

# St Patrick's Cathedral

Communities of Alfredton, Ballarat, Cardigan,  
Lake Gardens, Lake Wendouree, Lucas, Newington

**Sunday, January 17th, 2021**

Summer Parish Office hours:

Wednesday - Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm

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*St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.*

*We are a child Safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government, implementing procedures and standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.*

**Recent Deaths:** Max Brandenburg, Tadeusz Buzo, Angelo Fiusco, Julie Flett

**Anniversaries:** John Crowe, Sr. Joan D'Orsa RSM, Ivor Fisher, Mabel Gillett, Patrick Harrington, Jillian Kors, Elizabeth Lench, Filepe Mascarenhas, Alice Mooney, Mary McGuinness, Anne Packer, Zofia Pamula, Jacques Planel, Raymond Rogers, Leslie Shine, Sr. Bernarda Stenson IBVM, Thomas Thaikkadupill, David Torpy, Joseph Troy, Raymond Williams

## **Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections**

Envelopes \$3,783.00 Presbytery \$1,398.85

Annual Christmas Appeal: \$3,265.50

## **Baptisms:**

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ivy Anne Micallef daughter of Derick and Jessica

Freya Ellery O'Brien daughter of Damian and Cathy

*"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." Pope Francis.*

May they grow in faith with the support of their families and our Catholic Community



**Masses during the week** Monday – Saturday 10.00am

On Wednesday, Bishop Paul will celebrate the 10.00am Mass in the Cathedral with the Board members of the Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL) and the staff members of the Diocese Education Team. Parishioners are welcome to attend as usual.

**Sundays** 6.30pm (Vigil), Saturday, 8.00am, 10.30am 5.00pm

*Please enter the Cathedral via the door at the side from the carpark (south transept), sanitise your hands and register your attendance for contact tracing.*

## An expression of thanks

The Advent and Christmas seasons have come and gone and we have returned to the season of Ordinary Time until the commencement of Lent (Ash Wednesday is on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2021). It was a real joy to be able to celebrate the Christmas Masses with as many people as we could. With our QR code we were able to have up to 300 people in the Cathedral and 120 in the Chapel at St Pat's College. The 6.30pm and 9.00pm Christmas Eve Masses were completely booked as were the 6.00pm and 8.00pm Christmas Eve Masses at St Pat's College Chapel. The Midnight Mass and 8.00am and 10.30am Masses at the Cathedral were also well attended. Many thanks to all who made it possible for us to be able to celebrate these Masses – Anita and Kerrie in the Parish Office who managed the bookings (more than 1500 people registered through the Parish Office to attend Christmas Masses), the Parish liturgy team – Susan Crowe, Kay Curran, Kathleen Hayes, Helen Lee. Therese O'Loughlin, Les Stewart and Deneise Walsh who coordinated the ministries at these Masses, the musicians and leaders of song – Martin Buckingham, Ann-Maree Caligari, Sue Crowe, Anne-Maree Culvenor, Jill Dunne, Judy Gustus, Judy Houston, Joan Jeffreys, Helen Lee, Mitch Leviston, Bernadette Matthews, Peter Morris, Vincent Sully, members of the Art and Environment Team – Clare and Di Adriaans, Carol Barr, Deneise Walsh, the celebrants – Frs Dan Arundell, Barry Ryan, Bill Melican and Bishop Paul, as well as all who contributed to the registration, preparation and cleaning processes to ensure that we were a Covid safe environment.

I would also like to express my thanks to the many who sent cards, gifts, vouchers and good wishes at Christmas – your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Fr Justin

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace, to make music with the heart.*



Fr Dan pictured at a recent clergy gathering with Frs Paddy, Anthony and John

## Milestones

Over recent weeks there have been several milestones that have been celebrated. On New Years day we celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Hector and Pelita and at 10.30am Mass on January 10<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Jovi and Ed. Fr Dan Arundell celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 24<sup>th</sup> and Fr Bill Melican also turned 90 on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We thank them both for their ministry amongst us and for their generous service.



