

Parish Newsletter - July 17th 2016

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Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) 9.00am Vigil Mass Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au



RECENT DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Carleen Thomas, Sadie Hart, Aileen Weinberg, Helen Murray, Lillian Junor, William Courtney, Rachael Coutts



Sick List:

Pat Rixon, Clare Dixon

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

Parish Cup of Tea:

There will be a cup of tea after Mass on Sunday July 24. Please stay and have a a chat.

Kath Callahan has kindly offered to organise this. Thank you.





Mass will be celebrated at 10am this Friday in the Parish Centre with Fr Gary.

The Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting has been CANCELLED for this Thursday July 21st.



Last Week's Collections: Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures. 1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$340.70

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$319.00

Pope's Collection: \$93.85



Liturgy Formation 2016 / Launch of Let the Children Come

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on **Funeral Ministry**, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the sacramental program, "Let the Children Come" - July 24 at Birchip Parish, August 7 at Ararat Parish and August 21 at Hamilton Parish. As this day includes the launch of "Let the Children Come", all involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs are encouraged to attend.

St Vincent de Paul UPDATE.

Thank you to the Parishioners that have made themselves available to give our needy a 'Hand Up'not a 'Hand Out'. The Society has changed over the years. When Frank Wright started our St Peter's Conference in the 1980's, Vincentians were soon given a job and a 'Rule Book'to follow. 2016 has the system clogged with 'Red Tape' and although the Rule is similar regulations to regulate the regulations now apply. After meeting with the higher authority in Ballarat our starting point will be to annex ourselves to the Cathedral Conference at St Pat's, this will again give us an identity. From here we will be given paperwork and direction to all who are interested in reforming St Peter's Conference Daylesford.

GOD BLESS WITH THANKS. Ian TInetti.



St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening

The College will conduct the 2018 Year 7 Information Night on Wednesday October 26 from 7:30 pm in the College Chapel.

Families will have the opportunity to meet with the Headmaster, Mr John Crowley and Head of Junior School, Mr John Richards as well as learn more about the exciting curricular and co-curricular opportunities provided by the College. Families will also be invited to a College tour taking in all curriculum areas.

To receive a 2018 Enrolment Package please contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or <u>cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au</u>

Copies of

Our Diocesan Community are available at the rear of the Church. Please grab a copy to take home.....we are fortunate enough to have St Michael's School included in this edition.

Roster - Sunday 24th July

Reader: M Righetti Comm: R Thannhauser Ministers: T Tinetti, M Bruce, L Dwyer Offertory: Walker Family Counters July 17 (Team 4) D & P Doherty July 24: (Team 5) M Phypers, B Ryan

A reminder that Fr Gary will be away from June 26th—July 22nd. There will be Mass on Friday July 22 on his return.

