

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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Sunday 3rd November 2013

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)



Reflection

The story of the rich tax collector, converted when Jesus visited him, is found in Luke's gospel alone. He makes it part of the Saviour's instructions on his way to Jerusalem – together with stories about the teaching of Jesus on faith and prayer, other stories about his receiving of outcasts, and his advice concerning this world's possessions. In a sense, all these themes are brought together in this incident so well described in today's reading.

Zaccheus may have been small in stature, but he was a man of substance – a centre of attention, as he 'made his appearance'. As a senior tax collector, who presided over the collection of tolls and taxes in Jericho, an important centre because it was on the junction of two trade routes, Zaccheus would have been a man of considerable wealth. The attention he attracted would certainly not have been friendly. His undignified ascent into the branches of a tree to be able to see Jesus over the heads of the crowd would have provoked amusement. But the incident gives us an insight into the forthright character of Zaccheus – qualities that contributed, no doubt, to his worldly success. The attitude he displays in his encounter with Jesus also makes it clear that, for all his success, he is looking for more from life than the wealth he has accumulated. Drawn by what he has heard of the teacher from Nazareth, he disregards the amusement of the crowd and climbs the tree to see for himself. When Jesus calls him down in order to visit his house, his reactions are wholehearted and generous, 'he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully'.

Zaccheus is like so many people today who - though they are confused - are not far, in their generous outlook, from the kingdom of God. Those, on the other hand, who 'complain' that the Saviour has 'gone to stay at a sinner's house', are like the righteous who do not understand the generous mercy of God, and do not know how to reach out to those in need. With Jesus at his side, the forthright little tax official confounds his critics; he 'stands his ground', Luke tells us, and amazes the whole town by the generosity of the conversion to which he has been led by the words of Jesus. He is prepared to renounce his wealthy status, by giving half of his riches to the poor, and by repaying fourfold what he has gained unjustly by taking advantage of his position.

'Today', Jesus said, 'salvation has come to this house'. There are moments of grace in the lives of all of us, moments we shall never regret, if we respond trustingly and generously to the call of God. In his concern for the outcasts – stressed in the readings we have had from Luke's gospel in recent weeks - Jesus was giving expression to the true faith of old Israel, forgotten by so many of his contemporaries, and calling them back to that faith: clearly expressed in today's first reading from Wisdom. God loves all those God has brought into existence; if God 'corrects' and 'admonishes' it is that, as a 'lover, of life', the Lord may 'spare all'.

John Thornhill sm

Anniversaries: Eileen Brain, Fred Coppock, Jack Elliott, Catherine Horgan, Helena Iwanowski, John Kyatt, William & Margaret McCubbin

Next week's readings: *Sunday 10th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14 Ps 16:1.5-6.8.15. R. v.15 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27,34-38

Friday November 8th is a public holiday in Ballarat (Show Day), Mass at 10.00 am, Reconciliation from 9.00am and Benediction will be at 11.30 am.

Stewardship Envelopes are available for collection in the south transept, please collect yours.

Cuppa & Chat after Mass today after 10.30 am Mass in the Presbytery. Everyone welcome.

1st Thursday Sacrament of Penance

Fr Barry Stickland will be available for the Sacrament, Thursday November 7th 11.00 am -11.30 am.

Catholic Women's League

Mass together at 12.05 pm on Wednesday, 6th November, then lunch at GC's. This will be followed by our AGM in the presbytery at 1.30 pm. Inquiries, Maureen Phone 5339 9219

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 10th November, 9.30 am. All welcome. Information phone 5334 0450

Soul Food

Please join us on Thursday November the 7th for a night of prayer, friendship, and hear a talk given. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith through prayer and to meet other young Catholics. Soul Food will be held at Nazareth House and begin at 6:45pm with the rosary. Ages are 18-35. For any further enquires contact Grace on REDACTED

50 Years of Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

In December 1963 the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy was promulgated which was the beginning of great reform and renewal of Catholic liturgical life. The Diocesan Liturgical Commission invites parishioners to a day that will mark this anniversary with speakers – Bishop Paul Bird, Sophy Morley (Sale Diocese), Clare Johnson (ACU Strathfield) and workshops – Fr John McKinnon, Jo-Anne Van der Voort and Kaylene James. Saturday November 23rd, Saturday, November 23, 9.30 am - 5.45 pm St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Contact the Cathedral Parish Office to Register for this wonderful opportunity for liturgical formation.