### **Farewell to Sr Denise Desmarchelier IBVM**

After many years amongst us in Ballarat, Loreto Sister Denise Desmarchelier is moving to Southport, Qld. Sr Denise was first appointed to Loreto College Cooparoo, 1960-1964 and now in 2021 she will join six other Loreto Sisters in and around Brisbane. We thank Sr Denise for her presence amongst us in the Cathedral Parish and the witness of her religious life, asking God to bless her as she responds yet again to go where she is called. Srs Natalie Houlihan and Jacqui McGilp will be the remaining presence of the Loreto Sisters amongst us in Ballarat.

### **Welcome to Steven O'Connor**

We welcome Steven and his family as he takes up the position of Principal of St Patrick's College Ballarat. He is an experienced leader in education including as a past Deputy at St Patrick's College. Steven was Head of School at Santa Sabina College in Strathfield, and previously he has held the positions of Head of College at All Saints' College in Bathurst; Principal at Trinity Anglican College in Albury-Wodonga; Deputy Principal at Thomas Carr College in Tarneit.



### **Clergy Appointments**

This weekend the clergy appointments made by Bishop Paul and the Personnel Advisory Board during 2020 come into effect

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| Fr Eugene McKinnon                    | Parish Priest of the Parishes of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol  |
| Fr Gerry Prunty                       | Parish Priest of Mary Glowrey Parish East Wimmera (Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St Arnaud, Wycheproof) |
| Mons Glynn Murphy                     | Parish Priest of Horsham, Hopetoun, Nhill and Warracknabeal  |
| Fr Jim McKay                          | Assistant Priest at Horsham, Hopetoun, Nhill & Warracknabeal   |
| Frs John Fitzgerald and John Corrigan | Co-Pastors of Warrnambool, Warrnambool West, Dennington, Koroit and Port Fairy                       |
| Fr Michael Linehan                    | has retired as Parish Priest of West Warrnambool and Dennington                                      |
| Fr Peter Hudson                       | has retired as Parish Priest of Horsham and Nhill Parishes.  |

## ***Reflection on the Gospel-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (John 1:35-42)***

***-Veronica M. Lawson RSM***

A personal call to a particular way of life is not always easy to explain, even to oneself. At my religious profession, I chose the challenging motto "To give without counting the cost". I have taken that motto seriously, even if I have been tempted to change it to something more manageable. Today's liturgy calls me back to what that commitment entails: I have come to realise that, in a very real sense, it encapsulates the gospel call to all the baptised. The first reading describes a prophetic call, the "call" of the young Samuel who is to become a prophet of great stature within Israel. The story insists that it is God who takes the initiative while Samuel hears God's call. Initially Samuel hears the word of God, but needs an interpreter in order to understand the import of God's word to him. Eli acts as interpreter and guide, so that Samuel can respond with confidence and faith and grow up to speak God's word to the people. The gospel focuses on the "call" to discipleship, a call that addresses to every baptised Christian. The opening scene depicts John the Baptist with two of his disciples. John actually points the two disciples away from himself and towards Jesus whom he identifies as "the lamb of God". What does it mean to call Jesus "God's lamb"? Does the expression refer to the Passover lamb whose blood signifies deliverance? Is it a reference to the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53 who takes on the sins of the many? Is it an image of the lamb that God provides for Abraham's sacrifice (Genesis 22)? Is it the apocalyptic lamb of Jewish literature of the time, the powerful conquering lamb that destroys evil in the world? Is it intended to suggest vulnerability as in the prophecy of Jeremiah 11:19 ("I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter"). There is never a simple explanation for the symbolism in John's gospel. There can be many levels of meaning at the one time. The symbol of strength in vulnerability certainly has potential for understanding who Jesus is in this gospel. John 1:29 tells us that the Lamb of God "takes away" the sinful condition of the world. Twenty-one centuries down the track there is still violence and hunger and exploitation of planetary resources on a massive scale. The work of the one strong enough to risk vulnerability so that others may have life, the work of God's Lamb, is also the work of disciples. It is the way of those who hear God's call and choose to walk the way of Jesus of Nazareth, in openness and love for God's people. The call to discipleship is a call to pour out one's lifeblood for the sake of the gospel, "to give without counting the cost". Maybe I should not be too ready to relinquish my motto!