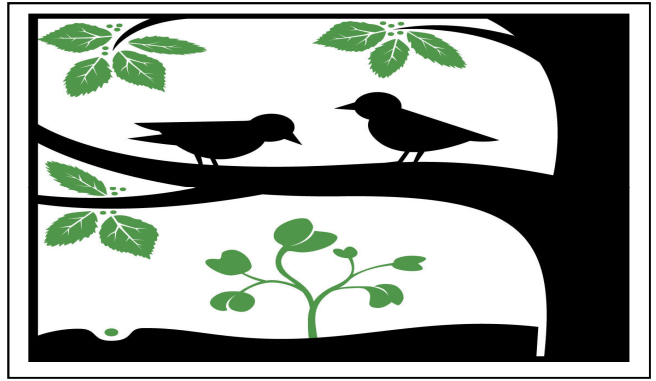


St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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23rd July 2017

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Parish Office hours
Phone 5331 2933

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm
ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Priests, Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Mathew
Parish Office Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer Jess Salazar
Family Ministry Anita Houlihan, Grounds Tony McVeigh
Cathedral Parish Pastoral Carer at Ballarat Health Services Tracy Sillekens

Principals of our three Parish Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Mark Hogbin, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) at Lucas Jo Brewer

Cathedral Parish Masses	29 th /30 th July	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
5.30 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

Monday	12.05pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	9.30 am	Sebastopol	12.05pm	Cathedral
Wednesday	12 Noon	ACU Aquinas	12.05pm	Cathedral
Thursday	9.30 am	Redan	11.30 am	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

Morning Prayer of the Church 8.00 am Tuesday – Friday in the Cathedral

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday & Tuesday 10.00 am – 11.45 am, Friday 12.30 pm
The Rosary is prayed in the Cathedral at 11.15 am Wednesday – Friday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - 7.00 pm each Wednesday evening at Nazareth House and prayers on the 1st & 3rd Friday in the Cathedral at 11.00 am.

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady - 10.30 am in the Cathedral

Charismatic Prayer Group on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays during July and August. 7.00pm in the front meeting room of the Cathedral hall.

Next week's readings: Sunday July 30th 2017

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1 Kings 3:5-12 Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-46

Recent Deaths: Cecil McVey, Sr Antoinette Russo RSM

Anniversaries: Giuseppe (Joe) Angelini, Danny Cashin, John Fuller, Jack Meiklejohn,
Eric Daniel Martin, Patrick Ronan, William Smith

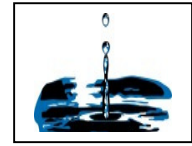
We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Aydin Altundas child of Mustafa and Samantha

Charlee Ava Hill child of Jarred and Lisa

Darcy Roger Ralston child of Justin and Megan

Jake Andrew Sims child of Ashley and Kerry



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

Parish Office Closed on Monday 24th & 31st of July while Jacinta is away.

Confirmation Preparation Program

Children who are in year 3 or older and who have been baptised Catholic are now invited to enrol in the Confirmation preparation program.

There will be a parent information/enrolment session held on **Tuesday 1st August, 2017** in the small hall of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall. We are offering two sessions, the requirement is to attend only ONE. These meetings will be at **10.00 am or 7.00 pm**. It is an expectation that a parent/guardian attends the information/enrolment session as part of your commitment in supporting your child through the Confirmation program. Please contact Anita Houlihan, Family Ministry Coordinator at the Parish Office on 53 312933 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.00 am – 3.30 pm (during school terms), email anytime on anita.houlihan@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone the parish office: Monday – Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Youth Synod Questionnaire

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from people in Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the [Diocesan website](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/index.cfm) (*Latest News* on home page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/index.cfm>). Please email responses by 15th August 2017. For more information contact Amanda Smith on 5337 7125.

Collections last Sunday Parish: Envelopes \$1904, Loose \$296.20, Presbytery \$1904.35

Counters 23rd July Team 1 Next week team 2 Thank you to all contributors and counters

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Friday 28th July 2017 at 1.30 pm. Devonshire tea, spinning wheel, fancy goods, produce stall...

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Jess Salazar is our Cathedral Parish Safeguarding Officer. *The Cathedral Parish* is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults. This commitment is made in the spirit of Christ's teachings on behalf the bishop, clergy, staff and volunteers who serve in parishes, schools, Centacare and other Catholic organisations in the Diocese. The Diocese will respond to complaints of unprofessional conduct in ways that reflect nationally established standards and protocols and ensure adherence to applicable legislation. We are committed to providing ongoing pastoral support to any person affected by physical, emotional or sexual abuse by church personnel.

Seeking Support

If you are distressed or wish to speak with someone about any issue relating to sexual abuse, you can contact: Lifeline Ph: 13 11 14, The Police through any Police Station or through CrimeStoppers Ph: 1800 333 000, Victims of Crime Ph: 1800 819 817, CASA - Centres Against Sexual Assault CASA Crisis Line: Ph:1800 806 292, Ballarat Centre Against Sexual Assault Ph: 5320 3933

From the Parish Funeral Ministry Team

The team met this past week following the formation session offered by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission on Sunday July 9th. Jill Segrave, who is concluding her service through this ministry, was acknowledged and thanked for her generous and thorough contribution to the Parish Funeral Ministry team over many years. Thanks Jill (and Michael).

Centralised Baptism Preparation / Baptism Parent Information Sessions:

Clergy, Staff & Baptism Coordinators from the Parishes St. Columba's Ballarat North, Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree, St. Alipius Ballarat East, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Aloysius Redan and St. James' Sebastopol have been meeting to discuss the centralisation of the Baptism preparation process. Commencing on the **Thursday 3rd August at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm** and monthly thereafter on the first Thursday of each month, all families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptised will be invited to attend these preparation sessions at St. Patrick's Cathedral. For any enquiries please contact Anita or Jacinta in the Parish office. A meeting of the Cathedral Parish Baptism Sponsors will be held at 6.15 pm on Wednesday July 26th in the Parish office.

The celebrations of the sacrament of baptism will continue to include the first part of the Rite of Baptism being celebrated during a Sunday Mass with the Rite of Naming, Signing of the Cross and the Profession of Faith (the Creed) with the remainder of the Rite celebrated after Mass.

Fr Dan Arundell

Welcome back to Fr Dan to the 8.00 am Mass this Sunday. Our prayers and thoughts have been with Fr Dan and the Arundell family since the death of his sister, Norie Finn. The funeral for Norie was celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians East Warrnambool. May she rest in peace.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims. In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The United Nations designated **July 30th as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons**, declaring that such a day was necessary to “raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.” This is an issue that affects people in Australia as well as round the world. You can find more info at:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/index.shtml> and <https://acrath.org.au/>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 year olds. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to ‘book in’ your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867. More information on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages.

Gospel Reflection

Greg Sunter

When we hear the term, *yoke*, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, ‘Which is the greatest commandment?’ A rabbi’s answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, ‘Love God and love your neighbour,’ and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today’s gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, ‘Shoulder *my* yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.’ The yoke of Jesus *was* easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot*(commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.