

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 24th July 2016



Gospel Reflection: *Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying: two teachings on prayer sandwiching a strange parable. In the first cameo, Jesus is at prayer and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond, evoking the words of the Jewish Kaddish prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world.... May God's kingship be established in your lifetime and in your days...." In this context, Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the power of God over against the power of the Roman emperor. The prayer continues: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." It is not a prayer for more than we need, but for just as much as we need. The parable that follows will demonstrate how this might happen. The final petitions in the prayer that Jesus teaches are for forgiveness for sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and freedom from testing, both recurring themes in Luke's gospel. We cannot live without "bread" just as we cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiveness and the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial.

The second cameo has raised questions for interpreters. Is this parable about persistence or 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 *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is shamelessness or avoidance of shame. Avoidance of shame makes sense in a culture where one would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour who is 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.

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: "Ask and it will be given you...." 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. Just so, God cares extravagantly for those in need and does so without too much prompting.

Recent Deaths: Wanda Biala, Joe Donegan, Catherine Laffey

Anniversaries: Marie & Brian Britt, Paul Duggan, Maree Hutt, Margaret Hyland, Stanislaw Iwanowski, Jim Mulligan, Moira (Peggy) McInneny, Alexander (Tex) Thomson, Patricia Troy

Next week's readings: *Sunday 31st July 2016* *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Francis James Kerry	son of Rodney & Phoebe
Millie Kate McClure	daughter of Toby & Carli
Hugo Peter Steggall	son of Douglas & Claire
Oliver Jack Taylor	Benjamin & Corinne



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

Alpha – adult faith education program

Alpha concludes on Thursday, July 28th 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm in the smaller hall. This final week will focus on ***What about the Church and telling others?*** Parishioners and friends are still welcome to join us even for this final session. All are welcome. Following this session the participants will evaluate their experience and plan ongoing adult faith opportunities.

Readers/Lectors

Those beginning or new to the Ministry of Reading (and those who are experienced), are invited to a preparation session to be offered on Wednesday 27th July at 6.00 pm in the Cathedral. This session is aimed at exploring the protocols of reading at the Cathedral, as well as answering some of the questions that new (and experienced) Readers may have. RSVP - Susan 0419887274.

Music Ministry in the Cathedral

Last Sunday the liturgy group hosted a gathering for musicians, leaders of song and singers from all groups and Mass times in the Cathedral Parish to gather to explore possibilities for singing a new Mass setting in addition to our current repertoire of the Mass of St Francis (Taylor) and St Alphonsus (Bird). This collaborative venture was very fruitful thanks to all who participated and the facilitation of Judy Gustus. The new Mass setting to be introduced is the ***Mass of Renewal***.

Parish Coordinating Team Gathering

Coordinators of Parish groups and ministries are invited to the next meeting on Tuesday August 16th, 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm. Ministry Coordinators and leaders for Baptism Sponsors, CWL, Environment, Family Groups, Finance Committee, Funeral Ministry, Godstart, Kerala Community, Liturgy, 3 Parish Schools, Playgroup, RCIA, St Vincent de Paul, Sacramental programs, YESS Youth.

St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening Wednesday October 26th from 7.30 pm
For a 2018 Enrolment Package contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett 53 311688 cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Friday, August 5th at 1.30pm at Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat. Entrance prize, spinning wheel, devonshire tea, fancy goods, produce stall. All welcome.

Nazareth House Chapel Holy Hour Thursday, July 28th from 7.00pm -8.00pm.

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Update - new study cycle in August

A new online study cycle is commencing as part of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program that the Ballarat Diocese has initiated. This program offers opportunities for formation, study, certification and support for lay people. Details on the diocesan website (link from bottom of front page), then contact Amanda Smith, phone 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Liturgy Formation 2016 / Launch of Let the Children Come

Sunday August 7th at Ararat Parish commencing with Bishop Paul and 10.30 am Mass followed by formation for Funeral Ministry, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the sacramental program, "Let the Children Come." More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Registration available from the Cathedral Office.

St Vincent de Paul Society

A significant number of our clients have expressed a desire for assistance with household budgeting. To address this need we are planning to offer sessions at our Relief centre at O'Collins Hall on Tuesdays. Clients would meet by appointment with two volunteers. Please note this is **not** financial planning and all volunteers would be provided with training via the program, "Where Did All The Money Go?" designed to give volunteers knowledge of what practical assistance can be offered to people living on low incomes. If you feel that you would be interested in being part of this new and exciting initiative you are invited to an information session at O'Collins Hall Dawson St on Wednesday 10th August 1.00pm. For further information - Mary McAloon 0419 897 345

St Mary's Church Hamilton 150th Anniversary

All are invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Mary's Church Hamilton on the weekend on August 13th & 14th 2016. Phone 5571 1161. For enquiries contact Anne Slattery, phone 5570 8210

World Youth Day At Home!

Live streaming of World Youth Day events will be available on Xt3 www.xt3.com/wyd2016/ . WYD Mass in Krakow with Pope Francis is on July 31st. The WYD prayer and other info is available www.ballarat.catholic.org.au We keep our pilgrims in our prayer over these weeks.

Cathedral Grounds update

The Cathedral precinct environment group continues to meet as they consider ways in which our whole Cathedral grounds can be what Pope Francis asks the whole Church to be – **“An Oasis of Mercy.”** Last year the group recognized the need for greater accessibility to the Cathedral which led to the opening of the “Gate of Mercy” allowing entrance from Sturt St. Seats have also been placed at the front of the Cathedral and between the Hall and the Cathedral as one way to foster hospitality. Earlier this year (March 17th) the group hosted two community engagement forums facilitated by Betsy-Sue from dirtscape dreaming. The aim is to create an outdoor space within the grounds that is dedicated to healing and reconciliation. This will include a permanent acknowledgement of the Loudfence movement and be the place where the ribbons that adorn our fence can be transferred to. Over the next couple of weeks parishioners will receive further information on the plans for this garden for healing and reconciliation. Members of this group are Bernadette Brouwers, Joe De Losa, Jillian Hogbin, Frank Stuart, Leo and Patrick Styles, Deneise Walsh and Fr Justin.

Collections Envelopes \$2,502.50 Parish Loose \$307.50 Presbytery \$1,997.00

Counters 24th July Team 5 Next week team 6

Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday No Mass Redan 12.05 pm Cathedral

Wednesday 9.30am Sebastopol 12.05 pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30am Redan 11.30 am St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol 12.05 pm Cathedral 1.30 pm Benediction

Saturday 10.00am 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

Cathedral Parish Masses	July 30th/31st	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton		
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm	9.00am	10.30 am

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

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Clergy Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Matthew
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