evening. The Mass was a great celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. Thank you to the Cathedral parishioners who were involved in preparing, hosting and celebrating this Mass.

St Patrick's Cathedral Community Space

Community engagement forums were held on St Patrick's Day with a facilitator from dirtscapedreaming.com.au. Those who gathered in the morning and evening forums were invited to consider the follow questions in considering our Cathedral grounds and how we might develop a space and gardens for healing and reconciliation.

What makes you feel safe?

What helps to still you?

What makes you peaceful?

How do we honour memories and events from the past?

The feedback from the forums will be developed into themes and concept and then developed into design which will be presented to the Cathedral precinct environment group. Thanks to the steering committee – Bernadette Brouwers, Deneise Walsh, Frank Stuart, Jillian Hogbin, Joe De Losa, Leo Styles and Patrick Styles.

Infant Vitality Bill

Please join us at 11.30am on Sunday 3rd April 2016 (following 10.30 Mass) in St Patrick's Hall to hear Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins, MLC, discuss the 20 Week Movement & the Infant Viability Bill. In October 2015, Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins introduced the Infant Viability Bill into the Victorian parliament. This is the first formal attempt at pro-life legislation in Victoria in decades, and the first legislative attempt to remedy the abortion law reforms of 2008. Under this Bill:

1. Abortions would no longer be allowed from the 20th week of pregnancy.
2. Infant viability will be promoted and supported (all infants born alive from the 20th week of pregnancy on-wards, including as the result of a medical emergency, must be cared for with the intent to save the infant's life if at all possible).
3. Mothers who are at least 20 weeks pregnant, who present in distress to their doctor must be offered practical support, for example a referral to a pregnancy support service offering holistic care (such as counselling, social and practical support).
4. Penalties will be introduced for physicians who breach the new laws and for medical facilities in which the laws are breached. Mothers will not be criminalised or face any penalties.

Diocesan Website: The new diocesan website was launched late last year

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. The website contains information on the diocese and parishes and also has a section for members to access resources relevant to diocesan ministries.

e-News: e-News is available to all members of the diocese and those associated with and with an interest in the life of the diocese. It is published every two weeks and distributed via email. You can subscribe to receive e-News on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or you are welcome to submit items for publication to enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au. News items submitted should have relevance to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese and include photos where possible.

Our Diocesan Community: ODC is published three times per year and delivered to parishes for distribution to those in the diocese. This magazine contains the good news stories of events and people in the diocese. You are welcome to submit items for publication to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au and again, news items submitted should have relevance to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese and include photos where possible.



Easter Sunday



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You are helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2016 Lenten appeal.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

New Stewardship Envelopes are available for collection from the Parish Office.

Collections Envelopes \$11,574.50(includes credit cards), Parish Loose \$325.25, Presbytery \$2,136.30

Counters 27th March Team 2 Next week team 3

Parish Office hours Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Phone 5331 2933

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 Principals St Patrick's Primary Mark Hogbin, St Thomas More Rosa Tocchet

Cathedral Parish Masses April 2nd/3rd

	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm	7.30 pm	9.00am	10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	10.00am Cathedral	(Easter Monday public holiday)	
Tuesday	No Mass Redan	12.05 pm Cathedral	
Wednesday	9.30am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral	
Thursday	9.30am Redan	12.05pm Cathedral	
Friday	No Mass Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral	1.30 pm Benediction
Saturday	10.00am Cathedral		

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am

Next Sunday – April 3rd (2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy) Fr Anthony will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 2.00 pm, with the sacrament of Reconciliation available from 1.00 pm.