

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

1st Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

Contact: St Patricks Cathedral 03 53312933

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Sandra Watkins: 0409492508

Fr Sajan 0416 194825

Information for special parish events (BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS) Please contact Anne Beer on 5349 2168 or 0417 369 322

Anniversaries:

Margaret Ryan, Doris McKenzie, Lorna James, Shane Broadbent, Alex Cuthbertson, Rona Hutchinson, Trish Larkens, Patricia Hains, Ben Holmes, Thomas Luke Jess, Con Mulcahy, Jacinta Packer, Bill Kirkpatrick, Margaret Harney, Lynette Vogels, Frances herbertson, Jim Davis, Rita Waugh, Sharon Barker, Mary McMahan, Agnes and Perc Lunn, Mary Agnes Doyle, Michael McCluskey, John Pearce, Tom Mulcahy, Harry Thorpe, Emma Williams Fred Waugh

Pray for all these friends of ours who are ill

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Grace Molloy, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Fr Adrian McInerney, Shelagh Mulcahy, Valda Murphy, Michael Wise and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTERS

Introduction & Readings

Today: Gerrard Family

Dec 8th: Sue Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Gerrard Family

Dec 8th: Charlie Franc

Assembly Leaders

Today: Sue Mahony & Jim Mahony

Dec 15th: Maurice Barwick & Angela Gerrard

Special Minister

Today: Gail Hall

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Music

Today: - Naomi Gerrard

Dec 8th: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

8th Dec: Angela Gerrard

Dec 15th: Sue Mahony & Kim Truong

Church Ground

Dec 8th-15th: Jim Mahony

Newsletter:

December: Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

Mass Times next Sunday:

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th

Beaufort Mass 8.30 am Sunday

Smythesdale Mass 6.30 pm Saturday

Snake Valley Mass 10.30 am Sunday

Weekday Mass Times:

9.30am Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Advent Retreat

Sunday 15th December 2.00pm – 5.00pm

St Alipius' Hall Victoria St Ballarat East

Rachel McLoughlin and Natalie Houlihan will lead a spacious advent time of Reflections, Readings, Music, Images, Silence and ending with Spiritual Conversation circles. All are welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL:

- APPOINTMENT of Fr Sajan

Sadly, we have been informed that Fr Sajan has been appointed Administrator of the Parish of Bungaree as of January 15, 2020. He will also be involved as the Visiting Priest for the Gordon Parish. This means that Fr Sajan will no longer be residing in the Parish Centre. It also means that weekday and Saturday Masses will no longer be available from mid-January.

We have been very fortunate to have Fr Sajan reside in the Parish Centre and we will miss his ministry with us.

To recognise Fr Sajan's contribution to our faith community, we are having a get-together on Saturday, 11th January 6pm. Please bring along a plate of food to share.

- Christmas Gift Boxes

Please bring along donations for our Christmas Gift Boxes.

The boxes will be at the front of the church. These are distributed to needy family / families in the local area.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- Confirmation

Confirmation is next Sunday 8th Dec at 8.30am Mass

Light refreshments will follow in the Parish Centre. Special thanks to Sandra Watkins and Charles Falzon for their work in preparing these young children.

Prayer for Rain

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth
To sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,

Asking you to look with favour

on our drought-stricken land,

On our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart

To our farmers and to all who are affected by drought:

Be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain

And restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,

Hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son,

In whom the promise of new life has dawned,

And through the power of the Holy Spirit,

The Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people;

Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,

Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop – Pray for us.