

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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January 14th 2018



Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

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Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Kathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet,

[Siena](#) at Lucas Jo Brewer

| Cathedral Parish Masses | 20 th /21 st January | Smythesdale | Skipton | Rokewood |
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| 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

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| Monday | 12.05pm | Cathedral | | |
| Tuesday | 12.05 pm | Cathedral | | |
| Wednesday | 12.05 pm | Cathedral | | |
| Thursday | 9.30 am | Redan | 11.30am St John of God | 12.05 pm Cathedral |
| Friday | 9.30 am | Sebastopol | 12.05 pm | Cathedral |
| Saturday | 10.00 am | Cathedral | | |

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am

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

Recent Deaths: Mary Davey, Damian Dignan, Gary Hall, Una Harrington, Brian Mahar, Patrick Moran

Anniversaries: Peter Bassett, Thomas Hartigan, Tony Houlihan, Mary Sheen, David Torpy

Next week's readings: *Sunday 21^s January 2017* *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*
Jonah 3:1-5.10 Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

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| Jack Bernard Hernan | son of Matthew & Elizabeth |
| Angie Grace Young | daughter of Jinky & Kevin |
| Cosima Grace Ballinger-Gledhill | daughter of Luke & Julia |
| Finley Joseph Bradley | son of Benjamin & Lucy |



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

23rd Organs of the Goldfields Festival

On **Sunday January 14th** the Cathedral's Fincham organ of 1930 is played by Martin Setchell in the Cathedral at 3.00 pm. On **Wednesday January 17th** Eine Abendmusik. John Weretka directs a re-creation of the traditional German Advent Cantata Concert as heard in the early 18th century. Singers, Helen Thomson, Amelia Jones, Hamish Gould, Christopher Roache and John Weretka. The festival will close on **Sunday January 21st** Baroque Sacred Music The Missa Salisburgenis of Heinrich Biber. Bringing together two University choirs, Queens & Newman and using the spatial properties of the Cathedral. Directed by Gary Ekkel. We welcome the many performers, musicians and visitors to Ballarat and the Cathedral for the organs of the goldfields festival.

Celebrating the Year of Youth in the Diocese of Ballarat

The YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) leadership team are planning many events for the young people of the Cathedral Parish. The first gathering for 2018 will take place on Sunday February 11th, following the 5.00 pm Mass. All of the YESS gatherings will take place in the smaller hall (MacKillop and Glowrey rooms). This first gathering will be an information event for parents/ guardians as well as young people at which the leadership team will be introduced and commissioned.

Seeking a Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Project Worker

Ballarat Diocese will be employing a Project Worker in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2018, the Year of Youth. This will be a 12 month position, fulltime preferred but not essential. A position description will be available on the diocesan website in January or you can contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au to have the position description emailed to you.

PROCLAIM 2018 – Early Bird Registrations Now Open

This exciting conference will engage parishes in an ongoing conversation focusing on Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation.

July 12th – 14th 2018 in Brisbane. To find out more

www.proclaimconference.com.au and register at the early bird rate.

Loudfence @ the Cathedral

Much has happened since the Royal Commission presented its final report in December. At that time we recognised that while the Commission had completed its work, we still have much work to do. We continue to be grateful for the Commission's work, and to the 8,000 victims who have told their stories. Others have silently stood in solidarity. Families and supporters of those damaged as children have been vindicated as the truth has been revealed. Because a true faith disposition brings with it an openness to life's lessons and a sensitivity to learn from what is hardest to hear, we have said that the ribbons that have been replenished on the Cathedral Loudfence will remain and that later this year we will revisit this issue, seeking to engage with as many as possible in genuine, respectful dialogue.

Collections Envelopes \$1,752.05 Parish Loose \$278.65
 Presbytery \$1,971.40

If you would like to join the Stewardship by making a regular financial contribution to the Cathedral Parish, you can do so by either direct debit or the envelopes.

Please contact Jess Salazar in the Parish Office.

Counters January 14th Team 5 Next week team 6.

Thank you to all contributors and counters.

Gospel Reflection:

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After his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus set out on his great mission. Throughout this year, we follow the course of his mission in readings from the gospel of Mark. The gospel readings of this Sunday (from John) and next Sunday (from Mark) invite us to set out on this journey of discovery as disciples of the Lord. Just as he called the first disciples, the Saviour has a personal call for each one of us to become his 'disciple'. The recovery of the long neglected theme of 'discipleship' is one of the signs of new vitality on today's Church. The word, 'disciple', occurs many times in the New Testament. Why was it so important for the first Christians? Discipleship, the privileged relationship one can have with a great and inspiring leader, has been an important factor in the shaping of human history. The leader's vision and commitment call forth admiration and confidence – the lives of their followers are changed, and they face life with a new inspiration and hope. Clearly, those who made up the communities of the New Testament experienced this kind of relationship with the Risen Lord. Today's reading from John's gospel helps us to understand how we too can have this kind of relationship with the Saviour. Many factors are at work, as disciples come to meet and appreciate their leader. Those who met the Saviour in today's reading, we are told, have been 'disciples' of John the Baptist. It is his selfless witness that leads them to 'follow' Jesus. In the gospel story, of course, the Baptist represents the faith and expectations of the Old Testament. Knowledge of the great themes of the old Israel's hopes is fundamental if we are to understand the message and vision of the Saviour. Closer to home, it is often unselfish expressions of faith, hope and love on the part of other members of a vital Christian community that are important in our coming to know the Saviour.

It is important that we seek that incomparable intimacy with the Saviour that is our birthright through baptism – not relating to him as a remote figure, but confidently sharing our lives, in all their complex tangles, with him. Today's story of the two disciples encourages this trust and confidence. Encouraged by the Baptist, they approached Jesus; he gave them a warm welcome – 'Come and see'; and they spent the rest of the day with him. As disciples of inspiring leaders, many men and women have had the experience of finding themselves, and giving a meaning to their lives. We can look forward to that same experience, if we accept the Lord's invitation to share our lives with him. Today's reading reminds us that Peter found his true self in the new name Jesus gave him. The Scriptures reflect the fact that for many cultures a personal name points to the mysterious identity of each person. For the wisdom of Christian faith, this personal identity has its origin in the eternal designs of God. Samuel was called by name. Simon's unique place in the plan of God was declared in the new name Jesus gave him. He still had much to learn, but the path that was to lead to his eternal glory had been made clear.