

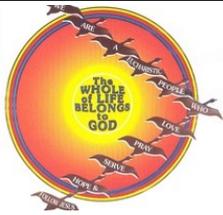
St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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Weekend of

4th-5th

March, 2017

Mass times:

Saturday vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 10am
Wednesday: 9.30am

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand

Leadership Chair: Bruce Chapman

School Principal: Kim Butler

Visiting Priest: Fr Barry Ryan

Readings for next weekend:

Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm: 32:4-5, 18-20,22
2 Timothy: 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9



We welcome on Sunday morning, the newest member of the parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: *Hayley Golding*, daughter of Montana and Christopher Golding. *Hayley* is the granddaughter of Geoff & Robyn Hudson. May *Hayley* grow in faith in her loving family and our Catholic Community.



PARISH NEWS

On Saturday night Bishop Paul will install Fr Marcello Colasante as Parish Priest of Ballarat North. Please stay behind after Mass for a cuppa to welcome Fr Marcello.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes containing receipts are available at the back of the church this weekend. If you have an inconsistency with your receipts please do not hesitate to contact Ruth. If anyone is able to help with the distribution of the envelopes not collected after the masses this weekend, please meet in the church foyer after the 10am mass on Sunday. Thank you. Any new parishioners who would like to be part of the thanksgiving program please contact Ruth in the parish office for further information.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Boxes and envelopes are available for collection in the church foyer. Please feel free to take one and return at Easter time.

RITE OF ELECTION

We congratulate our Candidates and Catechumen who were presented to the Bishop at the Rite of Election on Saturday. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers.

MASS OF THE OILS—MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6:30pm on Monday April 10. 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 of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration, which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church **Mass of the Oils**—We would like one more person from our Parish to collect the Oils from the Cathedral on Monday 10 April during the Mass of the Oils. If you are available to do this, please contact Judith at the office: tel 5331 7131.



Deaths: John Nolan (Meredith)

Anniversaries: Michael Maher

We pray: for the sick of our Parish and especially we pray for our RCIA & RCIC Candidates and Catechumen

We are Eucharistic people, who love, pray, serve, hope and follow Jesus

MORE PARISH NEWS

Sew and So..... will be held on Thursday 9th March at 1:30pm in the Church Foyer. Come along for a pleasant afternoon and get together. Enquiries please ring Margaret Ranger tel: 5331 4032

Social gathering Our next Parish social gathering will be lunch on 17 March at the Ballarat Golf club starting at 12.30pm. We invite you to wear the green. There will be a prize for the best dressed. Please leave your name on the clip board in the foyer. RSVP 13 March . If you require transport please do not hesitate to contact Ruth or Judith in the Parish Office to see what can be arranged.



St. Columba's Family Groups

If you are a Parishioner of St. Columba's and would like to get to know more fellow parishioners, or just looking for some thing different to do, whether new or been here for some time, you are invited to join one of our very friendly, supportive family groups. By family we mean everyone, (you could have a partner, be alone, have dependants at home etc). We usually meet socially each month, could be for a Theatre night, casserole dinner at someone's home, play cards, a meal out, car trial etc. The Groups are a great support to members during fun times and difficult times . If interested please have a chat to Shirley or Dennis Edgar on 53344550, you will be made feel very welcome.

Easter Liturgies—Clipboards are available in the foyer for you to complete if you would like to contribute as a Special Minister, Reader, Commentator, Offertory Gifts, Narrators, etc. for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.



DATE: MARCH 4 & 5		
WELCOMER	Greta Kelly	Louisa Godbold
COMMENTATOR	Bruce Chapman	Bruce Chapman
PROCLAIMER 1	Kathleen Keogh	Clare Fuller
PROCLAIMER 2	Tom Keogh Jnr	Terry Ranger
GIFTS	Margaret Ranger & Anne Caine	Lorna Batty & Carmel King
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Kathleen Keogh, Shirley Edgar, Jennifer Adams	Claire Fuller, Eleanor Kennedy, M Martino
LITURGY PREPARATION		Judith O'Sullivan
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Harry Chapman
SACRISTAN	Trish Simmons	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	As Arranged	As Arranged

DATE: MARCH 11 & 12		
WELCOMER	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Geraldine Mugavin
COMMENTATOR	Shirley Edgar	Kierce O'Loughlin
PROCLAIMER 1	Tom Keogh Jnr	Terry Ranger
PROCLAIMER 2	Tom Keogh Snr	Anne Rossiter
GIFTS	Tom & Greta Kelly	Maureen & Hans van de Ploeg
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Kate Lawry, Judith O'Sullivan, Jan Mullaly	Kaye Merbach, Brenda Ryan, Colleen Wakefield
LITURGY PREPARATION		Pat & Bernie Kenna
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Sharon DeBeer
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter
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WHAT'S ON next week:	
Wednesday 8th March @ 9:30am with Fr Dan Arundell	Mass in the church foyer
Thursday 9th March @ 1:30pm	Sew & So in the church foyer
Thursday 9th March @ 4.30pm	Bereavement Team
Friday 10th March @ 2:30-3:15pm	School Assembly
Friday 10th March @ 6:30pm	Stations of the Cross in the Church
Friday 10th March @7:00pm	Holy Hour & Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

MORE PARISH NEWS CONT:

Lenten Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Fridays evenings from 6.30pm. Contact Judith 5331 7131 if you would like further information. We will start on Friday 3rd March.

Lenten Prayer and Reflection As Lent is now here and you feel you would like to enter into the season more fully please consider joining myself and hopefully others on each Friday of Lent at 5pm in the church foyer for an hour of prayer and reflection. We commenced on Friday the 3rd March, 2017. It would be helpful if you could phone or text beforehand on 0409 323 097, ring the office on 53 317131, or alternately just arrive. Di Cowie

Rosters We will be preparing the next roster in the next few weeks. Apologies to anyone who was left off the last one. If there are any changes to be made or you would like to join another ministry please contact Ruth in the office. There will be a roster for Easter in the foyer from next weekend to be completed. If you be will around for Easter please fill in the sheet where you are able to assist.

Liturgy Committee Notices: If you or someone you know needs prayers and are happy to have their name published on the notice sheet please let Ruth know in the office. Names will remain on the sheet for 3 weeks, if you require the name for longer let us know. **Rosters:** Each ministry is always looking out for new people to join their team. At the moment we desperately need flower arrangers and brass cleaners. These are rostered so the time investment need not be too taxing. Maybe this could be your Lenten sacrifice. Contact the Parish office to sign up.

	State of the Nation	
1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$975.25
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 3)	\$1608.50 \$1995.47 Thankyou for your generous support

OTHER NEWS

St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party will be held on Friday 17th March 1.30pm Nazareth House Hall \$5 entry—see notice board.

Bush Dance at Donegan's Farm, Gordon—Ballarat Friends of Ainara Health Group are holding a Bush Dance at Donegan's Farm to raise funds for the Health Student Scholarship Fund to tertiary train Timorese health-workers so they can work in their local community. Fun, music, dance, auction, Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 6.30pm to 11.00pm, \$25.00 each or \$60.00 a family. Part of Harmony Fest – Cultural Diversity Week Ballarat. Bookings:www.trybooking.com/ONIR enquiries 0409 458 053

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2016

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass on Monday, April 10, 2017. Practice times will be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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