

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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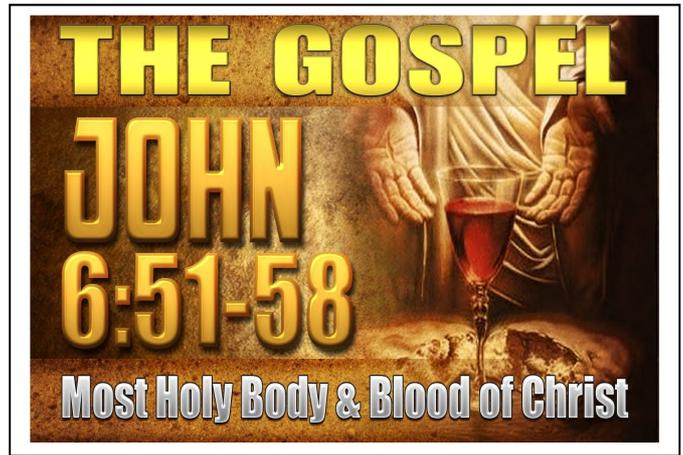


Parish Office hours

Monday - Friday 10 am – 5.00 pm

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Cathedral Parish Masses	24th/25th June	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
5.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm		6.30 pm Vigil	8.30am	10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm	Cathedral		
Tuesday	11.00am	Funeral Mass Cathedral (no 12.05pm)		
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 7.00 pm each Tuesday in the front meeting room of the Cathedral Hall.

Next week's readings: Sunday June 25th 2017

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A,)

Jeremiah 20:10-13 Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

Recent Deaths: Sr Anna Gaha (Loreto), Mary (Bernadette) Dozzi, John Melican, Brune Streckfuss, Geoffrey Torney (Funeral Mass 11.00am Tuesday 20th June in the Cathedral)

Anniversaries: Maureen Costigan, Barry Hill, Margot Driscoll, Martin McGuinness, Irene Rose, Andrew Warden

Family Matters – Strengthening Respectful Relationships

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held on Saturday, June 24th 9.00 am – 3.00 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat. Workshops include Building trust / listening, Enriching family relationships, Keeping children the focus in blended families, Tuning into kids, Family violence, Having the suicide conversation, Respect and dignity for seniors, Traveling through the senior years, Understand the online world of young people, Dealing with online issues, Creating a safe online environment

Please register your attendance: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> by Monday 19th

Youth and young adults: Pope Francis' Online Survey now open

Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **2 July 2017**. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au For more information: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Liturgy Formation 2017

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Session in Ballarat on Sunday July 9th with Bishop Paul celebrate 10.30am Mass. Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, "*Let the Children Come*" and Formation for Lectors. Registration forms are available from Cathedral Office or via www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Preparation for first communion

Welcome to all who are celebrating at Masses this weekend for the first communion of our children. Our prayers are with these children, their parents, families and catechists.

First Communion will be celebrated at 5.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Parish Masses over this weekend & next weekend. Please pray for these children & all involved in their preparation.

Jubilarians' Mass

On Tuesday June 27th Bishop Paul will celebrate 5.00 pm Mass in the Cathedral to celebrate the jubilees of ordination of Frs John McKinnon and Kevin Murphy (60 years), Greg Tait (25 years) and Bishop Peter Connors (30 years episcopal anniversary). All Parishioners are invited to attend.

Holy Hour

Holy Hour for Vocations at Nazareth House Chapel on Thursday 22nd June from 7.pm to 8.pm.

Cathedral Security

CCTV Cameras have been installed in the Cathedral (including the sacristy), at the Parish Office front door and outside the Cathedral towards the halls and toilets to provide greater safety and security for all. Signs indicating the surveillance cameras have also been erected.

Is God calling you to a deeper relationship?

On June 29th Fr Doroteo Bravi CFD, a Monk of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God will celebrate Mass at St Patricks Cathedral at 6.00pm. Following Mass he will give a talk in the small hall at the Cathedral on the theme "is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him". After the talk there will be cup of tea. All are invited to attend.

Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn And The Ycw In Australia

Commemorating The 50th Anniversaries Of The Deaths Of Cardinal Joseph Cardijn And Fr Frank Lombard. Saturday 29 July 2017 Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
Cost \$20 per person: Morning Tea, lunch & afternoon tea Registrations: by Wednesday 26 July
Jill Doncovio, jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au or 9412 3304. Numbers are strictly limited

Counters 18th June Team 3 Next week team 4 Thank you to all contributors and counters

We Come to Your Feast (Michael Joncas)

1. We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white: The weaving of our stories,
The fabric of our lives; the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
The promise of our future; our needing and our nurture lie here before eyes.
2. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread: The gift of field and hillside,
The grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us, to love in word and deed.
3. We place upon your table a simple cup of wine: The fruit of human labour,
The gift of sun and vine; we come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,
His dying and his living, His leading and his giving, His love in cup outpoured.

Refrain:

We come to your feast, We come to your feast: The young and the old,
The frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least. We come to your feast,
We come to your feast with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands

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Gospel Reflection for The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Sr Veronica

Lawson RSM

Bread is staple food for much of the world's population. It is also a metaphor for the food that sustains the life of the human community. Being able to "put bread on the table" is the concern of every parent. Bread means life. Jesus' claim to be "the living bread" is a unique expression paralleled by his earlier claim to be "living water". It teases the reader with the possibility of multiple meanings. It refers at one level to food that gives life; at another, it is the gift of God's life. As we reflect on the symbolism of bread, we attend also to the plight of those without bread. While there is sufficient "bread" to satisfy the hunger of everyone on the planet, over one billion people are desperately hungry, some seven million South Sudanese among them as the civil war in their country continues.

Today's gospel passage belongs within a section of John's gospel generally called the Bread of Life Discourse. Some scholars suggest that the discourse as a whole is cast in the form of a synagogue homily. In this view, it is a rabbinic type exposition of Exodus 16:4 and Psalm 78:4-5 on the manna/bread that God rains from heaven. In John 6:51-58, there are allusions to Eucharist as both meal and sacrifice. Jesus is the manna or bread from heaven. Life comes from eating his flesh/body. It also comes from drinking his blood. For the ancient Israelites, the life was in the blood. Blood poured out is life poured out. To drink the wine/blood is to participate in the life of Christ poured out.

A simple analogy from my own context might help us to grasp something of the mystery that we call Eucharist. My home town, Ballarat, is the site of the Eureka rebellion. The Eureka flag is housed in a place of honour in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka. At one level, this flag is fabric and thread. At another, it far transcends the materials from which it is crafted. These materials were transformed, possibly by women from my own parish, into a symbol of freedom for the Eureka rebels. In the process, they changed their purpose and meaning; so too with the bread and wine of our Eucharistic celebrations. They have become, in a very real though mysterious sense, the body and blood of Christ.

This Sunday we take time to reflect on Eucharist, the mystery we celebrate from week to week. While we reflect on this mystery, we ground our faith in action designed to address the issue of global hunger and the circumstances that inhibit access to "bread" for all. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to careful consumption of the world's resources so that all God's people and all God's creatures might have life.