



# Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree



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## Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand

Thurs & Friday 9.00am -1.00pm

## Staff at Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed- Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

**Exodus Community:** 5338 2118

## Safeguarding Officers:

St Columba's: Peter Marquand  
OLHC: Maree Roache

## Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wednesday: 10:30 am Funeral  
Mass for Michael Fitzpatrick

## Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Tuesday: 5:00 pm.

Thursday: 7.30 pm Miners Rest

Friday 10.00am

## Readings for next weekend:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Ps 146: 1-6

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

Mk 1: 29-39



## 28th January 2018 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Focus on the Scriptures



The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

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**Responsorial Psalm:** If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Michael Fitzpatrick, Margaret Holmes, Fr Graeme Blackburn (Christchurch Diocese)

**Anniversaries:** We remember: Roma Hills, Basim McKay, Frank Godfrey, Peter Latchford, Elizabeth Wansink

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School)

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

**Baptism** Congratulations to Bronte May Murrhy daughter of Daniel and Erica and Padraig James Murrhy son of Kieran and Kristy who will be baptized on Sunday morning. May they grow in faith with the loving support of their families and our Parish community.



**Ministry Roster**—The next round of rosters have been sent out via email. If you have not received your copy please contact the office with your updated email address. Printed copies are available also in the foyer of the church. Thank you to all who have stepped up during the holiday period we appreciate your assistance. Please check your roster for when you are required and if not available please arrange a replacement. If you wish to be added to the next roster please advise the office.

**Can you help?** - We are looking for more volunteers to take Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend regular weekend Masses. If you would be available regularly or on a casual basis or would like to know more please contact Judith in the Office Mon-Wed on 0417168 716. Training will be given.

**PROCLAIM 2018** – Early Bird Registrations Now Open This exciting conference will engage parishes in an ongoing conversation focusing on Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging & Evangelisation. This conversation will draw together over 500 participants from across Australia for keynote presentations, facilitated conversation sessions, peer learning, expert discussion panels and future visionary planning. 12 – 14 July 2018 in Brisbane. To find out more [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) & register at the early bird rate.

**Office Hours** Please note the change of office hours which will now be Wednesday - Friday 9am—1pm. Due to the shorter hours please ensure all anniversary and other bulletin notices are in before 11am on Thursdays. Messages can be emailed or left on the answer phone.

**Combined Baptism Preparation Meetings:** The six parishes of Ballarat (Ballarat, Ballarat East, Ballarat North, Redan, Sebastopol and Wendouree) come together to prepare parents for the baptism of their child. Two preparation sessions are held at the Cathedral in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms (small Hall) on the first Thursday of each month – 10.00 am and 7.00 pm. The next preparation session will be held on Thursday February 1st. Attendance at is meeting is a requirement for acceptance of child for Baptism in the Ballarat Parishes. If you are wanting your child to be baptized at St Columba's please advise Judith in the Parish Office for further information.

Thanksgiving		<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)		\$	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)		\$	Average for this financial year

<u>NEXT WEEKEND</u>		<u>SATURDAY 3rd February</u>	<u>SUNDAY 4th February</u>	What's on this week:
WELCOMER	Helen O'Loughlin	Gerard Macklin	<div>Wednesday 31st January Funeral Mass for Michael Fitzpatrick 10.30am</div> <div>Thursday 22nd February PPC meeting 7pm</div>	
COMMENTATOR	Shirley Edgar	Judy Brown		
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Mary Dinning	Terry Grano		
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tony Beggs	Joanne van der Voort		
GIFTS	Glenane Family	Sharon De Beer		
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Kathleen Keogh, Jennifer Adams, Trish Simmons	Anthea Hinchey, Colleen Wakefield, Kay Merbach,		
OVERHEADS	Troy Severino	Sharon De Beer		
SACRISTAN	Volunteer	Josie		

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

**Miners' Rest Community Mass** will be celebrated at the home of Colin & Helen Feely at Coghill's Creek on Thursday, February 1st at 7.30pm—All welcome.

**PROCLAIM Conference 2018—Sponsorship opportunity** The Diocesan Foundation has again offered sponsorship for six people from the Diocese to attend the PROCLAIM 2018 Conference in Brisbane from July 12-14 ([www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)) Further information is available on the Diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) Applications close Friday, February 16, 2018.

**Welcome back** to the school student of OLHC and St Columba's. With prayerful support we trust the staff, students and families have a very successful and happy year. Welcome to the new staff members as they join a parish school.

**Parish Council Meeting** on Wednesday January 31st at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

**Parish Rosters** for the next 4 months will be finalised shortly. If you would like to volunteer for any ministry (Reading, Communion, Music, Counting, Sacristan, church cleaning etc) please contact the Parish Office 5339 2302 or [wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or the leaders of each ministry group. If there are any changes to availability to assist please also contact the office.

**A Plenary Council** - The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced preparations for a Plenary Council to be held in 2020. The Plenary Council is a journey, as well as an event, with the focus being on the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Such a journey has change associated with it, requiring us to have the courage to let some things go and imagine new ways, allowing ourselves to be led by a God who dislocates. "The journey of the Plenary Council will be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it must be an act of faith" says Archbishop Mark Coleridge, the chairperson of the organizing committee. Two catalysts for this Plenary Council of the Church in Australia (the first since 1937) are the pontificate of Pope Francis and the Royal Commission into Institutional responses to child sexual abuse. The emphasis by Pope Francis on the cooperative nature that should mark the whole Church and the Royal Commission's recognition that the Church has not been the Church that it is supposed to be can both be accepted as grace. In the latter part of 2018 and into 2019, there will be gatherings at the local and regional levels of the Diocese that will give opportunities for dialogue.

### **Collections: *We thank you for your generous support***

1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	708
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish )	\$	1233
Loose Money	\$	144

NEXT WEEKEND		6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week	
LEADER of SONG	Vin Dillon	Veronica Stott	<div>Wednesday 31st</div> <div>PPC Meeting</div> <div>Thursday 1st</div> <div>Miners Rest Community Mass</div>		
MINISTER of the WORD	Margot Mulcahy	Anne Briody			
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Pauline Newman, Pat Dillon, Trish Pearce +2 volunteers	Peter Briody, Helen Rieniets, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers			
SACRISTAN	Sue & John Calistro	Tony Bruty			
COUNTERS		Des Lloyd & John Calistro			
CHURCH CLEANING	Glenda Muir & Melva Muir				
<u>Rural Communities 8:30 am</u>		This Weekend — <b>Waubra</b>	Next Weekend— <b>Learmonth</b>		
Minister of Word:	Clare Mullane	Fon Ryan			
Minister of Eucharist :	Margaret McDonald	Bev Hayward			
Church Cleaning:	Clare & Kerry Mullane	Bev Hayward			

## BALLARAT NEWS

**CLERGY APPOINTMENTS:** Bishop Paul has appointed Frs Eugene McKinnon and Peter Jose CMI to the parishes of Charlton and St Arnaud, effective from January 1st 2018. Fr Eugene, as Parish Priest and Fr Peter as Assistant, will continue to minister in each of the parishes of the North Central Ministry District. The Ministry District will encompass pastoral care, education, chaplaincy and governance, financial consolidation, and resource sharing.

**Mass of the Oils** Monday, March 26, 2018: The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God in Diocese. This Mass also has a special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018—the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.



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