YESS Youth

Sunday October 20th 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm in O'Collins Hall. All secondary age youth welcome for night of fun, friendship, and faith. Gold coin donation with Dinner provided. For more information contact Esther [REDACTED], or Ben [REDACTED]

Nazareth House Building For The Future Fund

Melbourne Shopping Trip, visiting 10 outlets, 30th November, \$30 return, Book by 8th November on 5329 5100

Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete

Nazareth House, Saturday November 16th 10.00 am, Spinning Wheel, Produce, Books and Fancy Goods Stall, Devonshire Tea, Raffle, Cake Stall, BBQ Lunch and much more... *Fun for all the family*

Loreto Past Pupils Annual Mass of Remembrance

For all deceased members of the wider Loreto family, Wednesday November 6th 5.30 pm in the Chapel and then enjoy light refreshments in the Loreto Café. RSVP to Catherine Baker (Development Office) 5329 6100 or development@loreto.vic.edu.au by Friday November 1st 2013.

Family Day Fundraiser

St Patricks Cathedral Sunday November 10th 2013, 11.30 am – 3.00 pm Entertainment – Sausage Sizzle, Auction, Spinning Wheel. Proceeds to Exodus Community Wendouree West. Presented by The Knights of the Southern Cross Ballarat Branch, contact John [REDACTED] or Jim [REDACTED]

Holy Land Pilgrimage

The Cathedral Parish is considering hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May – June 2014 through Jet Air Travel who have worked with other parishes in the organisation of parish pilgrimages. The 14 day pilgrimage would include 1 night Petra, 1 night Amman, 3 nights Bethlehem, 2 nights Jerusalem, 3 nights Nazareth, 1 night Netanya and would include visits to the Sea of Galilee, Mount Beatitudes, Capernaum, Cana, Mt Carmel, Nazareth, Mt Tabor, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, the Wailing Wall, Pools of Bethesda, Garden of Gethsemane, Mt Zion and the City of David. Details including costs are available from Jacinta in the Cathedral Parish Office where you may leave your expression of interest.



Mr Francis Sullivan, the CEO of the Truth Justice and Healing Council will lead a public forum in Ballarat on Wednesday November 20th, 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall.

The Truth, Justice and Healing Council is coordinating the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission with ***openness, full disclosure and justice for victims and survivors***. The Council will help the Church deal with the tragic legacy of child sexual abuse and help victims and survivors to be heard and supported. Sign up to receive the latest news, blog posts, media releases and media coverage on a regular basis. <http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au>

Celebrating 150 years of faith

“mini Mission” with Fr Des Fitzgerald CSsR, Monday November 11th – Wednesday 13th

Monday November 11th 10.45 am – 12.00 Noon Mission session in the Hall

7.00 pm Annual Remembrance Mass in the Cathedral

Tuesday November 12th 10.45 am – 12 Noon Mission session in the Hall

7.00 pm Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday November 13th 10.45 am – 12 Noon Mission session in the Hall

12.05 pm Anointing Mass followed by lunch in the Hall

7.00 pm Mission session in the Hall for new generation Catholics

On Sunday November 24th (Feast of Christ the King) 10.30 am Mass, celebrated with Bishop Paul will be the major celebration for the 150th anniversary. A catered lunch (Fabulous Feasts) will follow in the Hall – 2 courses (including roast) for \$20 (\$10 children, 12 & under). Bookings & payment required. This can be done after Masses or through Jacinta in the Parish Office.

Children’s Day – for St Patrick’s Primary & St Thomas More, Friday November 15th **11.30 am Mass**

Indian Community Syro-Malabar Rite Mass, Friday evening November 15th, **5.00 pm**

Collections	Envelopes \$2,938.00	Parish Loose \$357.00	Presbytery \$1,786.00
Counters	3 rd November Team 5	Next week Team 6	

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Parish office hours

Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Clergy:

Fr’s Justin Driscoll, Jim McKay, Henry Nikel SVD.

Parish Office:

Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer: Philip Westbrook

Family Ministry:

Anita Houlihan, Hospital Pastoral Care: Kaye Stringer

St Patrick’s Primary

Mark Hogbin, Principal

St Thomas More Alfredton

Rosa Tocchet, Principal

Sunday Masses next weekend (9th/10th November)

Cathedral	St Aloysius ‘	St James’	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton
6.30 pm Vigil	6.00 pm Vigil		7.30 pm Vigil		
8.00 am	9.00 am	10.30 am		9.00 am	10.30 am
10.30 am					
5.00 pm					

Weekday Masses

Monday	12.05 pm Cathedral	(10.00 am Public Holidays)		
Tuesday	12.05 pm Cathedral	5.00pm Redan	5.30 pm Loreto Sisters	
Wednesday	9.30 am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral	5.30 pm Loreto Sisters	
Thursday	9.30am Redan	11.30 am St John of God	12.05 pm Cathedral	
Friday	9.30am Sebas	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Saturday	10.00 am Cathedral			
Sacrament of Penance	Cathedral	Friday 11.00 am	Saturday 11.30 am	